

## **Explaining the Similarities and Differences between Climate Law and Environmental Law**

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**ABSTRACT** The purpose of this paper is to explain the similarities and differences between Climate Law and Environmental Law in order to improve understanding of the concepts. Although these concepts cannot be studied separately, they are not completely the same. Thus finding conceptual connotations behind both concepts are *sine qua non* for unravelling the difficulties bedevilling enforcement and implementation of laws protecting the environment. Given that Climate Law and Environmental law have already met with serious opposition regarding its implementation in many developed countries of the world, it has become pertinent to explore deeper meanings into the laws that are meant to protect the environment and the atmosphere. Doing so requires an in-depth research into the contemporary understanding of the concepts of environmental law and climate law as opposed to the general perception that they mean one and the same thing at all times. Finally this paper suggests a balanced and conceptual approach to the interpretation of environmental law. It is hoped that this paper would provoke further critical debate in environmental law-making and a better informed public participation in the issues of climate change.