

UH Law Center to present virtual global energy transition law and policy symposium

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April 8, 2020 - Experts in energy law and climate from the U.S., Mexico, the U.K. and France will meet digitally for the 1st Annual Conference on Global Energy Transition Law and Policy on April 17. The event is co-presented by the University of Houston Law Center's Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Center and Center for U.S. and Mexican Law.

“We are so excited to have our first symposium on the global energy transition sponsored by the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Fellowship from the European Union,” said Victor Flatt, the Dwight Olds Chair in Law and the Faculty Director of the Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Center. “Bringing together some of the best minds from around the world is important in figuring out the role of the non-governmental organizations in a transition to a lower carbon energy future.”

“In recent years legislators in different countries have been adopting in laws related to energy transition, targeting to protect the environment while promoting renewables energies,” added Alfonso López de la Osa Escribano, Director for the Center for U.S. and Mexican Law.

“Society’s expression is also playing a critical role. From the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, to the reduction of fossils fuels consumption energy, to the way we seek to optimize efficient energy management consumption or how we address energy poverty for underserved communities. Many are the challenges we face for the years to come. From a comparative law perspective, the situation lies in a legal energy sector considerably fragmented nationally, not only in Mexico and the U.S., but also globally. “

López de la Osa Escribano said in addition to these challenges, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused uncertainty and impacted the energy sector dramatically, especially hydrocarbon.

“Can we already the consequences? With this webinar we would like to analyze these trends and find answers for the benefit of the energy transition world,” he said.

Aubin Nzaou, the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Fellow in Law and Energy Policy at the Law Center said from an international energy law and policy perspective, the current progress on energy transition shows the emergence of an integrative approach.

“All relevant actors sustain the necessity of an integrating pattern including energy, climate, and socio-economic issues,” Nzaou said. “Electrification with renewable power appears to be a fine illustration.

“In this regard, the pathway of global transformation is now being set, and scholars have a specific role to play in reshaping the energy and climate landscape while analyzing the socio-economic incidences of the energy transition process. We will see if the current global health crisis is a historical moment to be an opportunity or a challenge for the energy transition.”

Baker Hughes Foundation is also a sponsor for the event and a supporter of the different Center for U.S. and Mexican Law Comparative Law initiatives. [Click here](#) for the conference agenda and registration information.
