

Human Rights in Environmental Law

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5pm Registration

5.30-7pm Seminar

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Chaired by John Bates

TOPICS:

Article 8 ECHR - *Lopez Ostra v. Spain*, *Fadeyeva v. Russia* and see *Lough v. First Sec of State*

Article 8.2 - *Hatton v. UK*, *Giacomelli v. Italy*

Article 1 of Protocol 1 - *Bistrovic v. Croatia* and *Peel Investments*

Proportionality (Control of use of land / deprivation) - *Trailer & Marina* and *Axa Insurance*

Article 8 and Nuisance - *Dobson v. Thames Water*, *Kolyadenko v. Russia*

SPEAKERS:

Lance Harris

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John Bates

David Cunningham

Jonathan Davies

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We do hope you can join us.

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The Speakers



John Bates mainly practises environmental law, being one of the first members of the Bar to specialise in this area. His recent cases include *Barr v Biffa* and *Dobson v Thames Water*. He has written extensively on this broad and specialist subject; his first book was 'UK Marine Environmental Law' which was followed by 'UK Waste Law' and the loose leaf work 'Water and Drainage Law', he is also co-author of 'Liability for Environmental Harm'. He is currently ranked in *Chambers & Partners* for environmental law, which notes his "fantastic command of domestic environmental law," and his "particularly good track record in matters concerning water law, waste management, air contamination and pollution issues." John is experienced in civil litigation in the Technology and Construction Court as well as more generally. He does some criminal work - both prosecution and defence - and judicial review.



Jonathan Davies' interest in environmental law is reflected by his secondment to Friends of the Earth in 2011 to work in its Rights and Justice Centre. There, he worked in the legal team supporting campaign activities in areas of law such as planning, the environmental permitting regime, judicial review, nuisance, freedom of information, human rights and EU law. Jonathan's recent work includes advising on how the legal duties on public bodies in the Equality Act 2010 could be used to challenge planning decisions and cuts to public services that will have a detrimental impact on the environment.



David Cunningham is a civil and criminal practitioner in environmental law. He is regularly instructed to appear both in the High Court and the county courts in nuisance actions with a particular focus on pollution (odour, noise, vermin and pesticides) and waste. David has particular experience representing farmers and landowners in matters related to agricultural land. He has acted as a junior in multi-party actions involving discharge from power stations and in cases involving the disposal of industrial and domestic waste. In the last two years he has acted in a number of injunction proceedings and judicial review applications in relation to the grant of permits to power stations and biomass incinerators. In November and December 2012 he appeared in a public inquiry into the construction of a large waste incinerator in Manchester. David regularly acts for Defendants in criminal prosecutions for environmental and health & safety offences.



Lance Harris has broad experience in environmental cases, including appeals in the Magistrates' Court against noise abatement notices. He also acts in a variety of health & safety cases, both criminal and civil. After finishing his degree in Environmental Science, he worked for two years as an environmental consultant for Mouchel, a large multidisciplinary civil engineering consultancy. This work mainly involved Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), but Lance also regularly came into contact with issues relating to contaminated land, air quality, noise and drainage law.

