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## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM - CAEN NORMANDY TAKING LEGAL ACTION ON BEHALF OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

**On November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 will take place, at the Conference center of Crédit Agricole in Caen, the international symposium entitled "Taking legal actions in the name of future generations". This symposium is organized within the framework of the Normandy for Peace\* disposal, impulsed by the Region Normandy.**

All around the world, new legal actions are been taken in the name of future generations or rights of Nature. At present, legal definitions of justice take account of a wide spectrum of concepts which operate as juridical tools to protect future generations. Environmental justice, climate justice (as defined in the Paris Agreement COP 21) and the protection of the Commons figure alongside new aspects of our concept of justice itself, which has to evolve in order to fit our changing world. It cannot be denied that we live in an era of wide-ranging transformation both in Law and Human Rights. This is the context in which the international symposium "Taking Legal Action on Behalf of Future Generations" is taking place.

Is it possible to take legal action on behalf of future generations? If so, on what juridical bases could this occur? What scientific or legal fields have already been successfully (or not) used in this specific defence? Are there any other bases on which such legal action could be taken? What ethical and legal questions are arised by transhumanism?

Among the speakers (attorneys, judge, academics, member of civil society):

- **Mireille DELMAS-MARTY**, Honorary Professor at the Collège de France, Member of the Institute.

On nuclear issues and nuclear disarmament:

- **Jean Marie COLLIN**, Expert at ICAN France, Vice-President of Initiatives for Nuclear Disarmament, coordinator of PNND for France and French-speaking countries.
- **Alyn WARE**, recipient of the Right Livelihood Award in 2009, nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, Global Coordinator for Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament (PNND).

On climate change litigation:

- **Elizabeth BROWN**, attorney, Glibal Program Manager Our Children's Trust
- **Serge de GHELDERE**, Klimaatzaak
- **Christian HUGLO**, Attorney Paris Bar

On the Rights of Humankind:

- **Corinne LEPAGE**, Attorney Paris Bar, Former Minister for the Environment, President of CAP 21.

On the Commons:

- **Juan I. PEYRERA Q.**, attorney, RENAMA Argentine.
- **David D. FORMAN**, Director of the Environmental Law Program, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i

On transhumanism:

- **Gérard HAAS**, Attorney Paris Bar.
- **Louise VANDELAC**, Professor of Sociology, Québec University

Free admission. Registration required (simultaneous translation English / French)

More informations : <https://justicehumanite.sciencesconf.org>

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