Special Section: ‘International Environmental Law: Process as Decline’

Since the 1972 Stockholm Conference on the Environment and Development, international environmental law has continued to evolve at a remarkable pace.

However, the impressive expansion of international environmental law has not necessarily led to improvements in the state of the global environment. The international climate regime illustrates starkly the effective limitations of international law-making with respect to human and environmental health protection. Nearly three decades after its creation, the UN climate regime has yet to succeed in halting the growth of global greenhouse gas emissions. On the contrary, it seems that climate change is happening much faster than previously estimated.

The shared limitations of diverse branches of international environmental law, from climate change to chemicals, compel further reflection on the overarching legal field, with a view to understanding whether the preferred modus operandi of international environmental law, as reflected in its common legal forms, framings and institutional structures, is capacious enough to respond effectively to the massive environmental and human health crisis that fatally grips the contemporary life space, from a molecular to global level.

Alongside the 31st Helsinki Summer Seminar on International Law, the Finnish Yearbook of International Law (FYBIL) Volume 26 offers a forum for discussing issues of international environmental law.

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