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Invites you to attend the Faculty Forum **“Climate Change and the Right of Future Generations”**

Including humankind’s progeny into the “common possession of the earth”

The move taken by the recent judgement of the European Court of Human Rights in the Case of KlimaSeniorinnen vs. Switzerland towards extending environmental human rights to future generations is prone to legal criticism. Yet it can be related to Kant’s re-interpretation of the traditional natural law motif of mankind’s “original common possession” of the earth: Being transformed from a historical hypothesis into a transtemporal normative idea, it suggests a birthright to a viable place on earth not only for present-day but also for all future humans. This would establish general legal limits on the use of environmental resources by the privileged parts of present- day humankind.

With Speaker Stefan Hammer



Details of the forum;

Date: Friday, May 24th, 2024

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

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