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FACULTY



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Phillip Paiement is the Principal Investigator in the ERC Starting Grant 2021 funded project 'TransLitigate: The Agency of Transnational Strategic Litigators in Global Environmental Governance'. The project combines doctrinal and qualitative socio-legal methods to study the transnational collaborative networks of strategic litigators work on climate change, pollution from the extractive industries, biodiversity conservation, and land conflicts. Previous to TransLitigate, his research focused on the role of social and environmental auditors and standard setting bodies in global sustainability governance.



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Andrea Leiter is an Assistant Professor at the Amsterdam Center for International Law. Her research focuses on technology enabled governance and is embedded in the Sustainable Global Economic Law (SGEL) project. She researches on global inequality and transnational law making through private actors with a focus on the digital economy. Her current research project revolves around Regenerative Finance and valuation practices in blockchain-based token economic structures as well as technologically-mediated visions of 'nature'. Andrea furthermore co-founded the Dutch non-profit organisation Sovereign Nature Initiative working at the intersection of ecology, technology and economics.



LENORE PALLADINO

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Lenore Palladino is assistant professor in the School of Public Policy and the Department of Economics and a research associate at the UMass Amherst Political Economy Research Institute, as well as a fellow at the Roosevelt Institute. She holds a PhD from the New School University in economics and a JD from Fordham Law School.



SIMON ARCHER

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Simon Archer practises labour law with Goldblatt Partners LLP in Toronto, Canada. He is an expert in retirement income systems. He is a member of the Industry Working Group of the Canadian Association of Pension Supervisory Authorities and the Pension Advisory Committee to the Board of the Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario and previously served as legal research officer with the Ontario Expert Commission on Pensions.

JEN RASO

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Jen Raso is a socio-legal-technical scholar who uses qualitative methods to study how new and old technologies shape administrative decision-making practices. Her work is informed by her experiences as a junior fellow at the University of Toronto's Centre for Criminology and Socio-legal Studies, a visiting researcher at UC Berkeley's Center for the Study of Law and Society, and a postdoctoral researcher at UNSW Sydney's Faculty of Law and Justice, among others. Though her research centres on the intersecting relations between technologies, administrative agencies, and public officials, it also recognizes how corporate actors (big and small) shape decision-making tools and, as an upshot, public institutions.



NADIA CHIESA

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Nadia Chiesa is an experienced advocate who specializes in complex commercial litigation and multi-jurisdictional disputes across the Caribbean. She acts for clients on disputes involving shareholder rights and director's duties, urgent injunctive relief, the registration and enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards, and offshore trusts and estates matters. She also assists clients with anti-corruption, anti-money laundering and regulatory compliance issues, including extra-territorial freeze orders pursuant to anti-money laundering legislation, MLAT enforcement, treaty rights and obligations in these areas, and general due diligence relating to offshore banking and trusts requirements. With a keen interest in Constitutional litigation, Nadia has successfully acted in precedent-setting challenges to the anti-LGBT laws in St. Kitts and Nevis, and Antigua and Barbuda.

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DANIEL TSAI



Daniel Tsai is a lecturer in business and law at the University of Toronto and Toronto Metropolitan University and has MBA degrees from Cornell University and Queen's University, JD and LLM degrees in law (specializing in taxation and technology law), and a teaching certificate from the University of Cambridge. As a senior policy advisor in the Canadian government, Daniel wrote new Canadian laws and has advised senior government officials and Canadian MPs and Senators on law reform. Daniel is the author of *Law, Technology and Culture* and a freelance columnist who has written for the *Toronto Star* and *Globe and Mail*. Daniel won the JSD Tory Writing Award for Legal Writing and Research and the Nathanson Fellowship at the Nathanson Centre for the Study of Organized Crime & Corruption at Osgoode Hall Law School."

MARVIN SHAHIN

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During a career spanning more than 25 years, Marvin Shahin has worked with some of Canada's most well-known and admired brands. Marvin advises on a wide range of ESG matters in a variety of industries. In addition to ESG matters, he provides counsel in the areas of commercial leasing, real estate development and construction and general business matters. Marvin has taught, mentored and coached students and young professionals continuously throughout his career. Marvin offers a unique perspective on the plethora of issues that arise in ESG or real estate development matters, whether addressing daily business decisions and risk assessment or the planning and implementation of commercial initiatives and programs be they local, regional or across Canada.



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Sara Seck's research and teaching expertise are at the intersection of international environmental and human rights law, with attention to business responsibilities. Recent collaborations include contributing to the International Law Association's white paper on the Anthropocene; co-editor of a Research Handbook on Climate Change Law and Loss & Damage; and co-editor of the Cambridge Handbook on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Development. She has also recently developed teaching materials on a human rights-based approach to plastic pollution across the value chain for the UN Environment Programme, and contributed to the drafting of a joint position paper by UNEP, UNFCCC and OECD on responsible business conduct and climate change (forthcoming).

SANJITH GOPALAKRISHNAN

Sanjith Gopalakrishnan is an Assistant Professor of Operations Management at the Desautels Faculty of Management, McGill University. His main research and teaching interests are in environmental and socially sustainable supply chain management. In other engagements, his interests in sustainable urban transport planning have led him to serve on the Transportation Advisory Committee to the City of Vancouver during 2019 and 2020.



KATRIN TINN

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Katrin Tinn is an Assistant Professor of Finance at Desautels Faculty of Management at McGill University. Her research focuses on theoretical modeling, technological innovation, financial economics, and information economics. Her recent work is on FinTech, including crowdfunding, blockchain, and central bank digital currency. Her research has been published in the American Economic Review, Management Science, and Journal of Economic Theory. She is a member of the Centre for Economic Policy Research. She has also worked in commercial banking and asset management, at the ECB, the IMF, and the EBRD. Katrin holds a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics

LAURA MAI

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Laura Mai is a postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Public Law and Governance at Tilburg University in the Netherlands. Working across disciplines, Laura applies socio-legal perspectives to investigate how dominant ways of thinking and doing law are becoming reconfigured under conditions of the unfolding climate crisis. Laura holds a PhD in law from King's College London and an LLM from the University of Cambridge. She is a qualified solicitor in England and has worked for international organisations, including the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat.



RICHARD JANDA

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Richard Janda teaches extracontractual obligations, business associations, administrative process and environmental law. A former clerk to Justices Le Dain and Cory of the Supreme Court of Canada, he was also Director of the Center for the Study of Regulated Industries at McGill University. He is currently leading the Myko project (www.myko.org), which explores how to connect everyone to the environmental footprint of their choices in real time. He has written, among other things, on corporate social responsibility, digital law, and theories of justice.

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Peer Zumbansen is Professor of Business Law at the Faculty of Law, McGill University. He leads the SGI CIBC Office of Sustainable Finance, McGill University and is founding Director of the McGill SGI Transformative Business Law Summer Academy. Peer received his legal education in Frankfurt, Paris (X) and Harvard Law School and has held visiting professorships in the US, Latin America, Europe and Australia. His research focuses on corporate governance, transnational economic and financial regulation, and global value chain governance. He is editor-in-chief of Transnational Legal Theory (with Phillip Paiement, Tilburg Law School) and directs the McGill Business Law Platform.



LAURA KNÖPFEL

She/her



Laura Knöpfel holds a PhD on human rights in global value chains with an ethnographic study of corporate social responsibility practices of a multinational enterprise in the resource sector of Colombia. She is currently the head of the business and human rights programme of the Swiss NGO Public Eye, and worked as a junior lawyer at the corporate law firm Lalive. She has completed consultancy work for the Swiss Corporate Responsibility Initiative, and for the Human Rights and Environment Legal Clinic of King's College London on cases involving foreign direct investment and indigenous rights, environmental protection and human rights.

HELEN HAYES

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Helen Hayes is a Ph.D. Candidate at McGill University where she examines the political, environmental, and regulatory implications of artificial intelligence and other computational technologies in Canada. She holds a Master's degree in Communication Studies from McGill University (2020) and an Honours Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto (Victoria College 1T8). As Research Manager at the Centre for Media, Technology, and Democracy, Helen focuses on platform governance, Canadian technology and media policy, and climate justice. Her work has been published in the Harvard Journal of Law & Technology, Interfaces: Essays on Computing & Culture, and Lecture Notes in Computer Science, amongst others. Helen is a co-author of the forthcoming book *Electors & Elites: Electronic Elections in Ontario*.



CORO STRANDBERG

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Coro Strandberg is the President of Strandberg Consulting, which provides ESG, sustainability and social purpose advice to business, governments and associations who want to be leaders. With over 30 years experience in these fields Coro is a nationally recognized thought leader and expert. She is the co-founder of the United Way BC Social Purpose Institute and the chair of the Canadian Purpose Economy Project, which are creating the enabling environment for businesses to adopt, implement and collaborate on a social purpose as the reason they exist.



MARC BARBEAU

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Marc Barbeau is Air Canada's Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer and is a member of its Executive Committee. He leads Air Canada's Law Branch and oversees the company's legal functions and strategies. Prior to joining Air Canada in July 2021, Marc was Chair of Stikeman Elliott LLP and a member of its Partnership Board and Executive Committee. He has practiced for more than 30 years in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and governance, and offered guidance to businesses and their senior leaders and board of directors as they navigated through transformative transactions, partnerships and other pivotal moments. Marc holds law degrees from McGill University and Université de Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, and is an Adjunct Professor in Corporate Finance at McGill University's Faculty of Law.



JAVAD NASIRY

Javad Nasiry's research focuses on behavioral economics and sustainability in supply chains, especially those in the apparel industry.



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Christian Schoene has 23 years of experience in consulting businesses on designing and implementing supply chain planning systems.



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Cynthia Williams was recently appointed as the Roscoe C. O'Byrne Chair in Law, Indiana University, Maurer School of Law. She is also a Professor of U.S. Corporate and Securities law at the Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam, and emerita professor of Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, and the University of Illinois College of Law. Her work is at the intersection of corporate and securities law and climate change, with emphasis on expanded environmental, social and governance (ESG) data and the obligations of directors and officers under U.S. and Canadian law to incorporate climate change into their strategies, oversight, and disclosure.

DARREN ROSENBLUM

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Darren Rosenblum's scholarship focuses on corporate governance, in particular on diversity initiatives and remedies for sex inequality.





FELLOWS

ALICIA HOWSE

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Alicia Howse is a 3rd-year law student at McGill Faculty of Law (BCL/JD) in Montreal. Prior to attending law school, she obtained a B.Sc. Honours Environmental Sciences at the University of Ottawa and worked within various environmental teams for government authorities, private corporations, and NGOs. Joining TG 3, Climate Change Changes Everything, Alicia hopes to bridge her knowledge between environmental sciences and normative sciences, such as law and policy, to discern the substantive action behind climate targets and commitments. Her goal is to advance pragmatic solutions which recognize the intersectionality of climate change, environment, and numerous stakeholders.



MARTIN SINTES

He/him



Martin Sintes is a last year PhD fellow at Paris Dauphine University. Prior to his PhD he trained in law, economics and philosophy in France, Germany, and the United Kingdom. During his master studies he wrote three dissertations on bankruptcy laws and economics, he now focuses on interactions between international investment law and human rights. Thereby, he discovered AI and law interactions and went on with this topic by leading a legal clinic in coordination with the NGO Respect Zone. Within this clinic, he supervised the work of three groups of students on AI and social media moderation. Joining TG 5, he hopes to bring his knowledge of European regulations but also ethics' literature. His goal is to advance human considerations into technical environments.

JOÃO VICTOR JAMBO STUART

He/him

João Victor Jambo Stuart is a Human Rights Law LLM student at the University of Essex in Colchester, UK. Before moving to the UK, João completed his bachelor's studies in Law and Social Sciences at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) in Brazil and worked with international NGOs and governmental bodies on Human Rights Law. Nowadays, he leads the research team of International Justice and Human Rights of Global Human Rights Defence, a Human Rights NGO based in The Hague, Holland. Being part of TG 5 gives him the opportunity to strengthen the reasons why International Human Rights Law can indeed work as an effective framework for Big-tech companies to continue to design anti-discriminatory Artificial Intelligence systems that prioritize people's consent, privacy and freedom of thought.



EVA WU

She/her



Eva Wu holds a B.Sc Environment (Hon) from McGill University where she is a 3L J.D/B.C.L law candidate. Her work has involved leading and advising NGOs and governments on sustainable development and just transitions and she has sat on the boards of Sierra Club Canada Foundation and the Arctic Youth Network, amongst others. She has also advised public and private corporations as a consultant with Deloitte. Eva is currently a Legal Research Fellow with the Centre for Sustainable Development Law, a stakeholder board member of the EU JUSTNorth climate action project, and Associate Editor to Prof. Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger at the Universities of Victoria and Cambridge for their forthcoming book on sustainable Indigenous treaties and trade. Eva hopes to bring her skills, networks, and knowledge to TG 3 to understand and implement legal and business solutions in just and sustainable economies.

FEDERICO SUAREZ RICAURTE

He/him

Federico Suarez Ricaurte is a 2nd-year Doctoral Candidate at McGill Faculty of Law (DCL) in Montreal and a professor of Law at Externado de Colombia University. Federico's doctoral research focuses on the relationship between International Investment Law (IIL) and Constitutional Law in the Latin American context. As part of TG 5, Corporations and Democracy in an Age of Digitization and Artificial Intelligence, Federico is inquiring how further development in Artificial Intelligence and its protection under IIL might either reinforce the postcolonial relationships that IIL already entails or, if contrastingly, AI might build new avenues for technological transfer from foreign investors to host states of the investment.



LAI YEE CHOY

She/her



Lai Yee (Charlie) Choy obtained her JD at the Chinese University of Hong Kong ('CUHK') and is currently a 3rd-year PhD in Laws candidate at the CUHK. Before studying law, she earned the B.Soc.Sci at the University of Hong Kong and M.Sc. in Investment Management at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. As a Certified Public Accountant, she has solid work experience in accounting and finance. Teaming up with TG 2, Implementing Sustainable Finance in the Business Corporation and in Institutional Investment, she desires to apply her knowledge in law, accounting, and finance to propose suggestions for directing financial capital to support ESG targets. Her objective is to foster CSR and sustainable finance through financial regulation.

JILLIAN SPRENGER

She/her

Jillian Sprenger is a 2nd-year law student at McGill Faculty of Law (BCL/JD) in Montreal. Previously, she completed a Master of Philosophy as a Gates Scholar at the University of Cambridge, where her dissertation focused on separation of powers issues in climate litigation. She also holds a Master of Science and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Toronto. She has completed research (including fieldwork) in 6 countries, and has previously worked at the World Health Organization in Geneva and the Centre for Global Child Health in Toronto. As part of TG 4, Managing Global Value Chains in a New Era of Human Rights, she hopes to combine her knowledge of environmental law and policy with her “on-the-ground” experience working directly with vulnerable communities in developing nations.



JULIE DUTREIL

She/her

Julie Dutreil is currently finishing her law studies at the University of Paris Dauphine, in corporate law (5th year). Before joining this master’s program, she studied law, economics and management at the École Normale Supérieure, which trains future researchers in various fields. She is preparing the French bar exam and intends to be a lawyer specialized in white collar crime. As part of her final year, Julie is writing a thesis on the European directive proposal on corporate sustainability due diligence. As part of this thesis, she is studying how this directive proposal uses the economic strengths of corporations to improve sustainability along their value chain. Thus, by joining TG 4, Julie intends to bring her own knowledge on the regulatory framework of value chains and to advance pragmatic solutions, together with the group’s team, on these crucial issues for human rights and environment.



ALEXIA ARMSTRONG

She/her

Alexia Armstrong is pursuing a JD/BCL at McGill Law. Her academic interests are wide-ranging, from environmental and economic sustainability to space law and policy. She is an executive editor for the McGill Journal of Sustainable Development Law. Prior to moving to Montreal, she earned a BA in political science from the University of California, Berkeley, and then worked as a consultant in Atlanta, Georgia. Joining TG 1, she looks forward to delving into corporate purpose and responsibility to brainstorm the policy, investment and institutional changes that are essential to our society's long-term goals.



SAFAA DEEN

She/her



Safaa Deen is a 3rd-year law student at McGill Faculty of Law (BCL/JD) in Montreal. Prior to attending law school, she obtained a BA Honours Political Science at the University of Toronto where she worked extensively in the field of equity, diversity and inclusion ("EDI"). Joining TG 5, Corporations and Democracy in the Age of Digitization and Artificial Intelligence, Safaa hopes to use her EDI lens to address the institutional and normative challenges associated with emerging technologies, such as AI and machine learning. Her goal is to identify possible ways in which the state and corporations can deliver political and social justice in the digital age.

CAROLINE MARFUL

She/her

Caroline Marful is a recent Queen's Faculty of Law graduate and an incoming articling student at Torsys LLP. Before law school, she attended the London School of Economics, where she studied comparative politics specializing in political economy. At Queen's Law, her coursework focused on the intersection of ESG considerations and corporate law culminating in an independent study on ESG considerations in the Canadian corporate space, including Bill S-211. Additionally, she has studied border carbon adjustments and the legal considerations when greening up domestic production. She looks forward to drawing upon these experiences throughout the fellowship.



NADJA BAUMERT

She/her



Nadja Baumert is currently pursuing an LL.M. in Public International Law at the University of Amsterdam. Prior to that, she completed a B.A. in International Relations in Dresden, a law degree at Humboldt University in Berlin, and a maitrise in Public Law in Paris. She soon developed a special interest in the questionable division between public and private spheres in law. Joining TG 4, Nadja aims to expand her knowledge of business and human rights. She wishes to think beyond established categories and imagine how the economy could be organized to prevent environmental degradation and practices such as modern slavery.

DAVID BERGER

He/him

David Berger is an art historian from Austria and recently obtained a MSc in Sustainable Business at the University of York, jointly offered with Maastricht University in the Netherlands. For his thesis, David interviewed hotel managers in Milan, Italy, about their furniture procurement, management and disposal in order to understand the potential of circular economy concepts for hotel furniture. He interned with the United Nations Environment Programme respectively the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction. Doing advocacy work on reducing emissions from building materials and buildings' operations was a great way to grasp the links between culture, economy and the environment.



AZAR MAHMOUDI

She/her



Azar Mahmoudi, a dedicated researcher and DCL candidate at McGill University Faculty of Law, specializes in integrating sustainable finance practices in corporations. With expertise in international law, international business law, law and economics, and human rights, she focuses on anti-corruption regulations in the petroleum industry and examines the efficacy of contractual anti-corruption clauses in petroleum contracts. She holds an LL.M. degree from McGill University, with a specific emphasis on corruption in sanctions regimes, complementing her previous LL.M. studies at the University of Richmond, Virginia. Azar's academic background includes bachelor's degrees in law and social sciences from the University of Tehran, Iran. She actively contributes as an associate supervisor, research assistant, and teaching assistant at McGill.

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Ana Karolina Medeiros is a Brazilian lawyer, who completed her LL.B. at the Universidade Federal Rural do Semi-Árido, and worked within government organizations and private companies. Her research focuses on socioeconomic policies, human rights and development in Latin America. During an academic exchange at the University of Regina, she researched Venezuela's oil extraction through a legal and sociopolitical analysis. As part of TG4, Ana wishes to tackle what interests are shaping legal debates around GVCs and who are benefiting. Her aim is to address the law's role in the agency of different sectors, especially on human and workers' rights.



MAURICIO RICAURTE-MONCALEANO

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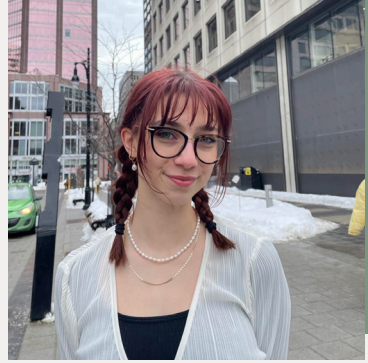


Mauricio Ricaurte-Moncaleano is an LLM student at McGill University, where he studies how law, economics, and tech intertwine to provide answers to the climate change crisis. Before McGill, Mauricio worked for over ten years in rural development, land management and tenure, environmental and human rights impact assessment, as a privacy officer, and as a data analyst. Mauricio holds an LLB and master's in economics from National University in Colombia and an environmental science master's from Wageningen University in the Netherlands.

ALEXANDRA NITU

She/her

Alexandra Nitu is entering her third year in Management in Sustainability at McGill University, minoring in Political Science. Passionate about sustainability and community development, she dedicates her work towards collaborating with leaders in different spheres and specializations, such as financial education, community outreach, event planning, and sustainability to achieve powerful results. Alexandra brings perspectives from across the McGill community through her experience working with McGill's Office of Sustainability as a Sustainable Projects Fund (SPF) ambassador and hosting a panel on ESG education in collaboration with McGill's Office of Sustainability (OOI) and ESG McGill, where student-administration dialogue served to bridge the knowledge gaps in the community.



LAURA ANDRADE

She/her

Laura Andrade is a 3rd-year law student at the McGill Faculty of Law (BCL/JD) in Montreal. Her goal is to build a world-class ESG team in a global law firm and initiate national policy change. Laura is currently working at the Office of the Prime Minister. Previously, Laura worked for the Member of Parliament for Pierrefonds-Dollard, and served as the President of the Youth Council, where she developed community-based solutions to social issues. While working at Shopify for 2 years, Laura researched corporate sustainability strategies, developed a project diversifying hiring practices, and learned about the company's struggles to achieve net-zero emission targets because of lacking external guidance. Laura hopes to develop practical and intersectional solutions to the climate crisis.



SHIRLEY XU

She/her

Shirley Xu just graduated from McGill with a BA&Sc in Biology and Economics. She will be starting at Monitor Deloitte as a Strategy Consultant. During her time at McGill, she was involved with numerous organizations including TEDxMcGill (Chair), McGill Arts & Science Undergraduate Society (VP Academic), and JED Consulting (Project Manager). Passionate about the intersection of sustainability, policy and business, she looks forward to joining TG 3 in exploring and rethinking climate change law. She is excited to meet the TBLSA fellows and faculty for a great academy together!



ANNE CAMPBELL

She/her



Anne Campbell is a 2nd-year McGill Law student and a proud Manitoban. Anne completed her undergraduate studies at Western University, where she studied Political Science. Before law school, she worked in Canadian federal politics and with international and domestic human rights organizations. Anne has a keen interest in research and have recently worked with Western's Institute for Earth and Space Exploration, focusing on the policy and legal implications of space resource utilization. In the faculty, Anne has worked with the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and as an Associate/Case Comments Editor for the McGill Journal of Sustainable Development Law. Anne is currently working for Prof. Christians and Prof. Mills in the law faculty. Anne is excited to join TG 1.

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She/her

Brianna Bernhardt is a third-year student completing her BCL/JD at the Faculty of Law at McGill University, where she also obtained her Bachelor's and Master's in History. During law school, she worked as the head manager for the journal *Contours*, a project that aims to shape the experiences of women, non-binary, and gender non-conforming people and their experiences with the law. She also worked as the VP Communications of the Privacy Law Club at McGill. She is particularly interested in corporate governance and is planning on furthering her knowledge through the McGill Transformative Business Law Summer Academy this summer. She has previously worked as a Legal Student at an international mining corporation where she focused on corporate governance issues."



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She/her



Jacqueline Sirois is a 3rd-year law student at McGill University's Faculty of Law (BCL/JD) in Montreal. Before law school, Jacqueline completed a B.Soc.Sc. with a specialization in Political science and a minor in Law at the University of Ottawa, while gaining work experience at the Parliament of Canada for 6 years in various positions and offices. She is currently a research assistant for Professor Yaëll Emerich. Her interest in intersecting public and private spheres to develop theoretical frameworks that respond to our current and future needs explains her enthusiasm for TG 3, *Climate Change Changes Everything*. Jacqueline looks forward to learning from the interdisciplinary backgrounds of faculty and other fellows, while contributing her own background and practical experience to develop tangible recommendations to accelerate our collective response to climate change.

CHRIS IRWIN

He/him

Chris Irwin is a 3rd-year BCL/JD student at the McGill Faculty of Law in Montreal. Prior to law school, he completed a Bachelor of Commerce at Queen's University before working at the Canadian Government's Strategic Innovation Fund to help finance innovative and green projects across Canada. Joining theme group 4 on global value chains, Chris hopes to better understand this fast-evolving area of law. He is excited to explore this facet of corporate accountability, as it is a relatively new topic for him and will be a strong complement to his interests in consumer protection, class actions, and competition law.



JULIETTE DECK

She/her

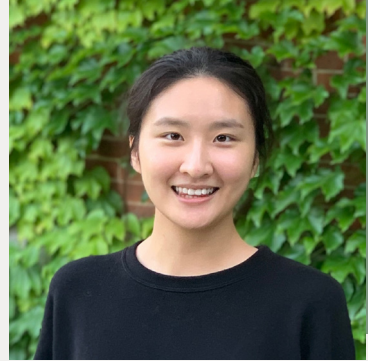


Juliette Deck is a 3rd-year law student at McGill Faculty of Law (BCL/JD) in Montreal. Prior to attending law school, she obtained a B.A. Honours Applied Economics at Queen's University. She also worked at an economic consulting firm where she prepared expert reports to be used in litigation involving Fortune 500 companies. Joining TG 5, Corporations and Democracy in an Age of Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence, Juliette hopes to better understand the historical significance of the 'AI revolution' and to investigate the institutional and normative challenges associated with emerging AI technologies.

ASHLEY LI

She/her

Ashley Li is a recent graduate of the Bachelor of Commerce Program at Queen's University. She has gained experience working in the tech space, investment banking, and trading. She served as an investment analyst at the Queen's Trading Committee for one year. Joining TG 2, she aims to explore how non-bank financial institutions can be incentivized to pursue sustainable business practices and how stakeholders can leverage their power to promote positive ESG outcomes among mega-sized institutional investors. Ashley's ultimate goal is to identify potential strategies that can effectively combat greenwashing tactics employed by anti-ESG movements, thereby fostering genuine sustainability efforts.



RAINA YOUNG

She/her



Raina Young is a third year BCL/JD candidate at McGill University's Faculty of Law. Prior to coming to McGill, Raina completed a Bachelor's degree in Conflict Studies and Human Rights at the University of Ottawa. Raina has previously worked for the public service at Global Affairs Canada and as a Migration Policy Assistant at the Mission of Canada to the European Union. Raina currently works as a student caseworker at The Refugee Centre, where she helps asylum seekers with their legal needs. Outside of her studies and work, Raina serves as the Director of Engagement for the non-profit Ally Squared and volunteers as the book club coordinator for the Indigenous Law Association at the Faculty of Law."

RAYANE BELATECHE

He/him

Rayane Belateche is a dedicated fourth-year student at the Ted Rogers School of Management, Toronto Metropolitan University. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree with a major in Law & Business and a minor in Philosophy, driven by his strong desire to attend law school. Rayane's deep interest in the theme of "Corporations and Democracy in an Age of Digitization and Artificial Intelligence" is rooted in his recognition of the transformative power of these technologies and their far-reaching impact on human interactions, production, and knowledge. Eager to explore the implications for democracy and individual rights, Rayane has joined Theme Group 5 with hopes of gaining a comprehensive understanding of the complex legal and ethical dilemmas that emerge from the convergence of these domains.



ALEXANDER ANTONYUK

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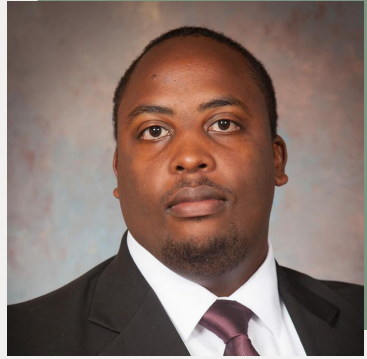


Alex Antonyuk is a Ukrainian 3rd-year Business management student specializing in Law and Business at Toronto Metropolitan University, aspiring to further evolve his legal career. As the vice-president of TMU esports, Alex gained insight on the internal business environment, and was involved with the business operations that have led to the recent success of the organization. Along with esports, his involvement with his heritage, through the Ukrainian student club along with the local community, he is able to further support the Ukrainian people through the organization of charitable incentives. His goal is to advance the issues regarding the tech sphere, the constantly evolving issues present in the current intellectual property climate, and protect the rights of the Ukrainian people through legal representation and access to justice.

ARNOLD AGABA

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Arnold Agaba is an aviation lawyer and academic focusing on African air transport law and regulatory systems. His doctoral research examines the political economy of air transport regulation in Africa from the perspective of the African people and their governments. Arnold holds an LL. B from Uganda Christian University, a Post graduate Dip. LP from Law Development Centre Uganda, an LL.M in US Legal Systems and International Law from the University of Cincinnati, and an LL.M Air and Space Law from McGill University where he is currently a Doctoral Candidate. He has taught law at several universities in Uganda including heading the Department of Law and Jurisprudence at Kampala International University. He is the Associate Editor for the Annals of Air and Space Law at the Institute of Air and Space Law.



SEBASTIEN DUCKETT

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Sebastien Duckett is a third-year law student at McGill University's Faculty of Law where he is completing the joint JD/BCL program. Prior to attending law school, he obtained a Bachelor of Music from McGill. Sebastien is passionate about corporate governance and has experience leading governance reviews for not-for-profit corporations. He currently sits as a director at Choral Canada, a National Arts Service Organization. Sebastien is also a Student-at-Law at Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt LLP, a national full-service law firm.



SANJANA ANWAR

She/her

Sanjana Anwar is completing her master's in Anthropology at the University of Ottawa while working as a Junior Policy Analyst for the Federal Government of Canada. Her current research interests contribute to the field of anthropology of law, and her research engages with the real-world nuances that law establishes. Prior to this, she completed her undergraduate degree in the Joint-Honours Program of Sociology and Anthropology at uOttawa. As a member of TG 3, she hopes to utilize her educational and professional background to concisely address the multifaceted aspect of climate change from the multi-scalar legal and institutional perspective.



ANDREW HARDER

He/him

Andrew Harder recently completed his third year at McGill Faculty of Law (BCL/JD). Prior to law school, he served 13 years in the Canadian foreign service, with assignments in Afghanistan and China, and worked for a climate technology investor. He is currently a student at Davies, Ward, Phillips & Vineberg, and hopes to work with emerging companies bringing innovative climate solutions to market.



JESSICA COMMINS

She/her

Jessica Commins is an LLM (Public International Law) student at the University of Amsterdam and is the 2022 recipient of the Mr Julia Henriette Jaarsma Adolfs Fund Scholarship. Her previous education includes a first class honours Bachelor in Civil Law with History from University College Dublin, where she also held the position of Editor in Chief of the UCD Student Legal Services Journal 2022. Jessica is currently a Legal Research Intern at the International Law and Technology Project at UvA, specialising in climate finance and has experience working for human rights NGOs, government agencies and private law practice. Joining TG 3, Jessica is hoping to bring her interest in climate finance, international law and human rights to the complex issues of the public-private divide in climate governance and advance reasoned solutions to the issues, as well as gain new insights from her colleagues.



SARAH TRAN

She/her

Sarah Tran is a 2nd-year law student at McGill Faculty of Law (B.C.L./J.D.) in Montreal. She previously majored in Sociology and Philosophy during her H.B.A. studies at the University of Toronto. She is one of the two videographers for TBLSA 2023, with experience in event photography, graphic design, and content creation on YouTube. She looks forward to joining TG5 and analyzing the intersections between society, technology, and her budding legal studies. Alongside her team, she hopes to disseminate the findings of all five TBLSA research groups in an engaging, accessible, and meaningful way.

LUCAS VAN WICHELEN

He/him

Lucas Van Wichelen is an LLM student at McGill University, specializing in Environmental Law. He previously completed a Bachelors and a Masters of Law at the Free University of Brussels, where he wrote his master thesis on the Belgian Climate Case. Currently, he is writing a thesis on Investor-State Dispute Settlement under the Energy Charter Treaty. Lucas previously worked as a student trainee at Eubelius Attorneys, and at the Belgian Council of State. During the Academy, Lucas will be responsible for helping the groups with the layout of their papers, aiming to present the findings in an accessible way.



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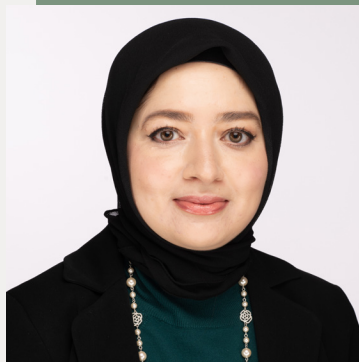
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AMBER BATOOL

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Amber Batool is an Executive Director, Strategic Advisory Group, Global Investment Banking at CIBC. Amber was previously the Vice-President at Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC). With over \$1.2 billion dollars invested in 450 companies, SDTC is the largest funder of small and medium cleantech enterprises in Canada. Amber has held executive level positions in the public and private sector. In the UK she worked for the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit, the Cabinet Office and the HM Treasury during the 2008 financial crisis. Amber was Chief of Staff to several Cabinet Ministers and was speechwriter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Amber has a law degree and post-graduate diploma in law.



CHLOÉ SOUCY

She/her



Chloé Soucy is vice-president development and operations at GI Quo Vadis. Chloe is responsible for overseeing and running the entire GI Quo Vadis portfolio where she manages the current assets and new developments, creating added value, while keeping the triple bottom line mission. Chloe is a strong leader with a focus on streamlining processes and improving efficiencies in the management department. She is also the mastermind behind all the innovating ESG initiatives with all stakeholders: financing, legal, construction, HR ... With more than 10 years in the real estate industry she is participating actively in leading a way to responsible and sustainable practices.

ANIE ROULEAU

She/her

Anie Rouleau founded The Unscented Company in 2016 with the goal of redefining the notion of clean by offering a line of natural, unscented home and body care products. Her innovative products defy established norms and prove that efficiency can be synonymous with sustainability. As a passionate social innovator, Anie also dedicates her time to democratizing the B Corp business model. As an ambassador and pioneer of the movement in Canada's cleaning products industry, she shares her vision of sustainable business by focusing on local sourcing, ethical and female-led management, and equal opportunity employment, making her a true agent of change in the business community. Challenging the status quo has enabled her to make her mark and position her brand on The Globe and Mail's list of fastest-growing Canadian companies in both 2020 and 2021.



RENÉ DEMERS

He/him



René Demers has been working in the Real Estate sector at National Bank since 2011. He is responsible for Real Estate finance teams across Canada. This group of more than 170 employees manages over \$25 billion in assets from its offices across Canada with a mission to support the best players in the market for both interim construction projects and long-term investments in quality assets. National Bank is the sixth largest bank in Canada and the leading banking institution in Quebec, with branches in most provinces and subsidiaries and alliances in the United States, Europe and around the world.

The Hon.

LISA RAITT

She/her

The Honourable Lisa Raitt is a former Canadian politician who served as the federal Cabinet minister for Transport, Labour and Natural Resources. Before her political career, she served as the Toronto Port Authority's corporate secretary and general counsel, and later became the first female harbourmaster of a Canadian port. She became a Member of Parliament in 2008, until leaving politics in 2016. Since then, she has been the vice chair of Global Investment Banking at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC).





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