

Stockholm Treaty Lab Competition: *Ryan Smith's Team*

Team Introduction

1. Team members:

Ryan Smith: A recent law graduate of the University of Glasgow. Currently enrolled in the Master's of Laws programme (Investment Treaty Arbitration) in Uppsala University. Interested in the project due to the emphasis of sustainable development in his home country of Scotland and the upcoming challenges posed to this by Brexit.

Valentina Pavušek: Graduate of Law from University of Maribor, and a recent Master's degree graduate in European Law from Radboud University Nijmegen. Currently enrolled in Master's degree program in Investment Treaty Arbitration at Uppsala University. Drawn to the project especially to the growing importance of climate change mitigation and shift to sustainable development, and how to practically address such issues through means of treaty protection.

Verena Ettliger: An Environmental Management graduate from Germany and recent graduate in Economics at Umea University. Currently finishing the Master program in Environmental Economics at the Swedish University of Agricultural Science. Accidentally ran into my team members and got caught by the importance and interest to address the problem of climate change from a legal point of view.

2. Team motives:

Our team is centered in Uppsala, Sweden. We consist of two Master of Law students, in the field of Investment Treaty Arbitration, and one environmental economics student. We entered into the competition as we see how the practice of sustainable development is drastically changing both the fields of law and economy. In particular, we believe that in the field of investment treaty arbitration it is a matter of upcoming urgency for most Investors, States and Arbitrators. Therefore, taking the knowledge we had gained in our course we wanted to apply and research further this within the prism of sustainable development. Thus, we believed that this competition would allow us to contribute to improving the harmony between Investment Treaty Arbitration and sustainable development.