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Future Generations Law | Fundamental Rights | Constitutional Justice | Environmental Justice

EXPERTISE PROFILE

Future Generations & Constitutional Justice

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PROFILE

Legal scholar specializing for over fifteen years in the law of future generations and the transformation of fundamental rights. Her work combines constitutional law, international human rights law, environmental law, climate justice, the representation of future generations and legal theory. Her approach is comparative, transgenerational and, today, transcultural. She regularly contributes to networks of legal scholars, judges, institutions and international organizations.

CORE EXPERTISE

- Rights / duties of future generations
- Constitutional justice & fundamental rights
- Climate justice & environmental litigation
- Representation / ombudsman / access to justice
- Rights of Nature & Indigenous peoples
- Precaution, global risks & the long term

KEY POSITIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

2026-2027

Visiting Fellow - Department of Law, European University Institute (Florence) - Project: transcultural approach to the law(s) of future generations.

Since 2018

Associate Professor of Private Law - Sciences Po Rennes - Teaching in fundamental rights, human rights, private law and future generations.

2024-2026

Secondment - University of New Caledonia - Research on Indigenous legalities, the law(s) of future generations and the Pacific.

2019-2023

Scientific Director / General Coordinator - CNRS Normandy Chair for Peace - "Peace with the Earth and the law(s) of future generations" - budget: €1.4 million.

2020-2024

Founder and Academic Director - Master's track "Future Generations and Legal Transitions" - Sciences Po Rennes, Caen campus.

CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE, JUDGES & INSTITUTIONAL EXPERTISE

2011

Invited expert to the international consultation on representing the interests of future generations in the new Hungarian Constitution (Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Future Generations, Budapest).

2022

Speaker at the "Judges and the Environment" symposium linked to Stockholm+50, with the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment and the International Association of Judges: transgenerational implementation of fundamental environmental rights and duties.

2021-2023

Training and advisory support to the Foresight Commission of the French National Bar Council on the law of future generations, through to the report and motion adopted in 2023.

2023

Scientific direction of a conference at the European Parliament on protecting the rights of present and future generations, the ICJ climate advisory opinion and the United Nations Summit of the Future.

2015

Contribution to drafting the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Humankind, with preparatory work conducted at the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

PARTICULARLY RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

Générations futures et droit privé. Vers un droit des générations futures, LGDJ, pref. Mireille Delmas-Marty, 2011, 673 pp. - Charles Dupin Prize, Académie des sciences morales et politiques (2010).

"L'entrée dans l'ère du droit des générations futures", Les Cahiers de la Justice, 2019.

"French Constitutional Law and Future Generations. Towards the Implementation of Transgenerational Principles?", *Intergenerational Justice Review*, 2010.

"L'historique déclinaison transgénérationnelle des devoirs fondamentaux envers les générations futures par le Tribunal fédéral constitutionnel allemand", *Energie-Environnement-Infrastructures*, 2021.

E. Gaillard & D. Forman (eds.), *Legal Actions for Future Generations*, Peter Lang, 2020, 496 pp.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERTISE & SCIENTIFIC DIPLOMACY

2026 Global Ecological Integrity Group / IUCN - University of Coimbra - Paper "Ecological Dignity and Future Generations".	2024 Columbia University - New York - "2024: A Momentum for the Recognition of Rights of Future Generations?".
2024 Chulalongkorn University - Bangkok - UN Summit of the Future: initiatives concerning future generations in the Asia-Pacific region.	2022 United Nations / ECLAC - Santiago, Chile - International expert meeting on truth, transitional justice and reconciliation, Indigenous peoples.
2022 Stockholm+50 - Expert meeting "Making Peace with Nature" and international judges symposium.	2021 IUCN World Conservation Congress - Marseille - Expert and speaker on legal actions and the representation of future generations.
2018 United Nations - Geneva - Side event "Nuclear weapons and the law on human rights and future generations".	2016 COP22 - Marrakech - Human rights, climate justice and the role of judges.

SCIENTIFIC LEADERSHIP, RESEARCH & LEGAL INNOVATION

- **2024-2026** - Co-director of the programme "Indigenous Legalities and the Law(s) of Future Generations" (Robert Badinter Institute / Justice Research), with Leslie Cloud - budget: €32k; fieldwork and comparative approaches across several Indigenous territories.
- **2019-2023** - Leadership of the CNRS Normandy Chair for Peace: climate justice, transformation of fundamental rights, defence and representation of future generations, Indigenous peoples' rights, legal indicators and environmental diplomacy - budget: €1.4 million.
- **2019-2022** - Co-lead of the research programme "Transhumanism(s) and Law(s)" (Mission de recherche Droit et Justice / IERDJ) - budget: €25k.
- Member of international research projects and networks: Rights to a Green Future (ESF, Utrecht), LANDTIME (Norwegian University of Life Sciences), and comparative projects on the legal protection of the future.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2018** **Habilitation to Supervise Research (HDR) in Law** - "Nouvel humanisme pour un droit des générations futures : dynamiques de métamorphoses du et des droit(s) aux confins de l'éthique et des droits". University of Rennes.
- 2008** **PhD in Law - University of Orléans** - "Générations futures et droit privé. Vers un droit des générations futures", supervisor Catherine Thibierge; unanimous congratulations from the jury.
- 2005** **Certificat d'aptitude à la profession d'avocat (CAPA)** - Centre-Ouest Bar Training Centre, France.
- 2001** **Postgraduate research degree (DEA) in Business and Economic Law - University of Orléans** - Mention Bien; top of the cohort.

AFFILIATIONS, EDITORIAL EXPERTISE & OUTREACH

- Research:** ARENES UMR 6051 (CNRS); international collaborations in environmental law and future generations.
- IUCN:** Member of the World Commission on Environmental Law; expertise for the French Committee of IUCN.
- Editorial:** Peer reviewer: International Journal of Transitional Justice, Revue Juridique de l'Environnement, international journals.
- Languages:** French | English | Spanish.
- Outreach:** TEDx Rennes; France Culture; TV5 Monde; Radio Canada; public and media contributions in France and internationally.
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SELECTED RECENT BOOKS

- A. Aragão & E. Gaillard (eds.), *Responsible Legal Research and Innovation*, Mare & Martin, 2024.
- A. Cayol, E. Gaillard & B. Bévière-Boyer (eds.), *Transanimalisme. L'animal augmenté entre exploitations et protections*, Mare & Martin, 2024.
- E. Gaillard, A. Mekouar & M. Prieur (eds.), *Immersion dans les coulisses de la diplomatie environnementale internationale*, Mare & Martin, 2023.
- E. Gaillard, *Prendre soin, protéger et représenter en justice les générations futures*, Mare & Martin, forthcoming 2027.

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