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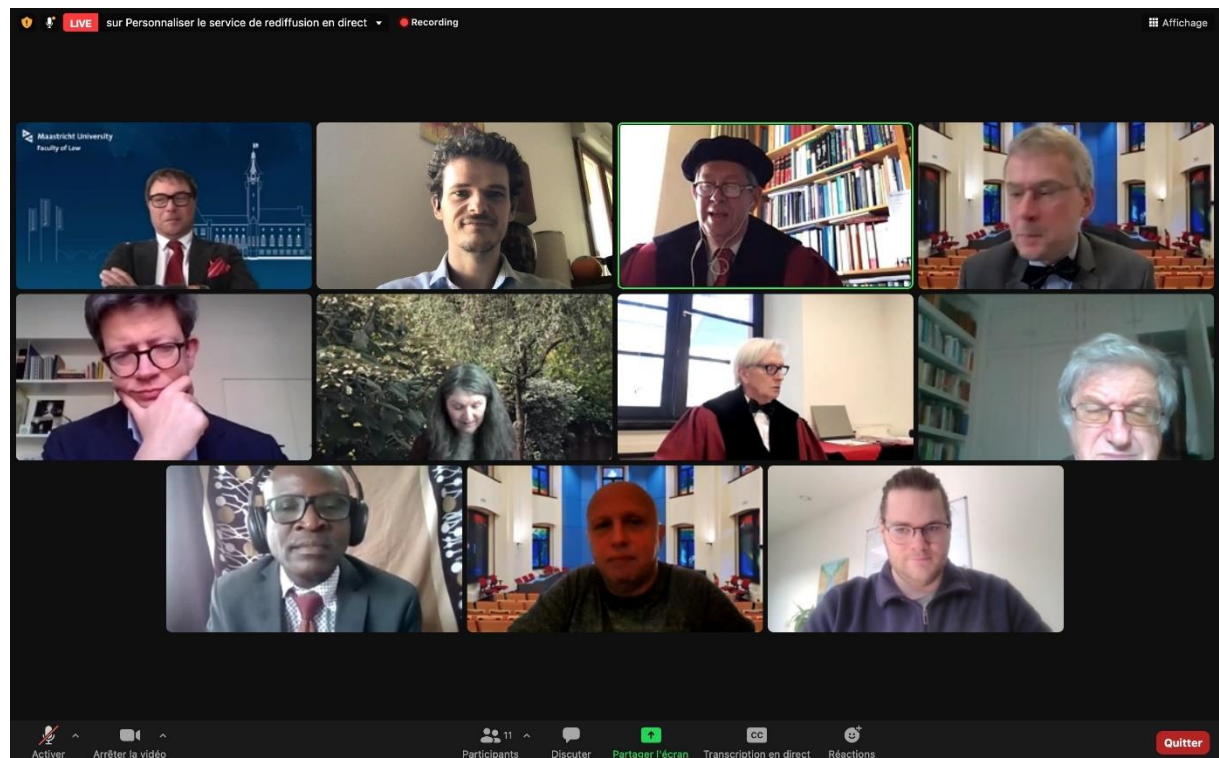
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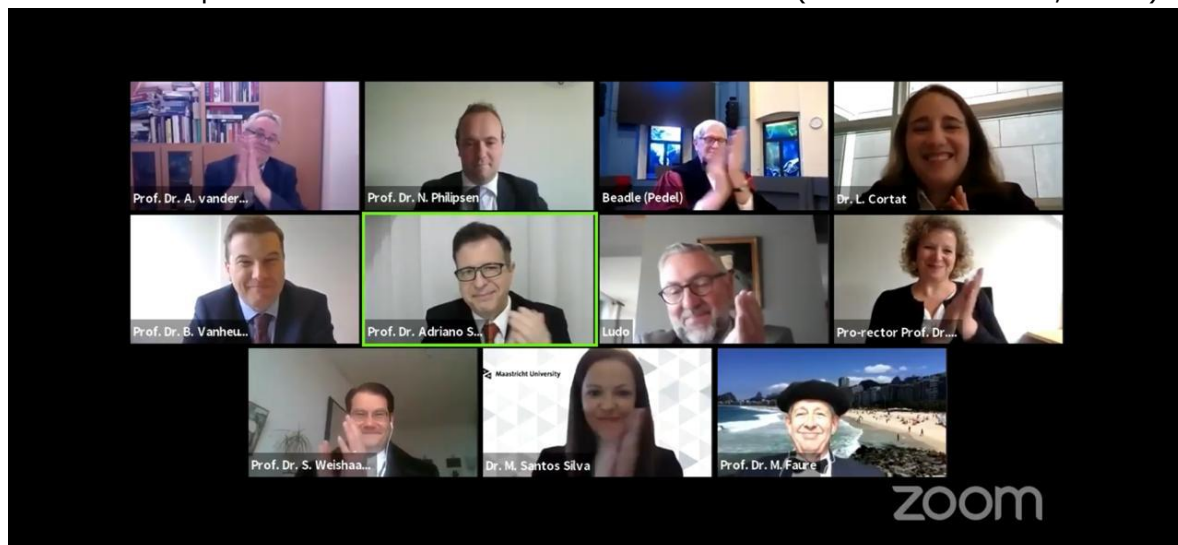


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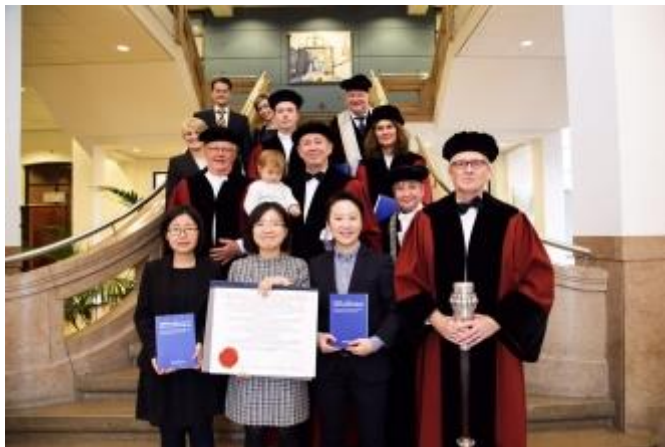
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Ecological damage has long been neglected, for as a res nullius, the environment has been deemed of little value until recently. As the negative impact of ecological damage is becoming much more transparent and the diverse value of the environment is better understood, many nations and regions have begun to legislate on compensation for ecological damage. The increasing importance ecological damage gains

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Bénin following the example of the other African countries is confronted with a continuous degradation of the natural and environmental resources. Can the criminal law of the environment, just like the other legal disciplines, contribute effectively to the protection the aforementioned resources? This problem which underlay our research works lifts (raises) certain number of legal concerns which determine the future of the criminal law of the environment.

This study is an analytical and critical diagnosis of the penal system of protection of the current environment in Bénin.

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Regarded as the need for having sufficient drinking water to survive and adequate equipment to recover used water, the right to water finds difficultly its marks. And yet, nothing justifies this political and intellectual nonchalance with regard to the matter, because water is incontestably the first of the essential needs for human. It is essential it to specify that the lack of water constitutes the first cause of mortality in the world, in front of malnutrition. The need to make effective this right to water in Africa, passes by the adoption of multiple measurements in particular the protection of the water resources and the urgency to make more readable water policies.

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Preventive and curative fight against oil spills are an undeniable fact nowadays. The law system of prevention of oil spills regulates the construction of ships and emissions of hydrocarbons. It establishes, inter alia, double hull and on shore reception facilities requirements. Curative measures consist in operational measures and compensation rules for victims of oil spills. However, fight against oil spills in Africa is thwarted by the lack of integrated emergency response plans. Compensation rules are sufficiently underdeterrent in comparison with classic rules of evidence of oil pollution damages and the causal link between these damages and the polluter ship activity.

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For years, numerous studies and conferences were focused on the right to water, but, none of them have solved the problem of guaranteeing it. Several texts recognized the existence of this right, without giving it the character of binding law. This thesis seeks to: give to the right to drinking water a better definition, find against whom this right must be guaranteed, transpose the best situations in Central Africa and in Cameroon in particular, find sketches solutions to difficulties encountered in implementing this right in Cameroon.

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The thesis' focus is on a legal perspective on the interdisciplinary problem of Climate Change in terms of the responsibility and the liability for damage, which results from the activities of multiple actors. In an integrative, problem-oriented manner, the book scrutinizes how scientific uncertainties translate into legal uncertainties in a liability claim over the damaging consequences of Climate Change. In this context, it analyzes how the Precautionary Principle, a principle aimed at making uncertainty manageable, can help to overcome some of the legal obstacles in such a claim, whilst, at the same time, potentially creating new liabilities. The book advocates for a consistent application of the principle, taking due account of its flexible interpretation in both public and private decision-making, and in judicial appreciation in Climate Change liability cases.

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