

Air Quality Environmental Law Challenges for 2050

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2050

- In my eighties!
 - 90 years Environmental Law worldwide
 - TIME AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
- B. Richardson – Telling Nature's Time



Where do we start? Mixed feelings

- It's possible to reduce air pollution
- Never so dramatic in the EAST
- Transboundary
- Local

Source control

UNECE Geneva Convention & 8 protocols

EU Law: immission standards

BANGKOK DISPATCH

***Bangkok Is Choking on Air Pollution.
The Response? Water Cannons.***

ENGLISH ESPAÑOL 中文

The New York Times

Opinion Tech Science Health Sports Arts Books Style Food Travel Magazine T M

TRENDS: RESISTANCE IS IN THE AIR

- **RESISTANCE TO AIR DEGRADATION**

- Citizens movements
- Clean Air in the Streets
- Litigation wave
- City centers

- **RESISTANCE TO AIR REGULATION**

- Cheating is a must
- Appearance of compliance
- Demonstrations against diesel bans

Up to 2050?

- **CITIES WILL BE A KEY DRIVER**

Awareness of citizens

Local – Electorally easy

Dynamism

Technical devices

- **THE FORGOTTEN AREAS**

“Air injustice”

Who cares about industrial pollution
in the countryside?

Which NGO's?

How to get organized?

NON ATTAINMENT AREAS: AT RISK

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

- **NO MULTILATERAL APPROACH**
- **ONLY REGIONAL CONVENTIONS**
- WHERE : **LONG-RANGE** + LOCAL + LINKED TO COMPETITIVENESS
- + **WHO GUIDELINES** – INTERNATIONAL SOFT LAW

SHOULD RECONNECT WITH CLIMATE

MANY SOURCES OF EMISSIONS ARE JUST THE SAME

ABSURD

CLIMATE CHANGE V. AIR POLLUTION

The future of air quality?

- LAW ... THE ONLY WAY?
- **CHANGE THE ATTITUDE TO EMISSIONS**
- EMISSIONS INTO THE ATMOSPHERE V. HUMAN RIGHTS
- **INDIVIDUAL RIGHT TO CLEAN AIR**
- UNGRANFATHERING – STOP WITH LENIENCY
- HUGE HEALTH COST

Thank you !

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