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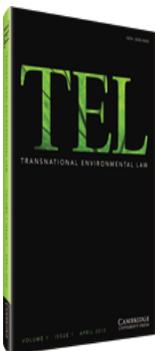
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The concept of 'common but differentiated responsibilities' (CBDRs) is a pivotal principle of international environmental law. CBRDs help to bridge the distance between the formal equality of states under international law and the deep inequalities in wealth, power and historical responsibility that divide them. CBRDs were an essential factor in the globalization of environmental agreements in the late 20th century, with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as famous exponents of this development.

In recent times, however, the continued justification for and relevance of CBRDs has come under heightened scrutiny. Within the climate change context, some commentaries associate CBRDs with a static, top-down approach to international lawmaking that is insensitive to the sheer scale of the climate change challenge, the shifting boundaries between developed and certain cohorts of developing countries, and the rapidly changing geopolitical reality that affects and is simultaneously shaped by climate change. Others insist that, especially in the light of the ascendance of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) and the increased fluidity of commitments they permit, CBRDs are, more than ever, a vital corrective mechanism to ensure that distributive fairness remains part of the international climate change agenda.

Moreover, the growing relevance of non-state actors in lawmaking and governance within and outside the climate change context urges reflection on the scope for differentiation in a transnational context. The legality and legitimacy of assigning differentiated responsibilities within private and hybrid environmental governance regimes remains thus far under-explored, as does the question of the appropriate criteria on the basis of which distinctions between transnational regulatory addressees should be drawn.



For its fifth anniversary, in 2016, *Transnational Environmental Law (TEL)* invites submissions that explore differentiation in transnational environmental law, covering both the evolving understanding of CBRDs in the context of international climate change law and the relation between transnational governance and differentiation generally. Successful submissions will be published in the *TEL* anniversary issue and a prize will be awarded for innovative scholarship.

The author of the winning article will be invited to give the *TEL* Anniversary Public Lecture, which will be held in Cambridge (UK) in the autumn of 2016 and will be made available online as a podcast to coincide with the release of the anniversary issue.

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Best wishes,

Thijs Etty and Veerle Heyvaert
Editors-in-Chief

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