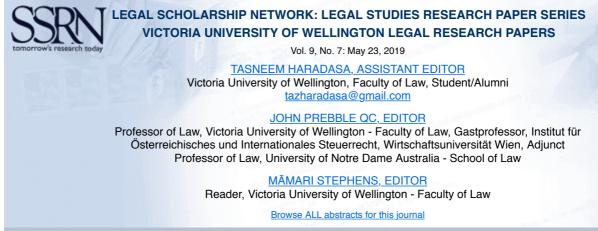
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The aim of this chapter is to evaluate the importance of the environment in Central and Eastern Europe Countries (CEE) in the general context of current social, economic and political reforms since the early 1990s and, more precisely, to examine the extent to which these emerging democracies with economies in transition address environmental and social considerations in their question to achieve sustained economic growth. The current environmental legislative framework in CEE and the problems surrounding its actual implementation are capuessed first. The difficulties in

reconciling environmental protections with economic development are then analysed and an attempt is made to provide a workable definition of the concept of environmental justice for the region. As the lessons drawn from the CEE experience could be applicable to development and environmental issues in other regions of the world, a few principles of general application are proposed in conclusion.

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The aim of this chapter is to demonstrate that the development of environmental justice is crucial to accommodate success in environmental protection and economic growth in Central and Eastern Europe.

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French Abstract: Nous comptons actuellement plus de 26 millions de personnes déplacées en raison des changements climatiques. On estime que ce nombre triplera d'ici l'année 2020. En effet, la désertification, la montée des eaux et l'accentuation de catastrophes naturelles dévastatrices conduiront un nombre croissant d'individus à quitter leur lieu d'habitation pour trouver refuge dans une autre région de leur pays ou à l'étranger. La situation de ceux qui doivent se réfugier dans un autre pays se trouve aggravée par le fait qu'à ce jour un statut de réfugié, assorti de droits tels que l'on en retrouve par exemple pour les réfugiés politiques, ne leur est pas officiellement reconnu en droit international. Dans cet article, l'auteur se propose d'analyser la question de la protection des droits des "réfugiés climatiques" dans une perspective multidisciplinaire et d'entrevoir les rôles du juridique et du politique dans l'évolution du droit international pour mettre en place une protection consacrée aux réfugiés climatiques. L'auteur termine avec des pistes de réflexion sur les changements systémiques qui doivent s'opérer afin de permettre une véritable protection des droits des réfugiés climatiques.

English Abstract: More than 26 million people are currently displaced as a result of events related to climate change and this number is expected to triple by 2020. Desertification, rising sea levels and other devastating natural disasters will lead an increasing number of individuals to leave their homes and find refuge elsewhere in their own country or abroad. Aggravating the predicament of those who have to flee their home country is that, unlike political refugees, international law does not afford them an official refugee status. This article analyses the issue of protective rights for "climate refugees" from a multidisciplinary perspective. It also reviews briefly the legal and policy challenges faced by international law in devising a specific framework for the protection of climate refugees. The article concludes with some preliminary thoughts on the need for systemic changes to enable the development of a body of rights that will protect effectively climate refugees.

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