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THE HR JUST PROJECT

HRJUST IS A RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS ACTION (RIA), UNDER THE CALL HORIZON-CL2-2022-DEMOCRACY-01 (RESHAPING DEMOCRACIES), WHICH AIMS TO ADDRESS SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT GAPS IN HUMAN RIGHTS REGULATIONS AND TO DEVELOP A THEORY OF HUMAN RIGHTS JUSTIFICATIONS.



HRJust aims to develop a **theory of HRJ** and a process for **Systematic Ongoing Civil Society Engagement** as a tool for a gender and intersectional inclusive Civil Society engagement.

The project aims to identify **gaps in human rights regulations and protection.**

THE WORKPACKAGES

WP1 MANAGEMENT



WP4 COVID



WP3 THEORY



WP5 MIGRATION



WP7 EMPIRICAL
CROSS-CUTTING



WP6 CLIMATE

WP2 DISEMINATION

INTERSECT OBSERVATORY

THE INTERSECT OBSERVATORY IS THE FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND PLATFORM TO ANALYZE HUMAN RIGHTS JUSTIFICATIONS IN CONTEXT AND COMPARATIVELY, THUS SHEDDING LIGHT ON PATTERNS AND TRENDS IN STATE PRACTICES THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE REMAIN OVERLOOKED.

One of the major innovations of WP7 was the establishment and development of the Intersect Observatory, a **digital platform** that collects findings from all WPs in different formats, like working papers, policy outputs, web interviews, and event recordings, all through a **gender and intersectionality perspective**.

The HRJust Intersect Observatory is a unique, intersectional space dedicated to **monitoring how states invoke human rights to justify their actions across diverse domains** - from climate change and COVID-19 responses to migration policies - all through a gender and intersectionality lens.

Established as part of the Horizon Europe HRJust project, the observatory addresses a critical gap: states often defend their behavior with human rights arguments, **an area that is largely under-regulated and has not yet been examined with an intersectional approach**.

The Intersect Observatory's objectives are:

- **Collect** all knowledge, findings, and materials produced by the WPs of the HRJust project.
- **Disseminate** relevant materials in accessible formats to broaden their reach.
- **Promote** healthy debate and dialogue on states' human rights justifications.
- **Strengthen** the exchange of information on HRJ and raise awareness of emerging issues.

Its design is that of a **"living lab,"** intended for continuous learning and engagement, examining and monitoring trends in the research area to inform the development of HRJustifications. This is a space where all users and stakeholders - from academia, policy officers, to civil society - can easily **find the materials developed by all the project's WPs**.

RESOURCES

01

Intersect Library

Curated **reading lists, academic publications, working papers, and policy outputs** drawn from the project's work packages. It disseminates knowledge via **multimedia content** – including recorded webinars, web interviews, video blogs, and links to training materials and courses.

02

Gender & Intersectionality

Dedicated space for exploring how **gender and intersecting factors shape and are shaped by states' human rights justifications**. This section compiles targeted academic work, the Gender Lecture Series conducted in 2024 and 2025, and thematic analyses from across the HRJust project, allowing users to engage with gender-specific narratives, case studies, and policy debates.

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Event Catalogue

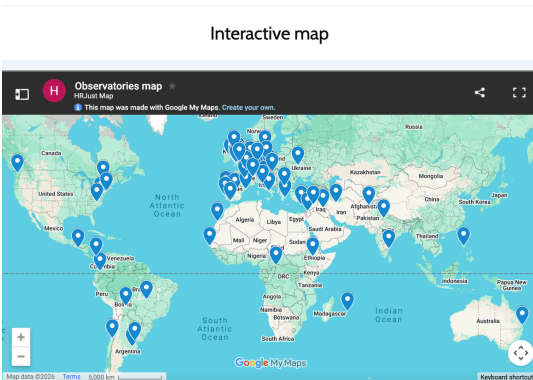
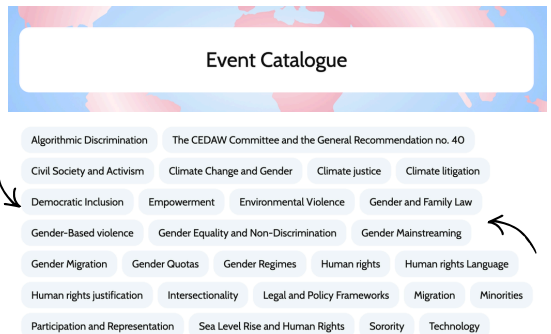
An organized and searchable **repository of relevant actors, initiatives, and resources**, including:

- **The Event Catalogue:** a collection of events, webinars, and conferences, including recordings and materials, filterable by keywords, making it easy to navigate.
- **The Civil Society Catalogue:** relevant materials from the fieldwork activities from the WPs of the project. It serves as a research tool and a networking resource, ensuring that civil society engagement is not only documented but actively facilitated.
- **The Observatories Catalogue:** an interactive mapping tool that allows users to explore and compare findings across the different thematic areas, helping researchers and stakeholders to identify, monitor, and collect knowledge about specific issues.

AN INTERACTIVE ECOSYSTEM



USER FRIENDLY!
 FIND WHAT YOU ARE
 LOOKING FOR IN THE FORMAT
 OF YOUR CHOICE AND FILTER
 THE MATERIALS TO YOUR KEY
 INTERESTS.



INTERACTIVE
 OBSERVATORIES MAP AND
 DATABASE ENABLING USERS
 TO IDENTIFY COMPARATIVE
 TRENDS AND CONNECT
 ACROSS DISCIPLINES AND
 GEOGRAPHIES!

Observatories database

- | Geographic Categories | Thematic Categories |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global | <input type="checkbox"/> Climate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National | <input type="checkbox"/> Covid-19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Migration |

CLIMATE CLAIMS VISUAL TOOL

A DEDICATED CASE LAW DATABASE FUNCTIONING AS AN INTERACTIVE REPOSITORY WHERE USERS CAN EXPLORE CLIMATE CASES BY COUNTRY, BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS INVOKED, AND OTHER CRITERIA TO TRACK AND ANALYZE STATE PRACTICES IN CLIMATE LITIGATION.

One of the key contributions of WP6 was the development of the **HRJust Climate Claims Open-Access Case Law Database**. This innovative digital tool has systematically assembled climate case data to create an **evidence-backed foundation to assess state defenses versus judicial outcomes**.

Starting from the conduction of a comprehensive collection of climate change litigation worldwide, with particular attention to human rights arguments, by April 2025 the WP6 team had compiled **241 climate litigation cases from across the globe** into a structured dataset. Each case was examined for the presence of human rights claims and defenses, enabling researchers to map out **where and how states invoke human rights in their legal reasoning**. The resulting comparative review confirmed that across different

national contexts, states have indeed developed several tactics to use human rights discourse as a shield or legitimization device.

The result of this effort culminated in the **first database of its kind to offer a multilevel analysis of climate litigation**, with a strong focus on the analysis of typologies of HR Justifications and on Civil Society Engagement.

The multilevel analysis of climate litigation includes a:

- National case law
- European case law
- Investment arbitration case law
- WTO case law

The main objective was to develop a **modern, user-friendly** website to provide a **comprehensive overview** of the project's progress and achievements.



CASE LAW DATABASE

MULTILEVEL


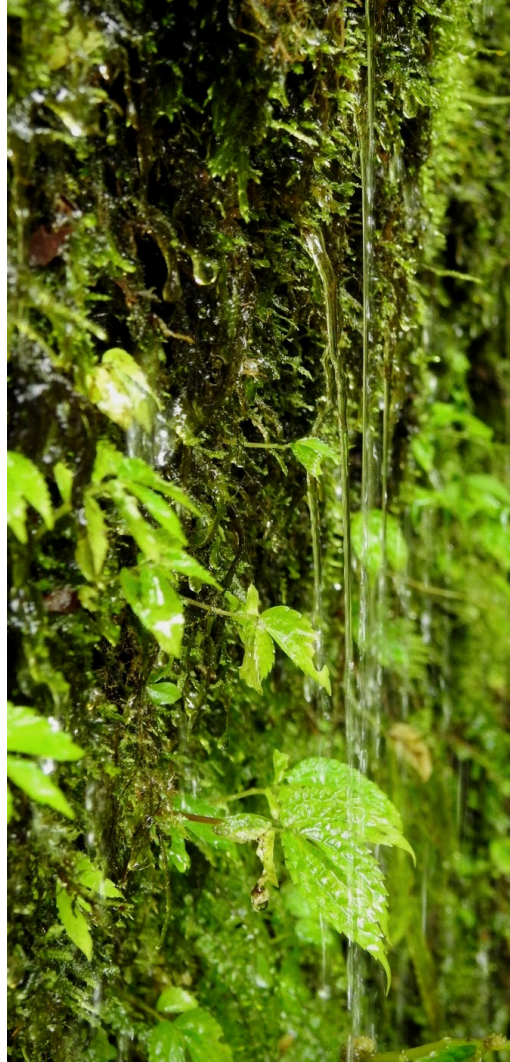
Features decisions relevant to climate-related human rights issues at **international, regional and domestic** levels in various jurisdictions.

STANDARIZED

Focuses on **human rights justifications** - how courts and states argue about rights in climate cases.

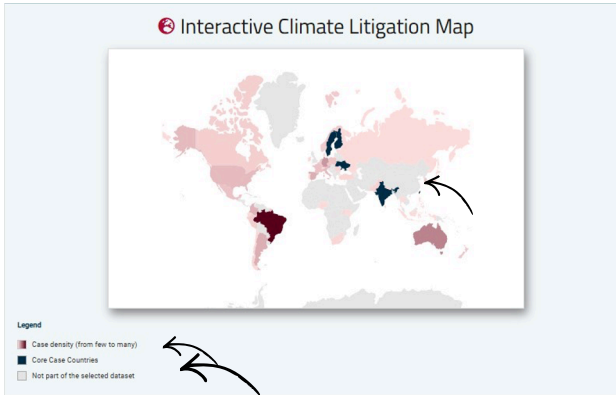
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Can be **filtered by various criteria**, most importantly by the human rights invoked, human rights justifications typologies, and by the type of civil society engagement (presence of an amicus curiae, engagement of NGOs, etc.).



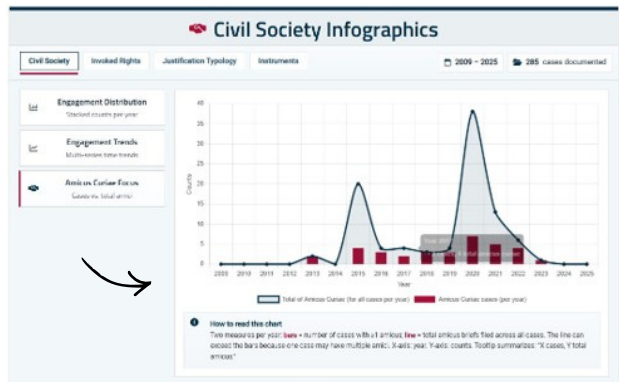
DIVERSE DATASETS WERE MERGED INTO A UNIFIED, COHERENT, AND RELIABLE DATABASE TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY, AND ESTABLISH A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION.

INTERACTIVE TOOLS



AN INTERACTIVE MAP THAT TRANSLATES THE DATABASE INTO A GEOGRAPHICAL INTERFACE, DISPLAYING OVERALL CASE DENSITY AND HIGHLIGHTING CORE-CASE COUNTRIES, ALLOWING THE IDENTIFICATION OF REGIONAL PATTERNS.

A MODERN, USER-FRIENDLY VISUAL SUMMARY OF DATA FOR ACCESSING AND UNDERSTANDING THE COLLECTED DATA IN DIFFERENT FORMATS.



OUR TEAM

THE INTERSECT OBSERVATORY AND THE HRJUST CLIMATE CLAIMS: OPEN-ACCESS CASE LAW DATABASE DIGITAL TOOLS WERE DEVELOPED AS PART OF THE HRJUST PROJECT AND ARE A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN:

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Intersect Observatory




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