



Dear Angela,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new [Director of the Centre for Climate Engagement \(CCE\)](#) at Hughes Hall and to share some exciting updates from our work over the past few months.



A key milestone for CCE has been the successful spin-out of the [Climate Governance Initiative \(CGI\)](#), which was hosted and incubated by Hughes Hall since 2020. Having grown into a thriving global network supporting board-level climate action, CGI is now ready to expand further as an independent organisation under the expert leadership of my predecessor, Emily Farnworth. This transition reflects CCE's role in developing and accelerating impactful initiatives, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration as knowledge partners.

As you'll read below, we've had a busy first quarter with highlights including:

- New updates to our **Law and Climate Atlas UK and US**, bringing the total number of areas covered to 40.
- Publishing an **Expert Insight** on Greenhouse Gas Removals.
- Announcing a call for abstracts from academics and practitioners for the inaugural issues of a new open access journal on **Corporate Climate Governance** published by Cambridge University Press (CUP).
- News of our work with local partners on the **Locally Determined Contribution (LDC)** for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Guidance Framework.
- Submitting responses to **two consultations** on green taxonomies and a fossil-fuel based economy and human rights.

Finally, I would like to thank the [CCE Advisory Group](#) for their warm welcome and strategic support. Their insight and leadership will be invaluable as we continue to develop initiatives that engage key decision-makers on climate law, policy and governance.

As we move forward, I look forward to working with our partners—both internationally in law and governance and locally within Hughes Hall and the wider Cambridge community—to advance climate engagement and action.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the upcoming months and thank you for your continued support.

Dr Paul Jefferiss  
Director, Centre for Climate Engagement

## Climate Governance

CCE was founded in 2018 by Julie Baddeley and Dr Ron Zimmern to apply academic insights to real-world challenges by informing and encouraging listed company boardrooms to act on climate issues. This remains a key part of our mission, and we continue to support boards and non-executive directors with resources and insights.

### Launch of new journal on Corporate Climate Governance



CCE is supporting the launch of a new open access journal on Corporate Climate Governance published by Cambridge University Press. The journal *Cambridge Forum on Corporate Climate Governance* will explore how actions to address climate change by the corporate sector can contribute to a sustainable future and the decision-making processes and legal, regulatory and financial frameworks required to facilitate this. Academics and practitioners are invited to submit abstracts for the launch issues is open to until **30 April 2025**.

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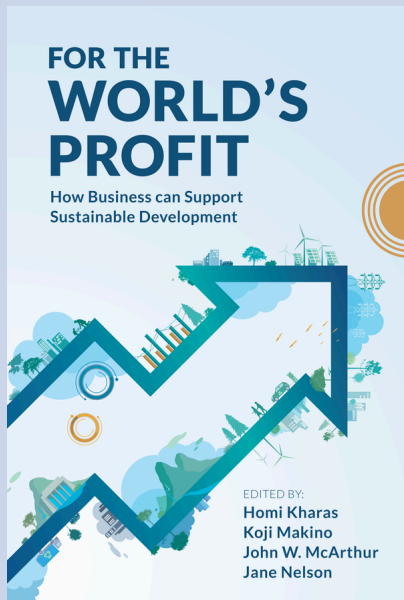
### Expert Insight: Greenhouse Gas Removals



Our Expert Insight explored the role of Greenhouse Gas Removals (GGR) in the net zero transition, the different solutions available and practical implications, offering insights into market readiness, costs and efficacy. By addressing challenges such as public acceptance, governance and sectoral risks, the report aims to inform and guide stakeholders in leveraging GGR effectively and responsibly to meet net zero targets.

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### Publication: For the World's Profit



Emily Farnworth and Dr Eldrid Herrington co-wrote one chapter of a book called *For the World's Profit*, published by the Brookings Institution Press on 10 January 2025. The chapter is entitled 'Key Actions for Corporate Boards in Accelerating Sustainable Development'. It explores the trends shaping corporate governance, focusing on boards' roles in driving sustainable development across their operations and value chains.

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## Law for Climate Action

Our law programme equips lawyers, academics, and students with insights into climate risks and regulatory opportunities. Through partnerships with leading UK firms and international organisations, we facilitate knowledge exchange on legal frameworks driving the net zero transition.

## Expansion of Law and Climate Atlas



The Law and Climate Atlas is a free digital resource which maps how various areas of law in the UK and the US are shaping—and being shaped by—climate change. The Atlas has attracted over 15,000 views to date, from over 100 countries, reflecting its impact and value to a global audience. Recent updates have added three new areas of law to the UK version, and seven new areas to the US version bringing the total to 40 areas.

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## Interview with our Interns



To celebrate the forthcoming updates to our Law and Climate Atlas UK and US, we interviewed two student interns who worked on the project. Richelle Khor and Camilo Andres Cornejo Martinez discussed their research and how they hope the resource will help lawyers and law firms.

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## HM Treasury's UK Green Taxonomies Consultation



CCE submitted a response to HM Treasury's UK Green Taxonomy Consultation, drawing on our expertise in climate law and governance. Authored by Nick Scott and Sofie Surraco, the response provided insights on the taxonomy's role in supporting a sustainable financial system.

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## Consultation on a Fossil Fuel-based Economy and Human Rights



CCE submitted a response to a consultation launched by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on a Fossil Fuel-based Economy and Human Rights. The response focused on the legal frameworks and issues which underpin efforts to ensure a just transition away from fossil fuels. Its authors were Professor Harro van Asselt and Nick Scott.

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## Policy for Climate Action

Our work with directors, business leaders, and local governments underscores the need for clear, stable policy frameworks to drive climate action. We collaborate across Cambridge and with external experts to inform policymakers at all levels.

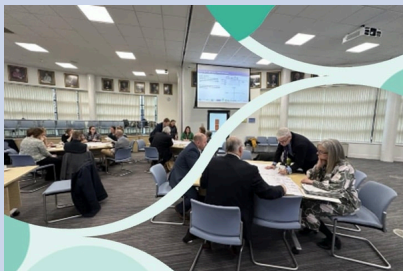
## The Infrastructure Gap in Cambridge



CCE contributed evidence to Cambridge Ahead for a report published in January 2025 called *The Infrastructure Gap: The future of sustainable energy in Greater Cambridge*. The report was written by Cambridge Ahead in partnership with the Global Sustainability Institute at Anglia Ruskin University. It explores Greater Cambridge's energy needs and challenges, including grid capacity, skills availability, funding, land availability and the policy landscape, and sets out a bold and inclusive 2050 vision.

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## Project update: Locally Determined Contribution



CCE is working with local partners on the Locally Determined Contribution (LDC) for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Guidance Framework. The draft guidance was tested in a round of 4 stakeholder workshops. Read a summary of the events written by Senior Researcher, Dr Karen Barrass.

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## Get Involved!

Excited to be a part of our mission? Come to an [event](#) or follow us on [Linked In](#) or [X](#) to find out how you can contribute to our initiatives.

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