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Concerns of fairness, justice and equity to climate change

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Concerns of fairness, justice and equity are not new to climate change talks. Widespread consensus among scientific community that the earth's climate is rapidly changing mainly as a result of increases in greenhouse gases caused by human activities, has forced policy makers at national and international level to adopt Paris climate change agreement. Even after this agreement came into force on Nov 4, 2016, concerns over its fairness, equity and justice continue to remain a key point of discussion among policymakers of developing countries. India's environmental minister Anil Dave recently remarked in Marrakesh that equal focus should be given to pre-2020 actions by developed countries under Kyoto protocol. In fact, in recent legal literature equity, justice and fairness are considered major legal concept in application of law. This paper is a humble attempt to analyze legislative response to Paris climate change agreement and adoption of justice and fairness in its application. It argues, among other things that subjectivity involved in the concept of climate justice and equity can be removed by adequate elaboration of ethical norms specific to climate change. Adopting a more pluralist understanding of the laws governing climate change regime can also help us to achieve equity and justice in climate change negotiations.

Biography

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