**Litigating Ecuador’s Environmental Disaster**

**Lecturer**: **Professor Dennis Campbell – guest professor**

**Course description**

Oil pollution in Ecuador’s Amazon rain forest is *“one of the largest environmental disasters in history”*.

Oil contamination of soil and water used by resident Indians for agriculture, fishing, bathing, and drinking is alleged to have caused a sharp increase in serious illnesses, including cancer, among local people.

The damage resulted in a court judgment for US $9.5-billion against Chevron, which denies the allegations. Chevron has employed 2,000 lawyers and legal professionals from more than 60 law firms to fight the damage award. The claim has involved courts in the US, Canada, Ecuador, Argentina, Brazil, and Gibraltar and an arbitration proceeding in The Hague.

This course examines the environmental disaster and the fight by the Indians to receive compensation for their injuries.

**Schedule**

The class will be offered Monday through Friday, 10.00 – 12.00am., 16 – 27 April 2018.

**Reading Materials**

All necessary materials will be available on Neptun

**Assessment**

A take-home examination, consisting of short essay questions, will be made available on the final day of class, and students will have two weeks within which to complete and return the examination