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## TILT / TSC Seminar

By Prof. Parenteau

### Abstract

This talk will explore the similarities and differences between cases being litigated in the Netherlands and the United States to address the climate crisis. The cases to be discussed include the recent decision of the Hague Court of Appeals in *Urgenda v The Dutch Government* and the pending litigation between *Milieudefensie and Royal Dutch Shell*. On the US side I will discuss the *Juliana* case asserting a constitutional right to a stable climate, and the cases brought by cities and counties across the country seeking to hold the major oil companies liable for damages caused by climate disruption. At the heart of these cases is the debate over the proper role of the courts in adjudicating rights and responsibilities associated with the causes and consequences of climate change.

### Bio

Patrick A. Parenteau is Professor of Law and Senior Counsel in the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic (ENRLC) at Vermont Law School. He previously served as Director of the Environmental Law Center at VLS from 1993-1999, and was the founding director of the ENRLC in 2004.

Professor Parenteau has an extensive background in environmental and natural resources law. His previous positions include Vice President for Conservation with the National Wildlife Federation in Washington, DC (1976-1984); Regional Counsel to the New England Regional Office of the EPA in Boston (1984-1987); Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (1987-1989); and Senior Counsel with the Perkins Coie law firm in Portland, Oregon (1989-1993).

Professor Parenteau has been involved in drafting, litigating, implementing, teaching, and writing about environmental law and policy for over four decades. His current focus is on confronting the profound challenges of climate change through his teaching, writing, public speaking and advocacy.

Professor Parenteau is a Fellow in the American College of Environmental Lawyers. He is the recipient of the Kerry Rydberg Award for excellence in public interest environmental law and the National Wildlife Federation's Conservation Achievement Award.

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