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EXPLORING SOME LESSONS
FROM DISASTER AND ENERGY LAW

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Law evolution: the case of environmental law

1972: Stockholm Conference

1992: Rio Conference

2012: Rio+20 Conference

... how to implement the sustainable development?
Japan: March 11, 2011
- 9.0 magnitude earthquake
- 23-foot tsunami
- 15.839 dead, 5.950 injured, 3.642 missing
- Fukushima nuclear crisis

USA: April 20, 2010
- Explosion of a deepwater oil rig
- 11 dead, 17 injured
- 86 days of gushing oil
- World's largest spill
- Impacts unestimated
What lessons can environmental law exchange with disaster law?

Environmental Law:
- Methods of understanding risk
- Damaged nature can lead to disasters

Disaster Law:
- Rich vision regarding inequality
- Methods of compensation and restoration

Adaptation to Climate Change
What lessons can environmental law exchange with energy law?

ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

sustainable production and use of energy

ENERGY LAW

sophisticated public policies
Challenges of the 21st Century lead to discussions regarding the effectiveness environmental law, forcing us to explore inter-multidisciplinary lessons.

Environmental, disaster and energy laws are strongly related and all of them are situated in the grounds of adaptation to climate change.

From emblematic cases of Japanese Tsunami and BP Oil Spill, there is a close relationship between a sudden event, a regulatory failure and a long-term environmental problem.

Good environmental law decreases the probability and force of natural disasters and also enhances energy efficiency!
Many Thanks!

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