Friday, June 8, 2018
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

International Climate Change During Trump: Charting a Reductions Path Without the U.S.?

Sponsoring Entity: Section of Environment, Energy and Resources

Gathering at the scene of the multi-national agreement aimed to combat global climate change by reducing carbon emissions, the panel will discuss the legal framework of the Paris Accords, President Trump's decision to withdraw the United States and the process for withdrawal. The panel will address the legal implications and the potential impact on emissions, both from the U.S. withdrawal and the Trump Administration's broader efforts to undo U.S. climate policies and emission standards. While the Paris Accords and the first round of nationally determined contributions toward emissions will not stop the earth from warming, they are a critical first step and potentially a more important framework for further progress. Panelists will discuss the role of the U.S. federal government and the role that state and local governments, major corporations, and market forces may play in influencing U.S. greenhouse gas emission trajectories in the wake of federal withdrawal. The speakers will further explore impacts on the implementation of the Paris Accords.