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Dr. Ralph Bodle (né Czarnecki) joined Ecologic Institute in 2007 as a Senior Fellow. He specialises in international and European environmental law and policy. He has supported the German delegation at the UN climate negotiations since 2008 and been a member of the EU negotiating team on legal aspects of climate finance and the [Paris Agreement](#) [1]. He has also been involved in other international [environmental treaty negotiations](#) [2].

Ralph Bodle is senior project leader and expert contributor to a variety of projects on environmental law and policy. His experience includes developing practical policy recommendations from legal analysis as well as negotiating and drafting legal instruments at international, EU and national level. He was lead researcher and lead author on several studies on the legal framework of and governance options for geoengineering (e.g. for the [Convention on Biological Diversity](#) [3], the [German Federal Environment Agency](#) [4], the [German Parliament](#) [5], where he was invited as an expert to a German Parliament Committee hearing.

For several years he advised the German Ministry of the Environment and the German Federal Environment Agency on the implementation of the Protocol on [Pollutant Release and Transfer Register](#) [6] (PRTR) to the Aarhus Convention, the EU PRTR-Regulation as well as the [German implementing law](#). [7] Other areas of work include [Arctic governance](#) [8], the Nagoya Protocol on [Access and Benefit Sharing](#) [9] (ABS), and international [institutional law](#) [10] and governance .

He has been teaching international and EU environmental law at the Technische Universität Braunschweig since 2011 and at individual events and courses (e.g. in Berlin, [Lebanon](#) [11], London). He works in German and English. A list of [publications](#) [12] is available.

Before joining Ecologic Institute, Ralph Bodle was a practising lawyer at law firms advising and representing the public sector on environmental and public law. He was a researcher and lecturer in public and international law

at Humboldt University, Berlin, and also taught administrative law at the Berlin Academy for Administration.

Ralph Bodle was admitted to the bar in April 2004. He has a PhD in law from Humboldt University, Berlin, following a thesis on distributional justice in international environmental law, supervised by Prof. Dr. Kloepper and Prof. Dr. Tomuschat. He holds a Master of Laws (LLM) degree in environmental law from UCL College, University of London. In addition to an internship at the United Nations in New York, he also worked in New York at the International Center for Law in Development during his legal training.

Ralph Bodle studied law and English at the University of Bochum and Queen Mary University, University of London.

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