

**The Research Centre of the School of Economics and Business,**  
in cooperation with **the Bank of Slovenia,**  
cordially invites you to a research seminar  
on **Wednesday, 19 October 2022, at 13:00 CET,** in room **P-119**  
at the **School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana**  
and via platform **Zoom**

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will present the article

## **Beyond Courts: Does Strategic Litigation Affect Climate Change Policy Attitudes?**

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NGOs and other interest groups increasingly use strategic litigation (i.e., a type of activism that aims to influence public policy through the judicial system) in the climate change policy sphere. Examples of this phenomenon can be seen on the country level (e.g., Urgenda and Milieudefensie, in The Netherlands) and also on the regional and international levels (such as KlimaSeniorinnen v. Switzerland, at the European Court of Human Rights). Despite the increase in use, the impact of strategic litigation on public opinion is debated and understudied. The literature has yet to provide a theoretically grounded empirical examination of the relationship between a court's decision and public opinion, of whether the advocacy tool of strategic litigation itself can affect wider public attitudes, and through what mechanisms. To fill this gap, we study whether information on strategic litigation affects climate change attitudes through a novel theoretical approach to conceptualizing the effects of strategic litigation on public opinion – legal cueing. We use a partially incentivized randomized online survey experiment, through which we measure both stated and revealed preferences (the latter through a willingness-to-pay exercise).

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