



## Climate Week Reparations Workshop: Exploring Cross-Movement Learning and Collaboration

(Sep. 24 2025, 9.30-11.30am. Invite only)

Momentum for reparations is growing internationally. In the sphere of climate justice, the Advisory Opinions on climate change recently issued by the [International Court of Justice](#) and [Inter-American Court of Human Rights](#), and the recent request made to the [African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights for an advisory opinion on climate change](#) have brought renewed attention to the international legal obligations of States related to climate change, including reparations.

At the same time, there is growing and re-energized momentum for reparations for colonial harms, enslavement and genocide of Indigenous peoples. In addition to the longstanding efforts of the [Caribbean Community \(CARICOM\) to advance reparations](#) and the [African Union's year of reparations \(2025\) and decade of reparations \(2026-2036\)](#), there is increasingly broad support for reparations across the UN system and growing grassroots and civil society organizing.

There is also increasing recognition that the [climate crisis is a racial justice crisis](#) and that the harms of colonization, enslavement and ongoing racial discrimination contribute to climate injustice today.

Yet, to date there have been limited discussions about how movements for climate reparations and for reparations for colonialism and enslavement should substantively and strategically relate to one another. What can advocates for climate reparations learn from the many decades' long movement for reparations for enslavement and colonialism? How do different actors understand the content of reparations demands? What can be learned from concrete experiences advancing demands for reparations for climate harms and for enslavement and colonialism in relevant international and regional fora? What strategic and political insights can advocates exchange? Where may there be opportunities for convergence and collaboration across movements?

This informal, closed-door workshop will bring together a small group of key civil society and movement representatives working to advance demands for climate reparations – and in New York during climate week – with experts and advocates for reparations for enslavement and colonialism, to begin to discuss these questions. It will seek to generate initial reflections that can inform participants' engagements around reparations, including at COP30, and to develop a provisional agenda of key questions and issues for further discussion and cross-movement learning and collaboration. The Global Justice Clinic and the Bernstein Institute for Human Rights are interested in convening regular spaces for follow up discussions in the coming months. While the current global political context presents deep challenges to materially advancing reparations demands in the short term, it also makes organizing, strategizing and building for long term success all the more essential.

### Logistics

- Date: September 24, 2025, 9.30-11.30am
- Location: NYU School of Law, Wilf Hall 5<sup>th</sup> Floor.
- Format: In person workshop discussion under Chatham House rules.
- Hosted by: The [Global Justice Clinic](#) and the [Bernstein Institute for Human Rights](#) at NYU School of Law