Preface

Transnational environmental law is a young and dynamic area of research which responds to our pressing need to better understand and conceptualize the complexities of legal and regulatory responses to environmental problems. The purpose of this *Handbook* is to unpack the intricacies of this field of law to provide an accessible and broad-ranging guide to the major concepts, analytical tools, approaches and debates that shape transnational environmental law. By offering a detailed overview and critical discussion of the key themes and perspectives that characterize this burgeoning new discipline, we hope that the book will serve as an essential, state-of-the-art guide for further research.

We have assembled in this *Handbook* a rich collection of contributions that offer stimulating discussion on existing transnational legal phenomena and showcase the impressive variety, the depth and the potential for innovation of this budding research field. We are very grateful to the contributors who have joined this project, leading and emerging scholars from around the world who have responded with enthusiasm to the project and have written thought-provoking and original pieces.

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