

THE WINNERS

Intergenerational Justice Prize 2025/26

“The Personal Carbon Footprint”



Thomas Aneni · Adumaro Amabogha

“Beyond State Policy: The Personal Carbon Footprint, Climate Equity, and the Bottom-Up Imperative in the African Region and Nigeria”

Personal carbon footprint accounting is essential for equitable climate governance. Nigeria’s case reveals how structural failures inflate involuntary emissions for the poor while a wealthy minority drives luxury emissions unchecked. Three reforms are proposed: a bifurcated carbon tax, a clean energy fund, and a digital footprint tracker.

“Exploring the Legal Obligation to Reduce Personal Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through Climate Litigation Rulings”

This paper presents a theoretical framework for the legal basis underpinning the obligation for individuals to reduce emissions. It draws on analysis of climate litigation that ordered companies to cut emissions, with cited international human rights treaties.



Masako Ichihara



Hochung Cho · Jieun Jung

“The Personal Carbon Footprint of AI: Ethical Imperatives and Strategies for Individual AI Usage”

The paper argues that understanding the personal carbon footprint from AI usage is the essential first step to promoting collective mechanisms. When individual awareness meets systemic accountability, we can develop AI that honours both present needs and future generations’ rights.