

## Eva R van der Marel

Eva is employed as associate professor in law at UiT (fulltime), with primary teaching duties on the [LLM in the law of the sea](#) and the Joint Nordic Master Programme in Environmental Law ([NOMPEL](#)), as well as the new interdisciplinary [Ocean leadership masters](#).

Eva obtained her PhD in law from UiT (defended January 2020), where she previously worked at the former K. G. Jebsen Centre (now, Norwegian Centre) for the Law of the Sea, looking at the role of the market State in fisheries. Following this, she joined the European Commission (DG MARE) in Brussels, working on various law of the sea and fisheries related matters, and in particular, the fisheries subsidies negotiations at the WTO in Geneva, and the EU Arctic policy. She left this position to do a postdoc at the University of Oxford, working on the Oxford Martin School's "Future of Plastics" project, which examined how to best move towards a more sustainable plastics economy. She returned to Tromsø in January 2023 as associate professor.

Eva also holds an LLM in Environmental Law and Policy from UCL, a maitrise in European law from the University of Rennes 1, and an LLB (English and French law) from Exeter University.

Eva enjoys life above and below water, and this is reflected in both her research and general interests, which include windsurfing, climbing, trail running, back-country skiing, and diving in plastic-free oceans.

## Claudia Halsband

Claudia Halsband studies anthropogenic impacts of climatic warming, ocean acidification, and microplastics pollution on marine ecosystem structure and function, with a recent focus on the combined effects of multiple stressors on arctic ecosystems. She often conducts experiments to investigate exposure to, ingestion or uptake, and toxic effects of contaminants, in addition to field-based and modelling approaches, and uses a wide range of marine species, including copepods, sea urchins, crabs, and fish to address these questions. She is the Head of the Section Ecosystem Understanding at the private research institute Akvaplan-niva with headquarters in Tromsø, Norway, and a member of the steering committee of the Fram Centre program CLEAN (Cumulative impact of multiple stressors in High North ecosystems). Claudia has worked in many different marine environments ranging from the Mediterranean deep sea to Arctic fjords, published around 50 papers and

several book chapters, holds a joint European PhD from the Universities of Paris (France) and Oldenburg (Germany), and is a former EU Marie-Curie postdoctoral fellow, with research experience from posts in Germany, France, USA, UK, and Norway.

### **Christina Koch**

Christina Koch er prosjektleder i Stiftelsen Vårt Hav. Hun har en mastergrad i internasjonale relasjoner og er oppvokst i Tyskland. Hun har omfattende erfaring fra frivillig arbeid, ungdomsarbeid og internasjonalt samarbeid. Til daglig jobber hun med prosjektledelse og koordinering av bærekraftige tiltak på tvers av sektorer og landegrenser. Sammen med teamet i Stiftelsen Vårt Hav har hun arrangert over 250 frivillige ryddeaksjoner og engasjert omtrent 6000 frivillige i kampen mot marin forurensning i Finnmark, Troms og Nordland. Hun har også vært foredragsholder på PAME konferanse "International Symposium on Plastics in the Arctic", Hold Norge Rent konferanse og vant "outstanding poster award" på Arctic Frontiers 2025.