Climate Change Act 2008 - Panacea or Chimera

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Abstract: This presentation will look at the UK’s Climate Change Act of 2008 (the “Act”). The Act has been lauded as an example of framework legislation which provides a direction and impetus to a state’s publicly declared intentions and international commitments, in respect of climate change. In this presentation I will examine (1) the background and prevailing mood in Parliament and the country, which led to the Act; (2) the scope and some of the special features of the Act; and finally (3) the successes for which it can be said to have given rise, but also its shortcomings and the challenges it faces.

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