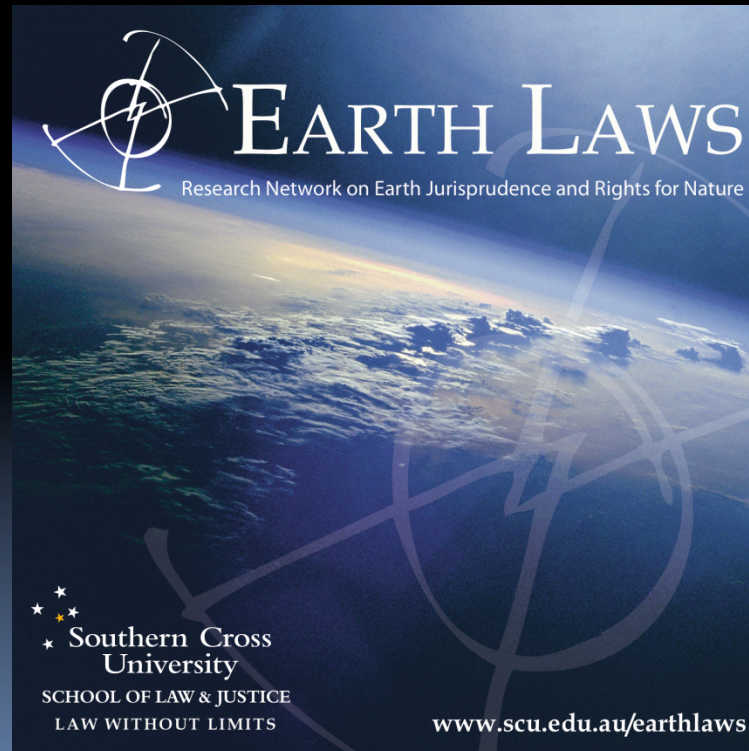


FROM ONTOLOGICAL ANTHROPOCENTRISM TO NORMATIVE ANTHROPOCENTRISM

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ANTHROPOCENTRISM

- What does it mean to be anthropocentric, and to move beyond it?
- Is it actually possible to do so?

ANTHROPOGENIC PERSPECTIVES



ONTOLOGICAL ANTHROPOCENTRISM

- Ontological anthropocentrism refers to a specific paradigmatic system of thinking
- Human exceptionalism
- Who makes claims to ontological anthropocentrism?



IS IT POSSIBLE TO TRANSCEND ONTOLOGICAL ANTHROPOCENTRISM?

We will always think as humans but that does not mean that we have to think as a purely intellectual mind believing in its own individual separation from everything other than the perceived self

TRANSCENDENCE?

Several states of non-anthropocentrism

- Intellectual perspectives
- Non-human centeredness (eco-centrism)
- Union

CHOPPING WOOD, CARRYING WATER



ONTOLOGICAL ANTHROPOCENTRISM vs NORMATIVE ANTHROPOCENTRISM

- Defining the 'nature' of transcendence is not the role of any normative intervention
- Normative anthropocentrism vs Ontological Anthropocentrism
- Bring 'awareness' back to the the project of reforming human environmental activities

SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURE?

- Capacity to damage does not equal sovereignty
- Capacity to limit damage does not equate sovereignty



A TELEOLOGICAL DEBATE (NOT AN ONTOLOGICAL ONE)

These operational tools help us to reconstruct, within human structures, a recognition of non human otherness (as a strategic subject)

STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL NORMATIVE ANTHROPOCENTRISM

- Indigenous sovereignties
- Environmental law
- Rights of nature

RIGHTS OF NATURE OR RIGHTS FOR NATURE

- 'Giving' or 'recognising' rights to nature as strategically valuable
- Rights FOR nature
- Non-human otherness reconstructed within human normative structures

The ongoing spiral

