

Building Earth Ethics in Australia: Pathways and Challenges

2 Day Conference - Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November 2019

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ACU, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy, Victoria 3065



Day 1: Thursday 28 November 2019

08.30 – 09:00	REGISTRATION - Foyer			
09.00 – 09:15	WELCOME TO COUNTRY - Christ Lecture Theatre			
09.15 – 09:30	INTRODUCTION TO CONFERENCE – Christ Lecture Theatre			
	<p>Welcome to the ACU: Dermot Nestor, Executive Dean, Faculty of Theology & Philosophy, Australian Catholic University</p> <p>Introduction to Conference: Dr Michelle Maloney, Australian Earth Laws Alliance (AELA) Mr Fatih Erol Tuncer, Australian Intercultural Society Dr Brian Adams, Centre for Interfaith and Cultural Dialogue, Griffith University</p>			
09.30 – 10:00	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION 1 – Christ Lecture Theatre			
	<p><i>“Caring for Country: Aboriginal Law and Ethics”</i> Mary Graham, Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Qld and Kombumerri Person (VIA ZOOM)</p>			
10.00 – 10:30	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION 2 – Christ Lecture Theatre			
	<p><i>“Relationships, Harm, and the Environment”</i> Dr David Killoren, Australian Catholic University</p>			
10.30 - 11.00	MORNING TEA - Foyer			
11.00 – 12.30	CONCURRENT SESSION 1 - (80 MINUTES)			
	Christ Lecture Theatre	Mercy Lecture Theatre	Room 405.G.04	Room 405.G.05
	1.1 LAW, REGULATION & ETHICS <i>Chair – Duncan Wallace</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Advancing a Relational Ethic for Global Governance: Re-defining State Sovereignty through Ubuntu”- Katy Gwiazdon, Center for Environmental Ethics and Law, VIA ZOOM, from the USA “Ethics and the regulation of gene technology” Bob Phelps, Gene Ethics “Juris Materialum” - Bronwen Lay, RMIT University 	1.2 LEARNING FROM INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS <i>Chair – Michelle Maloney</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The Birrarung is alive, has a heart, a spirit’ - the unfolding of the Yarra River Protection (Willip-gin Birrarung murrn) Act” - Andrew Kelly, Yarra Riverkeeper “Disaster! No Surprise” - Christine Winter University of Sydney “Reframing nature -- inverting the mandala” - Justin Lawson Deakin University 	1.3 WORKSHOP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Eco-poetics” - Kerryn Coombs-Valeontis Eco-arts Therapist (80 minutes) 	1.4 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION <i>Chair – Brian Adams</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Leading and learning for the re-enchantment of this world” - Ben Cook, Wesley College “Can it either be effective or justified, but not both? A way out of the sustainability education catch-22” - Nicky van Dijk, University of Tasmania “Walking with 'others': an eco-pedagogy for outdoor environmental education” - Genevieve Blades, LaTrobe University
12.30 - 01.30	LUNCH - Foyer			

01.30 – 02.30	CONCURRENT SESSION 2 - (50 MINUTES)			
	Christ Lecture Theatre	Mercy Lecture Theatre	Room 405.G.04	Room 405.G.05
	2.1 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION <i>Chair – Brian Adams</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Kids teaching teachers about recycling and connecting to the earth-tensions in the tearoom” - Dr William Smith, RMIT University “Holism: A teaching technique designed to develop ecological thinking skills” - Kerry Cochrane, Charles Sturt University “Gene Scene life sciences multi-media education project” - Bob Phelps, Gene Ethics 	2.2 WORKSHOP – INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Connection to Country”, - Uncle Stephen True-Arrow Indigenous Elder (50 minutes) 	2.3 WORKSHOP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Listening and Learning from Earth and each other across the Faith and Science Communities for the Good of Our Common Home” - Anne Lanyon Faith Ecology Network (50 minutes) 	2.4 WILDLIFE AND ETHICS <i>Chair – Ruth Luckins</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Addressing fish welfare in fisheries and aquaculture - 'wicked problem' or a new opportunity?” - Cat Dorey, Trillions “Native Animals, business and Ethics” - Alexandra Seddon, Potoroo Palace
02.30 – 03.30	CONCURRENT SESSION 3 - (50 MINUTES)			
	Christ Lecture Theatre	Mercy Lecture Theatre	Room 405.G.04	Room 405.G.05
	3.1 LISTENING TO THE NATURAL WORLD <i>“Hearing Our Place – Radical Listening Beyond the Anthrosphere”</i> - Andrew Skeoch Listening Earth (50 minutes, acoustic presentation and discussion)	3.2 GOVERNANCE, POLICY & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION <i>Chair – Duncan Wallace</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “From 'Anthropos' to 'Adam': reimagining governance in the Anthropocene” - Nathan Cooper University of Waikato “Participatory challenges around the nuclear power public inquiry in Australia” - Richard Hindmarsh Griffith University 	3.3 WORKSHOP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Bridging Values, Transforming Perceptions, Nourishing Action” - Liz Downes and Skye Mandozay (50 minutes) 	<i>During this session (2.30-3.30pm), this room will be available for small group discussions.</i>
03.30 - 04.00	AFTERNOON TEA – Foyer			
04.00 – 05.00	CONCURRENT SESSION 4 - (50 MINUTES)			
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	4.1 THE WISDOM OF PLANTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “When to 'other' and when is the 'other', us: Categories, conservation and law” - Robyn Bartel University of New England “‘Listen to the Reed’ – An Intercultural approach to Earth Stewardship in building Earth Ethics”, - Fatih Erol Tuncer Australian Intercultural Society 	4.2 EXPERIENTIAL WISDOM <i>“Experiential Wisdom and Earth Ethics”</i> - Manav Satija Satija Consulting (50 minutes)	4.3 WORKSHOP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Being with Being: Connection through meditation, sound and movement” - Lara Wiesel and Marissa Blunden (50 minutes) 	4.4 DISCUSSION <i>“Achieving the Sustainable and genuinely Democratic World of Common Aspiration”</i> - Katherine Dawn Earth Holocracy (50 minutes - presentation and discussion)
05.00 - 6.00	Drinks and networking			
6.30 - 8.30	CONFERENCE DINNER – \$55 for 3 course meal (grazing platter), “Grub Fitzroy”, 87-89 Moor Street, Fitzroy – http://grubfitzroy.com.au <i>* group booking has closed; but the restaurant may still have room for additional ‘walk in’ customers, who can join us at the group tables*</i>			

**** Activity taking place across the two days –**

'Tree is Life' a collaborative art project in aid of TreeSisters: women seeding change, by **Ursula Dutkiewicz, Tessa Wylde, Karen Hopkins, Xenica Douglas, Deborah Punton** and supported by The Flowering Heart Project.

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Day 2: Friday 29 November 2019

09.15 – 09:30	OPENING REMARKS – Christ Lecture Theatre			
	Dr Michelle Maloney , Australian Earth Laws Alliance (AELA) Mr Fatih Erol Tuncer , Australian Intercultural Society Dr Brian Adams , Centre for Interfaith and Cultural Dialogue, Griffith University			
09.30 – 10:00	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION 3 – Christ Lecture Theatre			
	<i>“Conservation in Aboriginal Homelands”</i> Freya Matthews , Adjunct Professor, Environmental Philosophy, Latrobe University			
10.00 – 10:30	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION 4 – Christ Lecture Theatre			
	<i>“Degrowth as an ‘Aesthetics of Existence’”</i> Dr Sam Alexander , Simplicity Institute and University of Melbourne			
10.30 - 11.00	MORNING TEA - Foyer			
11.00 – 12.30	CONCURRENT SESSION 5 - (80 MINUTES)			
	Christ Lecture Theatre	Mercy Lecture Theatre	Room 405.G.04	Room 405.G.05
	5.1 ETHICS AND ECONOMICS <i>Chair – Fatih Erol Tuncer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">“Churches as Earth centred economic communities?” - Jonathan Cornford University of Divinity“Living within limits: ecological ethics and religious practice” - Deb Guess University of Divinity“Funding the earth for survival” - Kevin Cox Welcomer“Kenosis: Sacrificial ethics for life in the Anthropocene” - Mick Pope University of Divinity	5.2 LAW, RIGHTS OF NATURE AND ETHICS <i>Chair – Michelle Maloney</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">“Should Mother Earth have Standing in the Age of Ecological and Climate Collapse?” - Keely Boom, Climate Justice Programme“A ‘Responsibility To Protect Principle’ for the Environment” - Anna Simpson“Rethinking Rights for Nature - Nature as Kin?” - Duncan Wallace Monash University	5.3 DISCUSSION GROUPS <ul style="list-style-type: none">“The role of ethics in building shared discussions across faiths” Brian Adams Griffith Interfaith and Cultural Dialogue Centre (50 minutes)“Embracing Heaven and Earth: Exploring a theologically informed spirituality that can drive and sustain Earth Ethics,” Mary Tinney, Earth Link (25 minutes)	5.4 WORKSHOPS <ul style="list-style-type: none">“Love in a Time of Climate Crisis” - Sieta Beckwith CERES (50 minutes)“What The Future Holds” - Howard Tankey and Susan Webster (25 minutes)
12.30 - 01.30	LUNCH – Foyer			

01.30 – 02.30	CONCURRENT SESSION 6 - (50 MINUTES)			
	Christ Lecture Theatre	Mercy Lecture Theatre	Room 405.G.04	Room 405.G.05
	6.1 YOUTH PERSPECTIVES – ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND ETHICS <i>Chair – Michelle Maloney</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Conversations with Wesley College students developing <i>Earth Ethics</i>” - Ben Cook and students Wesley College (50 minutes) 	6.2 FAITH AND ETHICS <i>Chair – Brian Adams</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “To Serve and Observe: Re-evaluating the ecological ethics of the Judaeo-Christian creation myths” - Jonathan Cornford University of Divinity “Community Development for Ecological Conversion” - Anne Jennings University of Notre Dame “Role of religious leadership in caring for our home” - Elizabeth Krishna (via zoom) 	6.3 WORKSHOP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Bee Theatre - enacting hive life to develop bee centric approaches to community resilience” - SezzaJai Sykes Beekeeper and Desert Activist, Alice Springs (50 minutes) 	6.4 DISCUSSION GROUP <i>“The Growth Based Paradigm vs Earth Ethics”</i> - Michael Bayliss and Mark Allen , Population Permaculture and Planning (50 minutes)
02.30 – 03.30	CONCURRENT SESSION 7 - (50 MINUTES)			
	Christ Lecture Theatre	Mercy Lecture Theatre	Room 405.G.04	Room 405.G.05
	7.1 PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSION <i>Chair – Duncan Wallace</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Te Awaroa – Voice of the Whanganui River” Daniel Hikuroa, Carola Cullum, and Gary Brierley VIA ZOOM, from New Zealand (50 minutes) 	7.2 THE ROLE OF THE ARTS AND STORY TELLING <i>Chair – James Lee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “To Meet The Future We Must Embiggen Our Imaginations: The Critical Role of Stories” - Katherine Phelps Glass Wings “Randolph Stow's Tourmaline: An Ecological Allegory of Transformation in the Law” - David Fonteyn UNSW Institute of Languages 	7.3 DISCUSSION GROUP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Veganism: Towards Ecocentric Culture” - Scott Wallace (50 minutes, presentation and discussion) 	7.4 ETHICS IN AGRICULTURE <i>Chair – Brian Adams</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The role of ethics in building new food systems” - Nick Rose, Sustain “Ethics for farming and living on the land” - Gerard Lawry Eaglerise Farm
03.30 - 04.00	AFTERNOON TEA - Foyer			
04.00 – 05.00	CONCURRENT SESSION 8 - (50 MINUTES)			
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	8.1 FAITH AND ETHICS <i>Chair – Brian Adams</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The Quaker Earthcare Approach” - Elizabeth PO’ “Protection of the Environment from Islamic Viewpoint” - Reda Ibrahim Abdelgalil (via zoom) <i>Laudato Si and Earth Ethics</i> - Peter Saunders 	8.2 EXPLORING DEEP ECOLOGY <i>Chair – Christine Winter</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The elusive metaphysics of the school/home environmental milieu” - Dr William Smith RMIT University “Dance of the Numinous: Cohering Science and Spirit in service of Earth-centrism”, - Manav Satija and Armar Dhall 	8.3 EXTENDING ETHICS TO NON-HUMAN LIFE <i>Chair – Duncan Wallace</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Examining one barrier to an Earth-centred ethics in Australia” - Graham Wood University of Tasmania “Finding the right balance” - Chris Dalton Ethics Committee of the Victorian/Tasmanian Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia 	8.4 WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Somatic Tree Wisdom” - Sitara Gare, Urban Forester (25 minute workshop) “Bushwalking, science and action: the personal and the political with the Victorian National Parks Association”, Caitlin Griffith (25 minutes – presentation and discussion)
05.00 – 05:20	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION 5 – Christ Lecture Theatre			
	<i>“Earth jurisprudence – a framework for practicing Earth ethics”</i> Dr Michelle Maloney , Australian Earth Laws Alliance			
05.20 – 05:30	CLOSING REMARKS & PRACTICAL STEPS FOR EARTH ETHICS IN AUSTRALIA - – Christ Lecture Theatre			
	Dr Michelle Maloney , Australian Earth Laws Alliance Mr Fatih Erol Tuncer , Australian Intercultural Society Dr Brian Adams , Griffith University			
5.30pm	CONFERENCE CLOSE			
5.30-6.30pm	Performance – ‘Music for a Warming World’ – Simon Kerr, Kylie Moriggan and Mal Webb (Christ Lecture Theatre) <i>** Please join us for a provocative musical performance and ‘wind down’ after the Earth Ethics Conference concludes**</i>			