Earth Laws Asia Pacific – Earth, Sea, Fire, Spirit

3 Day Conference – ONLINE – Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th October 2020

Hosted by the Australian Earth Laws Alliance

DRAFT PROGRAM (16 September 2020)

**Day 1: Wednesday 14 October 2020**

Zoom link for all **plenary sessions** (webinar format – to be advised)

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| 9.30-11.00 | **PLENARY SESSION 1 – EARTH SYSTEM SCIENCE AND EARTH SYSTEM LAW**  
Will STEFFEN, Stockholm Resilience Centre and the Climate Council  
Jonathan PICKERING, Earth System Governance (to be confirmed)  
Peter LAWRENCE, UTAS, Taskforce on Earth System Law |
| 11.00-11.30 | MORNING TEA BREAK |
| 11.30-1PM | **PLENARY SESSION 2 – PROTECTING OUR OCEANS**  
Fran HUMPHRIES, Griffith University  
Michelle BENDER, Earth Laws Centre, USA  
Daniel HIKUROA, University of Auckland, New Zealand (4th speaker from Pacific region to be confirmed) |
| 1.00-1.15PM | **ONLINE BOOK LAUNCH – Earth Laws Textbook** – Tony Zelle and Grant Wilson, Earth Law Center USA |
| 1.15-2.00PM | LUNCH BREAK |
| 2.00-3.30PM | **PLENARY SESSION 3 – RIGHTS OF NATURE IN ECUADOR AND THE PHILIPPINES**  
Hugo ECHEVERRIA, Ecuador  
Yolanda R ESGUERRA, PMPI (Philippine-Misereor Partnership), Philippines  
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| 3.30-4pm | AFTERNOON TEA |
| 4.00-5.30pm | **PLENARY SESSION 4 – RIGHTS OF NATURE IN ECUADOR AND THE PHILIPPINES**  
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| 6.00pm-8pm | OPENING NIGHT – ‘VOICES OF NATURE 2020’ ART EXHIBITION – Vacant Assembly, West End, Brisbane (with zoom connections for guests outside Brisbane to join the talks and performances) |
## Day 2: Thursday 15 October 2020

Zoom link for all plenary sessions (webinar format), Day 2 – (tba)

### 9.15-9.30
Welcome and opening remarks – Dr Michelle Maloney, Australian Earth Laws Alliance

### 9.30-11.00
**PLENARY SESSION 4 – EMERGING TRENDS IN EARTH CENTRED LAW**  
*Presented by the Ecological Law and Governance Association (ELGA)*

Klaus BOSSEL Mann, University of Auckland, New Zealand  
Katy GWIAZDON, Center for Environmental Ethics and Law, USA  
Geoff GARVER, McGill University Law School, Canada

### 11.00-11.30
**MORNING TEA BREAK**

### 11.30-1PM
**PLENARY SESSION 5 – CARING FOR COUNTRY – LAWS OF THE LAND, FIRE AND WATER**

Mary GRAHAM, Future Dreaming & University of Qld – The relationist ethos and the law of the land  
 Victor STEFFENSEN (to be confirmed) – Fire Country  
 Virginia MARSHALL – The law of water

### 1.00-1.15PM
**ONLINE ARTS – “Children’s Fire”, Lizz Hill, Wild Mountains**

### 1.15-2.00PM
**LUNCH BREAK**

### 2.00-3.30PM
**CONCURRENT SESSION 1 - (90 MINUTES)**

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| PANEL – “Respect is Country”, Uncle Herb ROBERTS, Uncle Allan PHILLIPS, Janine DUNLEAVY, Atalanta LLOYD-HAYNES (50 minutes) | PANEL – Save the Sepik River Campaign, Papua New Guinea – Emmanuel PENI, Emily MITCHELL + others (50 minutes) | PRESENTATIONS –  
Reconciling rights of nature with the Anthropocene - Alice BLEBY  
Rethinking the Nature of Rights - Rena HASIMI  
Rights of Nature Tribunals - Margot SLABBERT  
Finding nature in the common law - Lachlan PENNILIKAN (4 x 15 minute presentations, followed by 30 mins Q&A) |

**EXPERIENTIAL PRESENTATION –**  
Listening to Nature – Andrew SKEOCH, Wildlife sound recording artist (40 minutes)

**WORKSHOP –**  
Bridging the Divides on Climate Action – PART 1 – “Wicked Elephants”: Caresse CRANWELL & Deborah COLLINS (40 minutes)

### 3.30-4pm
**AFTERNOON TEA**

### 4.00-5.30pm
**PLENARY SESSION 6 – CLIMATE CHANGE: CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS**

Brendan MACKEY, Director, Climate Action Beacon, Griffith University  
Nicole ROGERS, Southern Cross University Law School (Speaker to be confirmed) – Climate change impacts in the Pacific: an update

### 6.00pm-8pm
**PLENARY SESSION 7 – ERADICATING ECOCIDE – DEVELOPMENTS AROUND THE WORLD**  
(speakers to be confirmed)
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<td>PANEL – Relational Accountability with Country – Stuart BARLO, Margaret HUGHES, Alex PEZZON, Shawn Wilson (45 minutes)</td>
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<td>PANEL – Blue Peril: Pacific Ways in the Protection of Oceans from Seabed Mining – Natalie LOWREY, Jonathan MESULAM, Dr Helen ROSENBAUM (50 minutes)</td>
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| 3.3 Climate change & ecocentrism | PRESENTATIONS –  
  - Politics of Climate Change – Next Steps - Nelson QUINN & Natalie SCLIPPA  
  - Climate Change and the Asia Pacific Region – (speaker to be confirmed)  
  - Veganism: Towards ecocentric culture - Scott WALLACE (3 x 20 minute presentations, followed by 30 mins Q&A) |
| 3.4 WORKSHOPS | Zoom link – Managing Youth Legal Movements to foster Eco-centric Law Reform and Legal Cultures, Annika REYNOLDS, Green Law (25 minutes)  
  WORKSHOP – Bridging the Divides on Climate Action – PART 2 – “Wicked Elephants”: Caress CRANWELL & Deborah COLLINS (40 minutes)  
  EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Mother Earth. Reconnection to Life - Vanessa HASSON DE OLIVEIRA (20 minutes) |
| 3.30-4pm   | AFTERNOON TEA                                                                       |
| 4.00-5pm   | **PLENARY SESSION 9 – CLOSING SESSION – THE FUTURE OF EARTH LAWS IN AUSTRALIA**     |
|            | PANEL - Michelle MALONEY, Mary GRAHAM (Kombumerri First Nations Peoples), Ross WILLIAMS (Bindal/Juru First Nations Peoples), Barry HUNTER (First Nations), Justice PRESTON – NSW Land and Environment Court (others to be confirmed) |