

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

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Day 1: Wednesday 14 October 2020

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

9.15-9.30	Welcome and opening remarks – Dr Michelle Maloney, Australian Earth Laws Alliance			
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 (4 th speaker from Pacific region to be confirmed)			
1.00-1.15PM	ONLINE BOOK LAUNCH – <i>Earth Laws Textbook</i> – Tony Zelle and Grant Wilson, Earth Law Center USA			
1.15-2.00PM	LUNCH BREAK			
2.00-3.30PM	CONCURRENT SESSION 1 - (90 MINUTES)			
	1.1 Earth – Challenging Extractivism Zoom link - PANEL – Challenging mining and protecting traditional lands in Chile – Erin FITZ-HENRY and speakers from Chile tbc <i>(50 minutes)</i> DISCUSSION - Rights of Nature in Ecuador: where biodiversity and mining frontlines clash – Liz DOWNES and Susie RUSSELL <i>(25 minutes)</i> EXPERIENTIAL PRESENTATION – The Overview Effect – Richard WHITEHURST <i>(15 minutes)</i>	1.2 Developments in Ocean Law Zoom link - PANEL – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fran HUMPHRIES – 15 mins Harriet HARDEN-DAVIES – 15 mins Genevieve QUIRK – 15 mins (4th speaker to be confirmed) <i>(4 x 15 minute presentations, followed by 30 mins Q&A)</i>	1.3 Protecting biodiversity Zoom link - PRESENTATION – Beyond Access and Benefit Sharing: The Rights of Nature as an ‘Ecocentric’ Approach to Biodiversity Conservation - David JEFFERSEN – <i>(15 min pres + 5 mins Q&A)</i> PRESENTATION Apples and oranges? Exchanging offsets for a place agency-based approach - Robyn BARTEL <i>(15 min pres + 5 mins Q&A)</i> DISCUSSION – Three Steps to Modernise CITES - Lynn JOHNSON & Donalea PATMAN <i>(40 minutes)</i>	1.4 Spirit Zoom link - PANEL – Building Earth Law through Aesthetics and Emotions – Benjamin RICHARDSON, Katie WOOLASTON, Nicole ROGERS <i>(90 minutes)</i>
3.30-4pm	AFTERNOON TEA			
4.00-5.30pm	PLENARY SESSION 3 – RIGHTS OF NATURE IN ECUADOR AND THE PHILIPPINES			
	Hugo ECHEVERRIA, Ecuador Yolanda R ESGUERRA, PMPI (Philippine-Misereor Partnership), Philippines Enteng BAUTISTA, Kalikasan Peoples Network for the Environment, Philippines			
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 <i>Presented by the Ecological Law and Governance Association (ELGA)</i>			
	Klaus BOSSELMANN, 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)			
	2.1 Earth – Respecting and Listening to Country Zoom link -	2.2 From Rivers to the Sea: Zoom link -	2.3 Rights of Nature – emerging issues Zoom link	2.4 Earth laws, Rights of Nature and the role of culture Zoom link
	PANEL – “Respect is Country”, Uncle Herb ROBERTS, Uncle Allan PHILLIPS, Janine DUNLEAVY, Atalanta LLOYD-HAYNES <i>(50 minutes)</i> EXPERIENTIAL PRESENTATION – Listening to Nature – Andrew SKEOCH, Wildlife sound recording artist <i>(40 minutes)</i>	PANEL – Save the Sepik River Campaign, Papua New Guinea – Emmanuel PENI, Emily MITCHELL + others <i>(50 minutes)</i> WORKSHOP – Bridging the Divides on Climate Action – PART 1 – “Wicked Elephants”: Caresse CRANWELL & Deborah COLLINS <i>(40 minutes)</i>	PRESENTATIONS – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <i>(4 x 15 minute presentations, followed by 30 mins Q&A)</i>	PRESENTATIONS - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Yarra/Birrarung Act, the 'Waterways of the West' and the Barwon River initiative - Andrew KELLY Indigenous Kashmiri approaches to interconnectedness - Sarah GATES Towards Creating a More Effective Earth Law Regime: Do Customs and Traditions Hold the Key? Lessons from India – Manjeri RAJ Earth Laws – Historical precedents, today’s Planetary Challenge, for the Future - Sasha IVANOVICH <i>(4 x 15 minute presentations, followed by 30 mins Q&A)</i>
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)			

Day 3: Friday 16 October 2020

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9.15-9.30	Welcome and opening remarks – Dr Michelle Maloney, Australian Earth Laws Alliance			
9.30-11.00	PLENARY SESSION 7 – Rights of Nature – emerging issues			
	Mari MARGIL – Trends, developments around the world Victor DAVID – Rights of the Pacific Ocean Ceridwen DOVEY and Michelle MALONEY – Declaration of the Rights of the Moon (Speaker to be confirmed) – Operationalising the Rights of Nature: the work of the Blue Mountains City Council			
11.00-11.30	MORNING TEA BREAK			
11.30-1PM	PLENARY SESSION 8 – RECOGNISING THE RIGHTS OF ANCESTRAL BEINGS			
	Anne POELINA, Majala Inc & Martuwarra Council Erin O'DONNELL, Melbourne Law School Alex PELIZZON, Southern Cross University			
1PM-2PM	LUNCH BREAK			
2.00-3.30PM	CONCURRENT SESSION 3 - (90 MINUTES)			
	3.1 Earth – Caring for Country	3.2 Sea bed mining Zoom link -	3.3 Climate change & ecocentrism Zoom link	3.4 WORKSHOPS Zoom link
	PANEL – Relational Accountability with Country – Stuart BARLO, Margaret HUGHES, Alex PELIZZON, Shawn Wilson <i>(45 minutes)</i> PANEL - Relational Perspectives on Cultivating Land and Peace - Kyasingmong MARMA, Stuart BARLO, Greg BORK, Margaret HUGHES, Sylvie MILLARD <i>(45 minutes)</i>	PANEL – Blue Peril: Pacific Ways in the Protection of Oceans from Seabed Mining – Natalie LOWREY, Jonathan MESULAM, Dr Helen ROSENBAUM <i>(50 minutes)</i>	PRESENTATIONS – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <i>(3 x 20 minute presentations, followed by 30 mins Q&A)</i>	WORKSHOP – Managing Youth Legal Movements to foster Eco-centric Law Reform and Legal Cultures Annika REYNOLDS, Green Law <i>(25 minutes)</i> WORKSHOP – Bridging the Divides on Climate Action – PART 2 – “Wicked Elephants”: Caresse CRANWELL & Deborah COLLINS <i>(40 minutes)</i> EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Mother Earth. Reconnection to Life - Vanessa HASSON DE OLIVEIRA <i>(20 minutes)</i>
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)			