

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

FINAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

All sessions are UTC+10.00 (AEST – Australian Eastern Standard Time)

To register visit: <https://www.earthlaws.org.au/events/earth-sea-fire-spirit/>
3 day tickets start at \$25



Day 1: Wednesday 14 October 2020

9.15-9.30	Welcome, acknowledgement of country 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, <i>New developments in Earth System science and Planetary Boundaries</i> Jonathan PICKERING, University of Canberra, <i>Earth System Governance</i> Peter LAWRENCE, UTAS, <i>The work of the Taskforce on Earth System Law</i>			
11.00-11.30	MORNING TEA BREAK			
11.30-1PM	PLENARY SESSION 2 – PROTECTING OUR OCEANS			
	Genevieve QUIRK, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS), University of Wollongong Fran HUMPHRIES, Law Futures Centre, Griffith University Harriet HARDEN-DAVIES, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS), University of Wollongong Clement Yow MULALAP, Legal advisor of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United States Michelle BENDER, Earth Laws Center, USA Daniel HIKUROA, University of Auckland, New Zealand			
1.00-1.15PM	ONLINE BOOK LAUNCH – <u><i>Earth Law: Emerging Ecocentric Law – A Guide for Practitioners</i></u> 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	1.2 Environmental Defenders	1.3 Protecting biodiversity	1.4 Spirit
	PANEL – Citizens’ Inquiry into the Health of the Barka/Darling River and Menindee Lakes – Michelle MALONEY, Gill BOEHRINGER, Gwynn MACCARICK (50 minutes) DISCUSSION - Rights of Nature in Ecuador: where biodiversity and mining frontlines clash – Liz DOWNES and Susie RUSSELL (25 minutes) EXPERIENTIAL PRESENTATION – The Overview Effect – Richard WHITEHURST (15 minutes)	<i>Presented by Environmental Defenders Office Australia</i> PANEL – Current issues in law reform and litigation in public interest environmental law in Australia Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revel POINTON, EDO• Fleur RAMSAY, EDO• Briana COLLINS, EDO• Alison ROSE, EDO	PRESENTATION – Beyond Access and Benefit Sharing: The Rights of Nature as an ‘Ecocentric’ Approach to Biodiversity Conservation - David JEFFERSEN – (15 min pres + 5 mins Q&A) PRESENTATION Apples and oranges? Exchanging offsets for a place agency-based approach - Robyn BARTEL (15 min pres + 5 mins Q&A) DISCUSSION – Three Steps to Modernise CITES - Lynn JOHNSON & Donalea PATMAN (40 minutes)	PANEL – Building Earth Law through Aesthetics and Emotions – Benjamin RICHARDSON, Katie WOOLASTON, Nicole ROGERS (90 minutes)
3.30-4pm	AFTERNOON TEA			
4.00-5.00pm	PLENARY SESSION 3 – RIGHTS OF NATURE AND LEGAL PERSONHOOD – DEVELOPMENTS AROUND THE PACIFIC			
	Yolanda R ESGUERRA, PMPI (Philippine-Misereor Partnership), Philippines Catherine IORNS, University of Wellington, New Zealand			
6.pm-7.30pm	OPENING NIGHT – ‘VOICES OF NATURE 2020’ ART EXHIBITION – Vacant Assembly, West End, Brisbane <i>Launch</i> – “Voices of Nature 2020 Art Exhibition” & AELA’s “Earthwords and Artlings Anthology” – The launch will include short talks by participating artists (visual arts, nature based acoustic/sound recording artists, sculptors, photographers, film makers, poets and creative writers) <i>(Zoom links will be provided for guests outside Brisbane to join the talks and performances)</i>			

Day 2: Thursday 15 October 2020

9.15-9.30	Welcome, acknowledgement of country and opening remarks			
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 – <i>Advancing Ecological Law: Earth Trusteeship</i> Katy GWIAZDON, Center for Environmental Ethics and Law, USA – <i>Climate change ethics in law and policy</i> Geoff GARVER, McGill University, Canada – <i>Attachment to place in ecological law</i>			
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, Kombumerri person, Future Dreaming & University of Qld – <i>The Relationist Ethos and the Law of the Land</i> Barry HUNTER, Chairperson, Aboriginal Carbon Foundation and Djabugay Bulmba Rangers – <i>Managing Fire in Australia</i> Virginia MARSHALL, ANU – <i>“Aqua Nullius” and Aboriginal Water Rights</i>			
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 2 - (90 MINUTES)			
	2.1 Earth – Respecting and Listening to Country	2.2 From Rivers to the Sea	2.3 Rights of Nature – emerging issues	2.4 Earth laws, Rights of Nature and the role of culture
	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 PENNILLIKAN <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 – <i>Recent Developments in the Science of Climate Change</i> Nicole ROGERS, Southern Cross University Law School – <i>Climate Change Litigation Around the World</i> Kosi Latau, Director-General SPREP, <i>Climate Change Impacts in the Pacific: An Update</i>			
5.30pm-6.30pm	LAUNCH EVENT – Final Report from the Citizens Inquiry into the Health of the Barka/Darling River and Menindee Lakes Australian Peoples’ Tribunal for Community and Nature’s Rights (www.tribunal.org.au) <i>Speakers include: Dr Michelle Maloney, Gill Boehringer, Dr Gwynn MacCarrick, Manav Satija, Ross Williams (Report Authors) and community members who live along the Darling River and Menindee Lakes</i> Conference participants will be provided with the link for this event in the conference program. Tickets for this FREE ONLINE event are also open to people not attending the conference, and can be booked here: https://events.humanitix.com/voices-of-the-barka			
6.30pm-8pm	PUBLIC LECTURE - ERADICATING ECOCIDE – DEVELOPMENTS AROUND THE WORLD <i>Speakers: Jojo Mehta (Stop Ecocide); Dr Gwynn MacCarrick, University of Tasmania</i> Conference participants will be provided with the link for this event in the conference program. Tickets for this ONLINE event are also open to people not attending the conference, and can be booked here: https://events.humanitix.com/end-ecocide-aela-webinar			

Day 3: Friday 16 October 2020

9.15-9.30	Welcome, acknowledgement of country and opening remarks – Dr Michelle Maloney, Australian Earth Laws Alliance			
9.30-11.00	PLENARY SESSION 7 – Rights of Nature – emerging issues			
	<p>Mari MARGIL, Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights, USA – <i>Innovative developments in Rights of Nature laws globally</i></p> <p>Victor DAVID, L'Institut de recherche pour le developpement (IRD), Noumea – <i>Rights of the Pacific Ocean</i></p> <p>Nick RIGBY, Blue Mountains City Council – <i>Operationalising the Rights of Nature: the work of the Blue Mountains City Council</i></p> <p>Ceridwen DOVEY and Michelle MALONEY – <i>Declaration of the Rights of the Moon</i></p>			
11.00-11.30	MORNING TEA BREAK			
11.30-1PM	PLENARY SESSION 8 – RECOGNISING THE RIGHTS OF ANCESTRAL BEINGS			
	<p>Anne POELINA, Madjulla Inc & Martuwarra Council</p> <p>Erin O'DONNELL, Melbourne Law School</p> <p>Alex PELIZZON, Southern Cross University</p>			
1PM-2PM	LUNCH BREAK			
2.00-3.30PM	CONCURRENT SESSION 3 - (90 MINUTES)			
	3.1 Earth – Caring for Country	3.2 Sea bed mining	3.3 Climate change & ecocentrism	3.4 WORKSHOPS
	<p>PANEL – Relational Accountability with Country – Stuart BARLO, Margaret HUGHES, Alex PELIZZON, Shawn Wilson (45 minutes)</p> <p>PANEL - Relational Perspectives on Cultivating Land and Peace - Kyasingmong MARMA, Stuart BARLO, Greg BORK, Margaret HUGHES, Sylvie MILLARD (45 minutes)</p>	<p>PANEL – Blue Peril: Pacific Ways in the Protection of Oceans from Seabed Mining – Natalie LOWREY, Jonathan MESULAM, Dr Helen ROSENBAUM (50 minutes)</p>	<p>PRESENTATIONS –</p> <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 <p>(3 x 20 minute presentations, followed by 30 mins Q&A)</p>	<p>WORKSHOP – Managing Youth Legal Movements to foster Eco-centric Law Reform and Legal Cultures Annika REYNOLDS, Green Law (25 minutes)</p> <p>WORKSHOP – Bridging the Divides on Climate Action – PART 2 – “Wicked Elephants”: Caresse CRANWELL & Deborah COLLINS (40 minutes)</p> <p>EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Mother Earth. Reconnection to Life - Vanessa HASSON DE OLIVEIRA (20 minutes)</p>
3.30-4pm	AFTERNOON TEA			
4.00-5pm	PLENARY SESSION 9 – CLOSING SESSION – THE FUTURE OF EARTH LAWS IN AUSTRALIA			
	<p>PANEL - Michelle MALONEY, Mary GRAHAM (Kombumerri First Nations Peoples), Ross WILLIAMS (Bindal/Juru First Nations Peoples), Barry HUNTER (First Nations), (others to be confirmed)</p>			
5pm	CLOSE AND FAREWELL			