

# Securing justice for the planet

OPPORTUNITIES FOR,  
AND BARRIERS TO,  
COURSE CORRECTION



## Program

**Day 1: Wednesday 18 March 2026**

| Time             | Session                                                                | Speaker/s                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Location                                           |
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| 9am – 9.30am     | <b>Registration</b>                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building |
| 9.30am – 10.30am | <b>Opening session</b>                                                 | <p><u>Welcome to Country:</u> <b>Aunty Roslyn Fogg OAM</b>, Dharug Elder, Muru Mittigar</p> <p><u>Welcoming remarks:</u> <b>Prof Lise Barry</b>, Dean, Macquarie Law School</p> <p><u>Setting the context:</u> <b>Prof Surya Deva</b>, Director, Environmental Law Research Centre and <b>Mr Sebastien Gillioz</b>, Deputy Representative, UN Human Rights Pacific</p> <p><u>Vote of thanks:</u> <b>Dr Catherine Gascoigne</b>, Macquarie Research Fellow, Macquarie Law School</p> | 330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building |
| 10.30am – 11am   | <b>TEA BREAK</b>                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                    |
| 11am – 12.30pm   | <b>Session 1</b><br><b>Theoretical approaches to planetary justice</b> | <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Prof Sara Seck</b>, Schulich School of Law and Director, Marine &amp; Environmental Law Institute, Dalhousie University</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <p><b>Prof Rosemary Lyster</b>, Professor, University of Sydney Law School</p> <p><i>Hearing the reparations demands of Earth others in the polycrisis (Video)</i></p>                                                                                                                                | 330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building |

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**Dr Francesca Marzatico**, Lecturer, School of Surveying, University of Otago

*Co-production of “the law from below”: Reflections on working at the interface to decolonise law*

**Prof Beth Goldblatt**, Professor, University of Technology Sydney

*Supporting climate litigation as care work*

**Prof Patricia Grazziotin Noschang**, Professor, University of Passo Fundo, and **Dr Erika Pires Ramos**, Co-founder of South American Network for Environmental Migrations (RESAMA)

*Responsibility to protect in climate-induced disasters: Human rights, visibility, and international responsibility* (Virtual)

**Ms Gillian Moon**, UNSW Law & Justice Senior Visiting Fellow and Research Lead for the Australian Climate Accountability Project, Australian Human Rights Institute

*Standing outside the law: Australia’s human rights choice*

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| 12.30pm – 1pm | <b>Spotlight speaker</b>                                                        | <b>Mr Vishal Prasad</b> , Director, Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change<br><br><u>Discussant:</u> <b>Ms Kavita Naidu</b> , Feminist climate activist                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building |
| 1pm – 2pm     | <b>LUNCH</b>                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                    |
| 2pm – 3.30pm  | <b>Session 2</b><br><b>Critical reflections on the triple advisory opinions</b> | <u>Moderator:</u> <b>Prof Ben Boer</b> , Emeritus Professor, University of Sydney Law School<br><br><u>Presenters:</u><br><br><b>Ms Nisha Bhaskar</b> , Assistant Professor of Law, KLE Law College, Bengaluru<br><br><i>Questioning the determination: On equity, human rights and sustainability</i><br><br><b>Mr Justin Lim</b> , Sheridan Fellow, National University of Singapore<br><br><i>Inseparable: Legal duties for climate mitigation and adaptation</i><br><br><b>Mr Tonmoy Halder</b> , LLM student, Khulna University, Bangladesh and Co-Editor, Law and Society Students’ Journal<br><br><i>From opinion to obligation: The transformative role of climate advisory opinions in advancing planetary justice</i> (Virtual)<br><br><b>Mr Yohan Liyanage</b> , Director, Seychelles Law Commission | 330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building |

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*Judicial voices for the planet: Advisory opinions and the transformation of climate governance*

**Mr Matthew Baird**, Director, Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law, and **Mr Roger Joseph (Rocky) Guzman**, Director for Law and Policy, Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law

*Applying and implementing the ICJ advisory opinion in ASEAN*

**Mr Mohamed Sobhy Hassan Ali Mohamed**, Assistant Lecturer, Zagazig University

*Advisory opinions and planetary justice: Reframing international obligations from a Global South perspective (Virtual)*

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| 3.30pm – 4pm | <b>TEA BREAK</b>                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                    |
| 4pm – 5.30pm | <b>Session 3A</b><br><b>Climate change litigation</b> | <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Dr Ebony Birchall</b>, Senior Lecturer, Macquarie Law School</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <p><b>Associate Prof Jolene Lim</b>, Director, Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law, National University of Singapore</p> <p><i>The rise of climate litigation in Asia (Video)</i></p> <p><b>Dr Rumbidzai Wendy Muzangaza</b>, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, South African Research Chair in Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability (SARChI CLES)</p> <p><i>Litigating climate justice through environmental human rights: A transformative tool for Africa's course correction</i></p> <p><b>Ms Maria Nawaz</b>, Project Lead, Australian Climate Accountability Project, Australian Human Rights Institute</p> <p><i>Gatekeeping justice: Comparative perspectives on standing in climate litigation</i></p> <p><b>Mr José Daniel Rodríguez-Orúe</b>, Kenneth Roth Practitioner in Residence, Human Rights Watch and <b>Mr Verena Kahl</b>, Research Assistant, Europa-Kolleg Hamburg</p> <p><i>The right to a healthy climate and the next wave of climate litigation (Virtual)</i></p> <p><b>Ms Moumita Das Gupta</b>, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh and Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Climate Justice-Bangladesh (CCJ-B) and <b>Mr Hafij Khan</b>, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh and Director, CCJ-B</p> <p><i>Admissible evidence of human rights violations through anthropogenic climate change: Analysis of the advisory opinions (Virtual)</i></p> | 330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building |

**Session 3B**  
**Oceans as the new frontier of climate governance?**

Moderator: **Dr Abdullah-Al Arif**, Lecturer, Macquarie Law School

Presenters:

**Ms Emily Price**, Director, Pacific Mining Program, Jubilee Australia Research Centre and **Mr Greg Phelps**, Barrister, Solicitor in the *Sanda v PTTEP Australasia (Ashmore Cartier)* cases in the Federal Court of Australia

*Transboundary justice and the Montara oil disaster*

**Dr Ethan Beringen**, Lecturer, University of Queensland

*Un-natural disaster? South Australia's harmful algal bloom in the context of international law*

**Ms Shushmita Ahmed**, PhD Candidate, University of Technology Sydney, Australia

*Integrating human rights into deep seabed mining governance: Accountability, equity, and environmental justice*

**Dr Francesca Marzatico**, Lecturer, School of Surveying, University of Otago, **Associate Prof Katharina Ruckstuhl**, Associate Professor, Business School, University of Otago, **Ms Rachel Ruckstuhl-Mann**, PhD Candidate, University of Auckland and **Prof Christina Hulbe**, Professor, School of Surveying, University of Otago

*Antarctic geoengineering interventions: Legal and governance considerations*

224 Moot Court,  
Level 2, Michael  
Kirby Building

6pm

**Depart for  
conference  
dinner**

## Day 2: Thursday 19 March 2026

| Time           | Session                                                                     | Speaker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Location                                           |
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| 9am – 10.30am  | <b>Session 4</b><br><b>Perspectives on a just climate change transition</b> | <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Ms Patricia Chand</b>, Lecturer, Justice Davendra Pathik School of Law, University of Fiji</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <p><b>Dr Wesley Morgan</b>, Research Associate, Institute for Climate Risk &amp; Response, University of New South Wales</p> <p><i>Unfinished business of the global climate regime: Pacific leadership toward a managed phaseout of fossil fuels</i></p> <p><b>Dr Francesca Rosignoli</b>, Senior Researcher, Institute for Minority Rights, EURAC</p> <p><i>Doing environmental justice through climate assemblies? Lessons learned from two case studies in Austria and Italy</i></p> <p><b>Mr Hossain Mohammad Reza</b>, PhD Candidate, University of Melbourne</p> <p><i>Barriers on the bench: Tracing the life cycle of climate adaptation litigation</i></p> <p><b>Ms Raisa Savitri Ramadhani</b>, PhD Candidate, University of Adelaide</p> <p><i>The dual nexus: Industry as victim and driver – The need for climate adaptation in industrial estate development in Indonesia</i></p> <p><b>Ms Van Quynh Ngo</b>, Independent researcher</p> <p><i>Justice in transition: Examining renewable energy policy under authoritarian environmentalism in Vietnam (Virtual)</i></p> <p><b>Dr Kuangran Li</b>, Assistant Researcher, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences</p> <p><i>Subsidy expansion and sovereign lending: Reassessing fairness in sustainable finance</i></p> | 330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building |
| 10.30am – 11am | <b>TEA BREAK</b>                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                    |
| 11am – 12.30pm | <b>Session 5</b><br><b>Centring Indigenous Peoples and their knowledge</b>  | <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Ms Chiaki Ota</b>, Human Rights Officer, UN Human Rights Pacific</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <p><b>Dr Anna-Karina Hermkens</b>, Senior Lecturer, School of Communication, Society and Culture, Macquarie University</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building |

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*“We are no longer Maisin”: The socio-cultural impact of climate change among the Maisin people in Papua New Guinea*

**Ms Nabilla Desyalika Putri**, Lecturer, State University of Surabaya in Indonesia

*Inclusion or exclusion? A critical review of challenges in acknowledging the role of Indigenous Peoples in Indonesia’s climate policy*

**Dr Angwe Rachael Lekunze**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Pretoria

*Integrating Indigenous customary law into climate policy: Lessons from the Ogiek judgment and emerging Indigenous rights jurisprudence in South Africa*

**Mr Shebeen Mehaboob**, Research Scholar, Mahatma Gandhi University

*Climate change-induced vulnerability and coastal migration: Mapping the vanishing cultural landscape of seafarers from a South Indian Village (Virtual)*

**Dr Aradhana Talwar**, Assistant Professor, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences and  
**Ms Surabhi Mathur**, Assistant Professor, Ramajah University of Applied Sciences

*Interweaving justice and knowledge: Indigenous knowledge systems, legal pluralism, and gender perspectives in India*

**Ms Shaivie Sharma**, Research Assistant, Center of Policy Research and Governance

*Women as Indigenous knowers: Ecological epistemologies in the songs of the Panihari*

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| 12.30pm – 1.30pm | <b>LUNCH</b>                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                    |
| 1.30pm – 3pm     | <b>Session 6A</b><br><b>Climate colonialism through trade law?</b> | <p><b>Moderator: Associate Prof Guy Charlton</b>, Associate Professor, School of Law, University of New England</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <p><b>Dr Catherine Gascoigne</b>, Macquarie Research Fellow, Macquarie Law School</p> <p><i>‘Legal acrobatics’: Subsidies for sustainable development policies and their compatibility with the WTO</i></p> <p><b>Dr Frances Chisomaga Nwadike</b>, Lecturer, Southampton Law School</p> <p><i>Climate change and the WTO: A case for a plurilateral interpretative instrument</i></p> | 330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building |

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**Prof Ravindra Pratap**, Dean, Faculty of  
Legal Studies, South Asian University

*Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism  
(CBAM): WTO compatibility and implications  
for developing countries (with particular  
reference to the South Asian countries)*

**Prof M Shawkat Alam**, Professor,  
Macquarie Law School

*Climate tariffs or carbon colonialism? WTO  
law, CBAM, and the future of trade justice*

**Dr Justine Muller**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Asia  
Pacific Centre for Environmental Law,  
National University of Singapore

*Non-regression of environmental law in trade  
agreements: A powerful tool waiting to be  
activated or an empty promise?*

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**Session 6B**  
**The climate  
challenge to  
international  
investment law**

Moderator: **Dr David Birchall**, Senior  
Lecturer, Macquarie Law School

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Level 2, Michael  
Kirby Building

Presenters:

**Mr Ankit Malhotra**, Associate, Chambers of  
Mr Gopal Subramaniam, Senior Advocate and  
former Solicitor General of India

*Regulatory chill of human-rights risk: A new  
ISDS operating model*

**Ms Nahida Mamache**, Graduate Student,  
HEC Paris

*The future of green arbitration: Africa, ISDS,  
and the fight against economic colonialism*

**Mr Rob Houston**, Executive Director, Global  
Pro Bono Bar Association and **Ms Sarah  
Mack**, Program Coordinator (Europe), Global  
Pro Bono Bar Association

*Balancing the scales: Advancing climate  
change governance imperatives in developing  
states through regime interaction and judicial  
interpretation of the public policy exception to  
investor-state arbitral award enforcement  
under the New York Convention*

**Mr Pushkar Anand**, PhD Candidate and  
Casual Academic, Macquarie Law School

*Embedding human rights in international  
investment law: From margins to meaningful  
access, participation, and justice*

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3pm – 3.30pm

**TEA BREAK**

3.30pm – 5pm

**Session 7A**  
**Regulatory  
approaches to**

Moderator: **Mr Nathan Robertson-Ball**,  
Founder, Finding Nature, Sydney Australia

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Presenters:

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**business, human  
rights and climate  
change**

**Prof Susan Harris Rimmer**, Professor,  
Griffith University

Michael Kirby  
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*Fast fashion and future generations*

**Ms Zhen Yu**, PhD Candidate, Monash  
University

*Enforcing corporate accountability beyond  
borders: The extraterritorial effects of  
mandatory human rights and environmental  
due diligence laws in the Asia-Pacific region*

**Ms Areena Parveen Ansari**, PhD  
Candidate, University of Ottawa

*Right to repair and circular economy  
transitions: A legal measure to curb illegal e-  
caste dumping*

**Dr Mohammad Rashed Hasan Polas**,  
Assistant Professor, Strategic Research  
Institute, Asia Pacific University of Technology  
and Innovation, Malaysia, **Professor Bulbul  
Ahamed**, Head, Department of Computer  
Science & Engineering, Sonargaon University,  
Bangladesh, **Mr Ahmed Imran Kabir**,  
Assistant Professor, School of Business and  
Economics, United International University,  
Bangladesh and **Dr Md Muhibbullah**,  
Lecturer, School of Business, Polytechnic  
Institute Australia

*Triple accountability theory for planetary  
justice: An ESG-driven framework toward  
zero harm, exclusion, and neglect*

**Assistant Prof Thitat Chavisschinda**,  
Deputy Director, National Institute of  
Development Administration Research Bureau

*Critical minerals, critical accountability:  
Evaluating Thailand's draft human rights and  
environmental due diligence and ESG  
governance in the emerging rare-earth  
economy*

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**Session 7B  
Biodiversity  
conservation and  
food security**

Moderator: **Prof Andrew McGregor**,  
Professor, School of Communication, Society  
and Culture, Macquarie University

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Kirby Building

Presenters:

**Prof Benjamin Richardson**, Professor,  
University of Tasmania and **Dr Sarah  
Brugler**, ARC Research Fellow, University of  
Tasmania

*Scaling up: Opportunities and barriers to  
private landholders aiding global biodiversity  
goals*

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**Associate Prof Andrew Hemming,**  
Associate Professor, University of Southern  
Queensland

*Why the conservation movement in Australia  
is being torn apart by the scale of the  
renewable energy rollout threatening  
biodiversity*

**Dr Chen Yingda,** Assistant Professor, East  
China University of Political Science and Law

*Territorial spatial planning: Coordinating  
ecological security and food security for a  
sustainable path in China*

**Dr Issa Adedokun,** Lecturer, University of  
Lagos

*From land grabbing to land stewardship:  
Reimagining legal frameworks for food  
sovereignty in Africa (Virtual)*

**Dr Odinakachukwu Emmanuel Okeke,**  
Lecturer, Nnamdi Azikiwe University

*Ecological integrity and the right to food in  
Nigeria: Addressing the environmental roots  
of the food scarcity crisis (Virtual)*

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| 5pm – 5.30pm | <b>Spotlight speaker</b>                                                 | <b>Mr Kumi Naidoo,</b> President, Fossil Fuel<br>Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative (Virtual)<br><br><i>Time to turn off the tap: The case for a fossil<br/>fuel treaty</i>                                                                        | 330 Function<br>Room, Level 3,<br>Michael Kirby<br>Building |
| 6pm – 7pm    | <b>Environmental<br/>Law Research<br/>Centre 2026<br/>Annual Lecture</b> | <b>Prof Sara L Seck,</b> Schulich School of Law<br>and Director, Marine & Environmental Law<br>Institute, Dalhousie University<br><br><i>Towards an intersectional relational feminist<br/>understanding of the human for planetary<br/>justice</i> | 330 Function<br>Room, Level 3,<br>Michael Kirby             |