

Securing justice for the planet

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Program

Conference engagement guidance

IN PERSON ATTENDANCE

The conference is located at the [Michael Kirby Building, 17 Wally's Walk](#), on the Wallumattagal (North Ryde) Macquarie University campus as well as online.

Registration on day one will be in the ground floor foyer, with the conference being held the 330 Function Room (Level 3) and with some sessions in the Moot Court (Room 224, Level 2), accessible via lifts and a staircase.

Please see 'Accessibility' below for more information on campus/venue accessibility features, and 'Getting to the conference' for public transport and parking guidance.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

For those presenting/attending online, the zoom webinar link can be found in the right-hand column of the [conference program](#). There is no specific link for presenters – instead, prior to the session where you are presenting, you will be invited to change from 'attendee' to 'panellist' by conference organisers within zoom. This will allow you to share your screen and unmute while presenting and when partaking in the discussion/Q&A; at the end of your session, you will be moved back to 'attendee'. Please refer to the instruction email sent to you for more guidance.

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With a full program, featuring both in-person and virtual presentations, we thank all attendees in advance for your cooperation both with time-keeping when presenting, and your agility in the event of any technical issues that may arise with virtual presentations from a variety of time zones and locations.

Day 1: Wednesday 18 March 2026

Time	Session	Speaker/s	Location
9.00am – 9.30am	Registration		Foyer, Ground Floor, Michael Kirby Building
9.30am – 10.30am	Opening session	<u>Welcome to Country:</u> Auntie Roslyn Fogg OAM, Dharug Elder, Muru Mittigar <u>Welcoming remarks:</u> Prof Lise Barry, Dean, Macquarie Law School <u>Conference overview and housekeeping:</u> Ms Gemma Ryan, Manager Strategic Projects, Faculty of Arts Macquarie University <u>Setting the context:</u> Prof Surya Deva, Director, Environmental Law Research Centre Mr Sebastien Gillioz, Deputy Representative, UN Human Rights Pacific <u>Keynote address:</u> Prof Heidi Norman, Professor, Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture, UNSW <u>Vote of thanks:</u> Dr Catherine Gascoigne, Macquarie Research Fellow, Macquarie Law School	330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building Zoom link
10.30am – 11.00am	GROUP PHOTO AND TEA BREAK		
11.00am – 12.30pm	Session 1 Theoretical approaches to planetary justice	<u>Moderator:</u> Prof Sara Seck, Schulich School of Law and Director, Marine & Environmental Law Institute, Dalhousie University <u>Presenters:</u> Prof Rosemary Lyster, Professor, University of Sydney Law School <i>Hearing the reparations demands of Earth others in the polycrisis</i> (Video) Dr Francesca Marzatico, Lecturer, School of Surveying, University of Otago <i>Co-production of “the law from below”: Reflections on working at the interface to decolonise law</i> Prof Beth Goldblatt, Professor, University of Technology Sydney	330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building Zoom link

<i>Supporting climate litigation as care work</i> Prof Patricia Grazziotin Noschang, Professor, University of Passo Fundo, and Dr Erika Pires Ramos, Co-founder of South American Network for Environmental Migrations (RESAMA) <i>Responsibility to protect in climate-induced disasters: Human rights, visibility, and international responsibility</i> (Virtual) Ms Gillian Moon, UNSW Law & Justice Senior Visiting Fellow and Research Lead for the Australian Climate Accountability Project, Australian Human Rights Institute <i>Standing outside the law: Australia's human rights choice</i>			
12.30pm – 1.00pm	Spotlight speaker	Mr Vishal Prasad, Director, Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change <u>Discussant:</u> Ms Kavita Naidu, International human rights lawyer and feminist climate activist	330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building Zoom link
1.00pm – 2.00pm	LUNCH		
2.00pm – 3.30pm	Session 2 Critical reflections on the triple advisory opinions	<u>Moderator:</u> Prof Ben Boer, Emeritus Professor, University of Sydney Law School <u>Presenters:</u> Mr Justin Lim, Sheridan Fellow, National University of Singapore <i>Inseparable: Legal duties for climate mitigation and adaptation</i> Mr Tonmoy Halder, LLM student, Khulna University, Bangladesh and Co-Editor, Law and Society Students' Journal <i>From opinion to obligation: The transformative role of climate advisory opinions in advancing planetary justice</i> (Virtual) Mr Yohan Liyanage, Director, Seychelles Law Commission <i>Judicial voices for the planet: Advisory opinions and the transformation of climate governance</i> (virtual) Dr 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 <i>Applying and implementing the ICJ advisory opinion in ASEAN</i> Mr Mohamed Sobhy Hassan Ali Mohamed, Assistant Lecturer, Zagazig University	330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building Zoom link

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

3.30pm – 4.00pm	TEA BREAK		
4.00pm – 5.30pm	Session 3A Climate change litigation	<u>Moderator:</u> Dr Ebony Birchall, Senior Lecturer, Macquarie Law School <u>Presenters:</u> Associate Prof Jolene Lim, Director, Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law, National University of Singapore <i>The rise of climate litigation in Asia</i> (Video) Ms Maria Nawaz, Project Lead, Australian Climate Accountability Project, Australian Human Rights Institute <i>Gatekeeping justice: Comparative perspectives on standing in climate litigation</i> Mr José Daniel Rodríguez-Orúe, Kenneth Roth Practitioner in Residence, Human Rights Watch and Ms Verena Kahl, Research Assistant, Europa-Kolleg Hamburg <i>The right to a healthy climate and the next wave of climate litigation</i> (Virtual) Ms Moumita Das Gupta, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh and Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Climate Justice-Bangladesh (CCJ-B) and Mr Hafij Khan, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh and Director, Centre for Climate Justice-Bangladesh (CCJ-B) <i>Admissible evidence of human rights violations through anthropogenic climate change: Analysis of the advisory opinions</i> (Virtual)	330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building Zoom link
	Session 3B Oceans as the new frontier of climate governance?	<u>Moderator:</u> Dr Abdullah-Al Arif, Lecturer, Macquarie Law School <u>Presenters:</u> Ms Emily Price, Director, Pacific Mining Program, Jubilee Australia Research Centre and Mr Greg Phelps, Barrister, Solicitor in the <i>Sanda v PTTEP Australasia (Ashmore Cartier)</i> cases in the Federal Court of Australia <i>Transboundary justice and the Montara oil disaster</i> Dr Ethan Beringen, Lecturer, University of Queensland <i>Un-natural disaster? South Australia's harmful algal bloom in the context of international law</i> Ms Shushmita Ahmed, PhD Candidate, University of Technology Sydney, Australia <i>Integrating human rights into deep seabed mining governance: Accountability, equity, and environmental justice</i>	224 Moot Court, Level 2, Michael Kirby Building Zoom link

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

6.00pm

**Depart for
conference
dinner**

Guests can make their own way to dinner, **OR**

Bus to depart from corner of Central Avenue and Macquarie Walk at 6pm.

**[Google maps
location](#)**

6.30pm –
8.30pm

**Dinner @
Manjit's Wharf**

Dinner speaker:

Ms Varsha Yajman, Lawyer, writer and climate advocate

Day 2: Thursday 19 March 2026

Time	Session	Speaker	Location
9.00am – 10.30am	Session 4 Perspectives on a just climate change transition	<u>Moderator:</u> Ms Patricia Chand, Lecturer, Justice Davendra Pathik School of Law, University of Fiji <u>Presenters:</u> Dr Wesley Morgan, Research Associate, Institute for Climate Risk & Response, University of New South Wales <i>Unfinished business of the global climate regime: Pacific leadership toward a managed phaseout of fossil fuels</i> Dr Francesca Rosignoli, Senior Researcher, Institute for Minority Rights, EURAC <i>Doing environmental justice through climate assemblies? Lessons learned from two case studies in Austria and Italy (Virtual)</i> Ms Raisa Savitri Ramadhani, PhD Candidate, University of Adelaide <i>The dual nexus: Industry as victim and driver – The need for climate adaptation in industrial estate development in Indonesia</i> Ms Vân Quỳnh Ngô, Independent researcher <i>Justice in transition: Examining renewable energy policy under authoritarian environmentalism in Vietnam (Virtual)</i> Dr Kuangran Li, Assistant Researcher, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences <i>Subsidy expansion and sovereign lending: Reassessing fairness in sustainable finance</i>	330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building Zoom link
10.30am – 11.00am	TEA BREAK		
11.00am – 12.30pm	Session 5 Centring Indigenous Peoples and their knowledge	<u>Moderator:</u> Ms Chiaki Ota, Human Rights Officer, UN Human Rights Pacific <u>Presenters:</u> Dr Anna-Karina Hermkens, Senior Lecturer, School of Communication, Society and Culture, Macquarie University <i>“We are no longer Maisin”: The socio-cultural impact of climate change among the Maisin people in Papua New Guinea</i> Ms Nabilla Desyalika Putri, Lecturer, State University of Surabaya in Indonesia <i>Inclusion or exclusion? A critical review of challenges in acknowledging the role of Indigenous Peoples in Indonesia’s climate policy</i>	330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building Zoom link

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 (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

12.30pm –
1.30pm

LUNCH

1.30pm –
3.00pm

Session 6A
Climate colonialism through trade law?

Moderator: **Associate Prof Guy Charlton**, Associate Professor, School of Law, University of New England

Presenters:

Dr Catherine Gascoigne, Macquarie Research Fellow, Macquarie Law School

'Legal acrobatics': Subsidies for sustainable development policies and their compatibility with the WTO

Dr Frances Chisomaga Nwadike, Lecturer, Southampton Law School

Climate change and the WTO: A case for a plurilateral interpretative instrument

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

Presenters:

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

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Regulatory chill of human-rights risk: A new ISDS operating model (Virtual)

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

3.00pm – 3.30pm	TEA BREAK		
3.30pm – 5.00pm	Session 7A Regulatory approaches to business, human rights and climate change	<u>Moderator:</u> Mr Nathan Robertson-Ball, Founder, Finding Nature, Sydney Australia <u>Presenters:</u> Prof Susan Harris Rimmer, Professor, Griffith University <i>Fast fashion and future generations</i> Ms Zhen Yu, PhD Candidate, Monash University <i>Enforcing corporate accountability beyond borders: The extraterritorial effects of mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence laws in the Asia-Pacific region</i> Ms Areena Ansari, PhD Candidate, University of Ottawa <i>Right to repair and circular economy transitions: A legal measure to curb illegal e-waste dumping (Virtual)</i> 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 <i>Triple accountability theory for planetary justice: An ESG-driven framework toward zero harm, exclusion, and neglect</i> Assistant Prof Thitit Chavisschinda, Deputy Director, National Institute of Development Administration Research Bureau	330 Function Room, Level 3, Michael Kirby Building <u>Zoom link</u>

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

Session 7B
Biodiversity conservation and food security

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

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

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 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, Senior Lecturer, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, **Ms Hauwa C Abiri**, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Edo State University, **Mrs Ifeoma Blessing Okoye**, Lecturer, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, **Ms Chidinma Blessing Nwakoby**, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University and **Mrs Chinelo A Ekechi-Agwu**, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Alex Ekwueme Federal University

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

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5.00pm – 5.30pm

Spotlight speaker

Mr Kumi Naidoo, President, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative (Virtual)

Time to turn off the tap: The case for a fossil fuel treaty

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6.00 – 7.00pm

Environmental Law Research Centre 2026 Annual Lecture

Prof Sara L Seck, Schulich School of Law and Director, Marine & Environmental Law Institute, Dalhousie University

Towards an intersectional relational feminist understanding of the human for planetary justice

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