



Workshop Programme

Environmental Law Doctoral Researchers' Workshop 2021

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Introduction to the workshop

Welcome, everyone, to the inaugural Environmental Law Doctoral Researchers' Workshop in 2021! It is very exciting to have doctoral students from all over the world coming together to share and discuss our work, to learn from each other, and to build connections with others who share our research interests.

This workshop has been developed with the intention of offering a focussed, supportive space for PhD candidates working in the field of environmental law to present their research, receive constructive feedback from peers, and develop skills in presenting, giving feedback and engaging in academic debate. By focusing the workshop on environmental law, we hope participants can engage deeply in each other's work as well as learning about a diverse range of topics in the field. The Workshop has been designed specifically for PhD candidates, with the option for Masters students to observe, with a view to creating a supportive environment for participants to test ideas, seek feedback, try out new approaches to presenting, and actively participate in an equal, safe and inclusive space.

Over the course of the workshop, we will hear from 24 PhD candidates discussing their research in environmental law. Workshop participants come from universities in Australia, Brazil, Canada, the Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom. (Participant bios can be found on page 12 of this program.) Between us, there is a diverse range of fascinating topics in environmental law to be discussed over the two days we will spend together. We will also have the opportunity to hear from and engage with four established environmental law scholars at different stages of their careers, about skills that are central to their craft: publishing widely and in different formats; and remaining optimistic and focussed notwithstanding the pressing environmental challenges we face. We hope the workshop contributes to building a strong, well-equipped and mutually supportive network of emerging environmental law scholars across the world.

To make the workshop as smooth and successful as possible, we encourage you to review the 'rules of engagement' below, and get in touch with any questions.

The organising team (Ashleigh Best, University of Melbourne; Caterina Guidi and Alice Bleby, University of New South Wales) is delighted to welcome you to the inaugural Environmental Law Doctoral Researchers' Workshop. We will be available before and throughout the workshop for any questions or troubleshooting, and we will be in touch with everyone afterwards when we follow up with a conference report. Our contact details are below – please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Rules of engagement

To make the Workshop a rewarding experience for everyone, there are a couple of golden rules to bear in mind:

- 1) Respect: we all come here to share our work in a spirit of mutual respect, and we will demonstrate this in how we treat each other. This includes:
 - Providing constructive criticism that engages fairly and generously with others' work
 - Keeping any draft papers that you may be sent for the purpose of giving feedback secure and confidential, remembering they are for your eyes only
 - Using respectful language and tone
 - Keeping to time limits
 - Respecting the rules of Netiquette (see below)
- 2) Participation: actively participating in the Workshop is the best way to show respect for our peers and colleagues! It's also how we will all get the most out of the event. This includes:
 - Attending all sessions (or as many as are bearable in your timezone) – an important part of participating in the Workshop is to offer our peers and colleagues a full audience and robust feedback – so attending others' presentations is as important as attending your own.
 - Actively listening: be present and focussed, ask questions, give comments and feedback to presenters, and engage in discussion verbally and in the Zoom chat. They say many heads are better than one, and the Workshop gives us the chance to put our heads together on some thorny and interesting issues in environmental law, by maximising our interaction throughout the workshop.
 - Preparation: come prepared, especially if you are a discussant – the extra thought put in beforehand will pay off in richer discussions on the day.
 - Checking (and double checking) your time zone: times in the schedule are provided in AEST (Sydney/Melbourne time). Please carefully confirm what time this [translates into in your time zone](#). We don't want you to miss out on any of the sessions because of mix-ups with time zones!
- 3) Have fun! Hopefully the Workshop is a positive experience for everyone involved, and we leave feeling stimulated, inspired, and connected to a vibrant group of environmental law scholars.
 - The organisers welcome feedback on how the Workshop runs, both after and during the event. If you have a suggestion about how things can run more smoothly, or if there's something that's really bugging you during the workshop, please send an email to envirolaw.docworkshop@gmail.com.

Netiquette

We have probably all experienced the virtues and the challenges of meeting in online contexts over the past year. One of the great things about it is that we can come together across multiple continents without having to find the time and funds to travel! There are, of course, some drawbacks to this format but hopefully we will successfully minimise problems – and maximise our enjoyment of the workshop – by respecting the following rules of netiquette:

- We'll be using the meeting rather than the webinar setting on Zoom. This is more interactive and allows participants more of an opportunity to engage with the presentations - you are welcome to post in the chat at any time throughout the session.
- Please keep your cameras ON as much as you possibly can: this increases the sense of engagement amongst participants, and helps presenters to feel they aren't speaking into a void!
- Please make sure you're on mute during presentations to minimise background noise.
- To ask a question verbally, please raise your hand in Zoom and the session chair will call on you, at which stage, please unmute yourself while you ask your question. Generally speaking, please follow the instructions and requests of the session chair.
- When asking questions via the chat, please signpost your question with Q and indicate who it is directed towards with @: eg Q@Greta. This helps to sort questions from comments in the chat.
- If you want to share slides during your presentation: you will have sharing permissions to share your slides. However, as a back up in the event of technical issues, please send any slides to the Workshop email address by Friday 2 July 2021.
- The only sessions that will be recorded are the guest presentations – this is to allow optimal access to these presentations for all participants, in the context of timezone challenges. Presentations by Workshop participants won't be recorded.
- The Zoom link/s for the Workshop will be sent to your email address a couple of days before the Workshop begins.
- Thank you in advance for your patience! Hopefully all the technical aspects will run as smoothly as possible, but in case of hiccups, thank you for bearing with us. If you are having trouble with access or anything else, please email envirolaw.docworkshop@gmail.com.

Zoom troubles?

If you are new to Zoom or finding it hard to navigate, [this link](#) has a few simple explanations that might help. It includes tips about raising your hand, sharing the screen and using the chat, all useful things for the Workshop! You can also email envirolaw.docworkshop@gmail.com or text one of the Organising Committee if you need technical assistance during the workshop.

Social sessions

One thing we all miss about real-life conferences is the opportunity to chat before and after sessions, over morning tea or lunch. It's hard to replace these chats in an online environment! We've opted not to create structured social sessions, but we will leave the Zoom sessions open during the breaks, and for half an hour on either side of sessions blocks (with the exception of the Workshop opening and closing), and we would encourage you to jump in early or stick around afterwards for some informal chats with our fellow participants.

Workshop schedule

Time (all times are in AEST)	Session details
Tuesday 6 July	
9:00- 9:30	Acknowledgement of Country and Workshop welcome
9:30- 11:00	<p><i>Capitalism, exploitation and extractive industries: implications for environmental regulation</i></p> <p>Presentations with General Discussant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amanda Ferraz de Silveria, Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Parana, Brazil: <i>Reconfiguration of capital, commodification of nature and sociobiodiversity rights in Latin America</i> - Adekontunbo Alase, WSU, Australia: <i>Emerging Issues in Investment-Environment Dispute Resolution- Directions for West Africa</i> - Philippa Higgins, UNSW, Australia: <i>Monitoring the Monitor: an assessment of the McArthur River Mine</i>
11:00- 11:30	<i>Zoom meeting link will stay open for informal social chats</i>
11:30- 14:00	Break
14:00- 14:30	<i>Zoom meeting link will open for informal social chats</i>
14:30- 16:00	<p><i>Skills Session I: Publishing in Environmental Law</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Lee Godden, UniMelb, Australia - Professor Cameron Holley, UNSW, Australia - Dr Aline Jaeckel, UNSW, Australia
16:00- 16:15	<i>Break - Zoom meeting link will stay open for informal social chats</i>
16:15- 18:15	<p><i>Challenges and innovation in environmental regulatory approaches</i></p> <p>Presentations with Assigned Discussant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manon Simon, University of Tasmania, Australia: <i>Weather modification law in Australia and the United States: What lessons for governing regional climate intervention?</i> - Melissa Strydom, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa: <i>Critiques on privately prosecuting the holder of 'after the fact' environmental authorisations: discussing Uzani Environmental Advocacy CC v BP Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris McElwain, UNSW, Australia: <i>The Regulatory Challenges of Wasted Food in Australia</i> - Kristyn Glanville, UNSW, Australia: <i>Towards a green criminological account of water theft</i>
18:15- 18:30	Break - Zoom meeting link will stay open for informal social chats
18:30- 20:30	<p>Norm development and contestation in environmental law</p> <p>Presentations with General Discussant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jamie Matthews, QUT, Australia: <i>Beyond Sustainable Development: An Investigation into the Governance Arrangements Required to Build Regenerative Cities in Australia</i> - Carley Bartlett, UNSW, Australia: <i>Mobilising uncertainty: Preliminary insights from field work into Australia's response to PFAS contamination</i> - Mara Wendebourg, KCL, UK: <i>Towards a constitutionalizing of fisheries law</i> - Genevieve Quirk, University of Wollongong, Australia: <i>Ocean Change: A role for regime complex diplomacy?</i>
20:30- 20:45	Break - Zoom meeting link will stay open for informal social chats
20:45- 22:15	<p>Investment as a tool of environmental law</p> <p>Presentations with Assigned Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ingy Johnstone, Victoria University, New Zealand: <i>The Global Green New Deal: The New Norm?</i> - Samantha Tang, University of Melbourne, Australia: <i>Sustainability Reporting and Investor Engagement: The Case of Singapore</i> - Eleftheria Asiamkopoulou, Queen Mary University London, UK: <i>Integration of climate change objectives in EU international investment agreements: A constitutional analysis</i>
22:15-22:45	Zoom meeting link will stay open for informal social chats
Wednesday 7 July	
7:30-8:00	Zoom meeting link will open for informal social chats
8:00- 8:15	Welcome
8:15- 10:15	<p>Contemplating the non-human subject of environmental law</p> <p>Presentations with Assigned Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leo Bromberg, University of Melbourne, Australia: <i>Legitimacy: Adopting a Multi-Species Lens</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Duncan Wallace, Monash University, Australia: <i>Corporations have been misunderstood</i> <p>Paper Swap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ashleigh Best, University of Melbourne, Australia: <i>Systemic Vulnerabilities: The Legal Status of Animals in Disasters</i> - Alice Bleby, UNSW, Australia: <i>Rights of nature in the USA: early empirical insights from Santa Monica</i>
10:15- 10:30	Break - Zoom meeting link will stay open for informal social chats
10:30- 11:30	<p>Skills Session II: [Title]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Michelle Lim, Macquarie University, Australia
11:30- 12:00	Zoom meeting link will stay open for informal social chats
12:00- 17:30	Break
17:30- 18:00	Zoom meeting link will open for informal social chats
18:00- 19:30	<p>Theories of environmental governance</p> <p>Paper Swap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Violet Ross, Wageningen University, Netherlands: <i>Legal System Plasticity: Exploring the role of reflexive law and informational governance in facilitating a circular economy</i> - Ayse Didem Sezgin, KCL, UK: <i>In search of the 'ecological' character of Environmental law: Ecological Integrity as Keynoter</i> - Emille Boulot, McGill University, Canada: <i>Adaptive Governance for the restoration of law and landscape</i>
19:30- 19:45	Break - Zoom meeting link will stay open for informal social chats
19:45- 21:15	<p>Legal responses to climate change impacts</p> <p>Presentations with General Discussant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monica Taylor, QUT, Australia: <i>The impact of climate change on civil legal needs in Australia</i> - Nicky Van Dijk, UTas, Australia: <i>Intergenerational justice and international human rights law: an analysis of the petition by sixteen children to the UNCRC, and Torres Strait Islanders to the UNHRC, to demand climate justice</i> - Caterina Guidi, UNSW, Australia: <i>Legal and policy frameworks for enhancing resilience of forests to climate change</i>

Session formats

Paper swap

Just as the name suggests, this format involves the courageous exchange of works in progress. These sessions invert the traditional presentation format, commencing instead with the commentator's take: they will provide a generous summary of the paper and offer feedback aimed at strengthening it. While commentators have the floor first, authors will still get an opportunity to respond! In their reply, authors are invited to set out the objective that animates their paper and respond to comments or questions raised by the commentator. After we have heard from all authors and commentators, we will then invite the rest of the workshop participants to join in an enthusiastic, lively and -- of course -- constructive discussion about the arguments and suggestions raised.

Presentations with assigned discussants

In these sessions, participants will present their papers, aided by slides for those so inclined (who doesn't love a good slide?). But the presentation doesn't end there: assigned discussants, who will have received an outline of the paper ahead of time, will provide feedback on how the presenter's approach to the topic might improve and will recommend any further lines or inquiry they consider might be relevant. After we have heard from all presenters and discussants, we will open the floor to everyone at the workshop to ask questions and offer suggestions!

Presentations with general discussant

These will be very similar to those presenting with an assigned discussant. The only difference is that one of the members of your organising committee will offer impromptu, high-level feedback and comments on the papers presented. After the general discussant has spoken, we will invite questions and contributions from everyone!

Guest presentations

Skills Session I: Publishing in Environmental Law

In this session, we will hear from three academics who write prolifically in the environmental law space, canvassing diverse issues and research topics, literatures, stylistic choices and methodological approaches. This session will offer indispensable pearls of wisdom for budding environmental scholars: our panel will share valuable insights on all matters publishing, such as targeting appropriate and strategic journals, dealing with rejection and negative peer review comments, and engaging with the public and policy-makers using non-traditional genres and platforms. The session will contain ample time for questions and general discussion, and we encourage Workshop participants to make the most of this unique opportunity to hear from some of Australia's finest environmental law academics about their craft.

Speakers

Professor Lee Godden, University of Melbourne, Australia: Professor Godden is the Director, Centre for Resources, Energy and Environmental Law, Melbourne Law School. Her research interests include environmental law, natural resources law (especially water) energy law, property law and indigenous peoples' rights. The impact of her work extends beyond Australia with comparative research on environmental law in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, USA, UK, Europe, South Africa, and the Asia-Pacific. In 2013-15 she was an Australian Law Reform Commissioner. She has published widely, including being a co-editor of 3 Oxford University Press edited collections on energy and environmental law. A co-authored monograph: *The Impact of Climate Change Mitigation on Indigenous and Forest Communities: International, National and Local Law Perspectives on REDD+* (Cambridge University Press) 2018 was awarded the prestigious American Society of International Law, 2019 Certificate of Merit. She is currently a co-editor of the Routledge Handbook of Property Law and Society – in process.

Professor Cameron Holley, UNSW, Australia: Cameron is Professor and Head of School in the School of Law, Society and Criminology in the UNSW Faculty of Law and Justice. He is Director of the Connected Waters Initiative and a member of the leadership team of the Global Water Institute, UNSW Sydney. He is a member of the Global Risk Governance Programme, University of Cape Town and The National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training. He was also a member of The Australian Panel of Experts on Environmental Law (APEEL).

Cameron publishes widely in the areas of environmental law, natural resources law, energy law and water law, with a focus on regulation and governance. Within these fields, he has examined issues of compliance and enforcement, environmental security, resilience, planning, accountability, democratic participation, adaptive management and collaborative governance. In addition to his various articles, book chapters, and policy submissions, Cameron's forthcoming book is entitled *Intelligent Water Regulation: markets, compliance and technology* (Earthscan, 2021). An empirical researcher, Cameron has worked closely with Australian and international government and non-government organisations on a range of environmental and natural resource management research projects. His current research agenda is centred on water law and energy governance, including unconventional gas, renewable energy, water planning, conventional regulation and monitoring of

groundwater use. In 2014, Cameron was awarded the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Academy of Environmental Law Junior Scholarship Award for his contribution to environmental law scholarship.

Dr Aline Jaeckel, UNSW, Australia: Dr Aline Jaeckel is a Lecturer at UNSW Law and a recipient of an ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA). She is also an Honorary Senior Fellow at the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS) at the University of Wollongong and sits on the editorial board of the journal *Marine Policy*. Her work focuses on marine environmental management, ocean governance, law of the sea, and international law. Aline has a particular research interest in the emerging regulation of deep seabed mineral mining and is the author of '*The International Seabed Authority and the Precautionary Principle*' (Brill, 2017).

Aline previously worked as a Research Fellow at Macquarie Law School, funded by the Macquarie University Research Fellowship scheme, as well as the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies in Potsdam, Germany, for a project on ecological parameters for deep seabed mining. Aline holds a PhD from UNSW, an LLM from Leiden University in the Netherlands, and an LLB from UWE Bristol in the UK.

Skills Session II: The role of emotions in shaping desirable environmental law futures

Ecological grief is increasingly experienced by many of us who are witnessing the loss of nature and experiences. At the same time, Australia's precipitous decline from that of a previously important environmental actor can conjure strong feelings of anger and despair. This discussion engages with how we can, and why we should, engage with emotion to shape desirable future laws.

Speaker

Dr Michelle Lim, Macquarie University, Australia: Dr Michelle Lim's interdisciplinary scholarship occurs at the intersection between biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihoods. Dr Lim's work focuses on futures-oriented biodiversity law research aimed at advancing equity and sustainability under conditions of unprecedented environmental change.

Dr Lim has published in some of the highest ranked environmental law journals. She holds a double degree in Science (Ecosystem Management) and Law (First-class Honours) and a PhD on legal and institutional arrangements for transboundary biodiversity conservation at the University of New England, Australia. Dr Lim joined the Macquarie Law School as a Senior Lecturer in 2020. Prior to this she was a Lecturer at the University of Adelaide and Griffith University. Dr Lim's post-doctoral research, based at the UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science at the University of Dundee, Scotland, examined governance approaches for addressing ecosystem services and human well-being in the Ganges Brahmaputra Meghna Delta.

Dr Lim was a fellow on the Global Assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and an author of the IPBES/IPCC joint workshop report. Dr Lim was awarded the 2016/2017 Law Council of Australia Mahla Pearlman Australian Young Environmental Lawyer of the Year Award.

About the presenters

Adetokunbo Alase: Adetokunbo Alase is currently a doctoral student at School of Law, International Centre for Ocean Governance, Western Sydney University Australia. Prior to this study, Adetokunbo was a lecturer at Lead City University Ibadan, Nigeria. He completed his postgraduate degree in International and Commercial Dispute Resolution from the University of Westminster, London. The focus of his current research is environmental dispute resolution in extractive industries from a West African perspective. Adetokunbo's research explores international, regional and domestic legal as well as institutional frameworks on settlement of environmental disputes triggered by mining operations. This study argues that a lot of hard and soft legal frameworks like the UN Charter, World Trade Organisation Agreement, Multilateral Environmental Agreements, CSR almost always overlook community participation in settlement processes more specifically the intentional involvement of direct victims of harm. Therefore, Adetokunbo's research will more closely look into alternative dispute resolutions while seeking to examine the potential of restorative justice mechanism as effective remedy to environmental damage through United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in the region.

Alice Bleby: Alice Bleby is a Scientia PhD candidate at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), researching the rights of nature as a legal instrument for protecting the Earth in the Anthropocene. Alice holds a BA/LLB(Hons) from the University of Melbourne and a Masters of International and European Environmental Law from Aix-Marseille University in France. Prior to commencing her PhD, Alice led the Climate Change Adaptation Policy team in the Victorian Government Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP). She was the lead author of Victoria's Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2017-2020, a whole-of-government blueprint for adaptation action. Alice built her skills in policy and advocacy working with environment NGOs and youth-led organisations. Prior to joining the Victorian Government Alice was Senior Adviser to Ellen Sandell MLA, State MP for Melbourne.

Amanda Ferraz da Silveria: PhD student and Master in Law from the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná (Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná) (PUCPR). She is a research fellow at the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR). She is a researcher at the Environment Research Group: Traditional Societies and Hegemonic Society (PUCPR) and the Socioenvironmental Conflicts Research Group (UEMS). First Secretary and researcher associated with the Centro de Pesquisa e Extensão em Direito Socioambiental (Center for Research and Extension in Socioenvironmental Law) (CEPEDIS). Member of the Latin American Research Network Derecho, lucha de clases y reconfiguración del capital. She has research related to attempts to colonize nature, especially the Amazon, with criticisms of the hegemonic model of development, the state and the expansion of the capitalist mode of production. For more information: <http://lattes.cnpq.br/8558110408307262>

Ashleigh Best: Ashleigh is a PhD Candidate and Teaching Fellow at Melbourne Law School, and is supervised by Professors Christine Parker and Lee Godden. Her doctoral research examines the legal status of animals in disasters, marrying her long-standing interests in animal law, environmental law and legal theory. In 2020, Ashleigh was awarded the RSPCA Australia Sybil Emslie Animal Law Scholarship for her contribution to the development of animal law in Australia, and is on the inaugural committee of the Australasian Animal Law Teachers and Researchers' Association. A keen

writer, Ashleigh has published in US and Australian law journals and The Conversation; she also regularly contributes submissions to policy consultations. Before commencing her doctorate, Ashleigh was an environmental lawyer in private and government practice. She holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws (Hons I and University Medal), along with post-graduate qualifications in legal practice and tertiary teaching.

Ayse Didem Sezgin: Ayse Didem Sezgin is a PhD candidate in Law at King's College London. She studied Law in Istanbul University Law School between 2009-2013. She worked as a lawyer for two years in law firms in Istanbul, before receiving an LLM degree in Transnational Law from King's College London, Dickson Poon School of Law in 2017. She has worked as a research assistant for the Transnational Law Institute of KCL between 2017-2018. Her current research focuses on agricultural intensification, environmental law and the protection of agricultural heritage.

Carley Bartlett: Carley is a PhD candidate in the School of Law, Society and Criminology at UNSW. She is broadly interested in issues at the intersection of law and science and her approach to environmental law scholarship regularly draws on ideas from the field of Science and Technology Studies (STS). Carley holds a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Laws from Flinders University in Adelaide, where she grew up, and has previously held roles in Sydney working with scientists at an NGO, as tipstaff to a judge, and as an environment and planning lawyer working for the resources sector.

Caterina Guidi: Caterina is a Scientia PhD Scholar in Climate Change and International Protection of Biodiversity at UNSW Law & Justice, Sydney. Her PhD thesis focuses on legal and policy frameworks for sustainable forest management and climate change adaptation of forests. She holds a Master's degree in International Development Cooperation and Project Design from Sapienza University of Rome, and a Master's degree in Law from University of Bologna. Caterina has completed her Italian Legal Training in administrative, corporate and private law. Caterina has published articles in both national and international journals. She has previously conducted research for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and for the European Biomass Industry Association. She presented papers in both national and international conferences. She taught Natural Resources Law and International Environmental Law at UNSW. Caterina is currently assisting with 'Tropical primary forests and climate change', which is a large-scale collaborative project.

Christopher McElwain: Chris is a PhD Candidate and occasional Teaching Fellow in the Faculty of Law and Justice at UNSW. He was a lawyer for the New South Wales Environment Protection Authority (EPA), the main environment protection regulator in NSW, for more than 10 years. During that time, he helped design NSW's main pollution prevention and waste control law, the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. He was subsequently a senior manager in the EPA's waste and resource recovery team for more than 10 years. He is currently researching how we waste food and the best ways to reduce that waste. His research interests include regulatory practice, sustainability and building circular economies.

Duncan Wallace: Duncan is a PhD student and Teaching Associate at Monash Law School. His background is law, philosophy and economics, and his primary research interest is the corporation, towards which he takes an interdisciplinary approach. His research focus is on the ontological status

of the corporation, the history of thought regarding the corporation's ontological status, and the history of the development of the publicly-traded business corporation. Before beginning his PhD, Duncan worked in the co-operatives and mutual sector, both as a consultant and in a full-time role.

Eleftheria Asiamkopoulou: Eleftheria holds a law degree from the National Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece. She has completed an LLM in Global Environment and Climate Change Law at the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom and an LLM in European Law at Maastricht University, the Netherlands. She is a qualified lawyer in Greece. Prior to starting the PhD, she has practiced law in Greece where she advised foreign investors and corporations on issues of renewable energy, environmental compliance and public procurement. She has also acted as consultant at the SCELG (Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law & Governance) and IIED (International Institute for Environment and Development) on issues related to the law of the sea, marine environmental law and biodiversity while she has also been a legal intern at Client Earth, in London. She is responsible for the annual country report on Greek environmental law published at the Yearbook of International Environmental Law since 2018. Her PhD focuses on the balancing of investment protection and climate change under the bilateral investment agreements of European countries.

Emille Boulot: Emille is an Australian Lawyer with a Bachelor of Science and a Masters of Environmental Governance, now PhD candidate at McGill University, Canada with the Leadership for the Ecozoic program. Emille is a committee member of the Ecological Law and Governance Association and a Research Fellow of the Earth Systems Governance Project. Emille's research examines adaptive governance within the practice of ecological restoration, dialoguing with the interface between ecosystems, science, community and governance. Emille is passionate about better understanding our natural world and legal systems and how our legal systems and processes could facilitate earth sustaining practices. When not working on her PhD, Emille enjoys hiking in the mountains, making bread, biking through the bush, swimming at the beach as well as thinking about what it means to be human and alive.

Genevieve Quirk: Genevieve Quirk MEL (ANU), DULF (Paris III), Bsc (UQ) is a PhD candidate in Law at the Australian National Center for Ocean Resources and Security and recipient of the Australian Postgraduate Award and the Global Challenges PhD Scholarship. Genevieve examines how the integration of regional oceans governance in Oceania contributes to the evolution of the law of the sea. Professionally, Genevieve has worked internationally in policy advising for oceans governance reform in the South Pacific, European Union (EU), Antarctica and Australia. Genevieve was based in Brussels coordinating campaigns and advocating for fisheries governance reform to the officials of the EU Commission, Council and Parliament. Genevieve is an Earth System Governance Project Research Fellow, was a visiting scholar at the East West Center in Hawaii and joined the Australian delegation to the United Nations on oceans governance relating to SDG14 and Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction.

Injy Johnstone: Injy Johnstone is a first-year PhD student at the Law Faculty of the Victoria University of Wellington who is based offshore in London. Injy is a Fulbright scholar who holds an LLM in Environmental, Energy and Natural Resource Law from the University of Colorado, LLB(Hons) from Victoria University of Wellington and a BSc in Environmental Science and Economics from the University of Otago. At present, she is a Young Leader at the Global Center on Adaptation working

on climate adaptation policy issues. This builds on Injy's background in public policy that spans the United Nations, National, Local Government and the NGO sector in countries such as New Zealand, the United Kingdom, the United States and Colombia.

Jamie Matthews: I am a PhD candidate in Queensland University of Technology's Faculty of Law, embarking on my final year of my candidature in 2021. I graduated with a Bachelor of Laws with Honours in 2018 and was quickly enticed by the world of academia. I have a keen interest in environmentally conscious design and the influence 21st Century cities have in reshaping the environmental agenda. I believe that this decade's researchers hold a great responsibility to be catalysts for change. I am proud to be part of this movement, even though my involvement and influence is still small. To date, I have been published once in the Journal of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University with an article about contributing to nature's recovery through the practice of urban agriculture, with a view to publish more from my PhD research this year.

Kristyn Glanville: Kristyn commenced her PhD in June 2020 as a Scientia PhD Scholarship recipient. Her research will examine issues of environmental law and crime, focusing on water regulation and water theft. Kristyn also works in private practice as a solicitor, advising on environment, planning and climate change regulation, approvals, and risks. She is a coordinator for various environmental NGOs, and a director of a community based renewable energy developer, Pingala Co-Operative Ltd.

Leo Bromberg: I am a PhD Candidate at the Melbourne Law School, where I have also taught the subject 'Food Law and Policy'. Previously, I held the role of research fellow at the Melbourne Law School's Centre of Corporate Law and Securities Regulation. I have also worked for a number of years at a regulatory agency, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. My research interest lies at the intersection of animal ethics, animal law and regulation. My PhD seeks to evaluate the legitimacy of Australian public farmed animal welfare standards. This paper stems from my PhD dissertation, which aims to critically evaluate the legitimacy of public farmed animal welfare standards in Australia via a series of qualitative case studies. This paper sets out my proposed theoretical approach for evaluating the legitimacy of animal welfare regulation. While my empirical research will focus on Australia, my theoretical framework is intended to be of more general application.

Manon Simon: Manon Simon is PhD candidate from Brittany, France. She graduated with a Bachelor's in Public and International Law from the University of Poitiers, before pursuing a LL.M. in Environmental and Natural Resources Law at the University of Oregon, USA. She started her PhD in 2017 at the University of Wuhan, China, working on international regulations of weather modification activities. In 2019, she transferred to UTAS where she now conducts research on the relevance of weather modification laws and policies for solar geoengineering governance. She is currently working on a comparative analysis of the American and Australian weather modification regulatory frameworks.

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LLM in Environmental Law and Law of the Sea from the Utrecht University and an MSc in Marine Systems and Policies from the University of Edinburgh. Prior to starting her PhD, Mara was an intern at the International Seabed Authority and subsequently worked as a trainee at the European Commission in the Directorate General on Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, in the Unit on Law of the Sea, Ocean Governance and Arctic Policy. She has been a volunteer for Legal Response International and co-organises the Climate Law and Governance Reading Group.

Melissa Strydom: Melissa was admitted as an attorney of the High Court, South Africa, on 31 July 2009 and practised in the Public Law and Regulatory Practice at Bowmans, one of the large corporate law firms in South Africa, until Nov 2019. She practised in a variety of Public law matters, including environmental, mining, occupational and mine health & safety, procurement, petroleum, product liability and other regulated sectors. She worked at Bowmans for eight years and left to complete a PhD in environmental law enforcement at the University of the Witwatersrand. Melissa was ranked by Chambers & Partners Global in 2017, 2018 and in 2019 as an 'up and coming' attorney that 'possesses wide-ranging environmental expertise and is commended by sources for "good insight" and ability to "approach problems in a holistic manner, taking into account both the law and our business operations to find a workable compliance solution".'

Monica Taylor: Monica is a PhD candidate at the Queensland University of Technology where she is examining the impact of climate change on the future legal needs of vulnerable cohorts of our community. She is employed at QCOSS, the state-wide peak body for the Queensland social service sector and leads sector development work across human rights and quality frameworks. For eight years, Monica led the Pro Bono Centre at The University of Queensland, where she coordinated the law school's clinical legal education program and pursued strategic pro bono opportunities for law students in partnership with the private and public legal sectors. Under her leadership the Pro Bono Centre established the Climate Justice Initiative and received numerous awards including a national Australian Award for University Teaching for a Program that Enhances Learning.

Nicky Van Dijk: Nicky van Dijk is a PhD-candidate at the law faculty at the University of Tasmania. With a background in ethics and political philosophy, she combines her strengths in philosophy and law to research how we could represent future generations in climate law-making. Next to this, Nicky is a researcher of the Climate Justice Network, a dance school owner, the convenor of a fossil fuel divestment movement, and queer support group leader, and has recently won the Premier's Volunteer of the Year Award for her work in promoting environmental and social justice.

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Violet Ross: Violet is a PhD candidate in the Environmental Policy and Law groups at Wageningen University and Research in The Netherlands. She has an interdisciplinary background, obtaining a joint honours BA in history and Chinese language at the University of Leeds and an MSc in environmental sciences at Imperial College London. She has experience working in environmental data disclosure for a Beijing-based NGO and environmental impact assessment in London. Violet enjoys engaging with different research methods, disciplines and collaborating with a variety of stakeholders to achieve a holistic approach to a topic. Her areas of expertise are waste management, circular economy policy and environmental and administrative law.

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