

AUSTRALIA'S THIRD WILD LAW CONFERENCE - "EARTH JURISPRUDENCE - BUILDING THEORY AND PRACTICE" (16-18 SEPTEMBER 2011)

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY ECOCENTRE, BRISBANE

Program: Day 1 - Friday 16th September 2011

8.00 - 8.30	Registration and morning tea
8.30 - 9.00	Welcome to Country Opening of Conference - Bill Macneil, Griffith University Law School and Michelle Maloney, Australian Wild Law Alliance
9.00 - 9.30	Keynote speaker: Emeritus Professor Ian Lowe, Griffith University, <i>"The law and sustainable futures"</i>
9.30 - 10.00	Keynote speaker: Cormac Cullinan, EnAct International (South Africa), <i>"Changing the terrain: the significance of the emerging global movement for the rights for nature for environmental and social justice activism"</i>
10.00 - 10.30	<i>Introduction to Wild Law</i> - Dr Peter Burdon and Michelle Maloney, Australian Wild Law Alliance
10.30 - 11.00	Morning tea
11.00 - 12.00	<i>International developments</i> Professor Klaus Bosselmann, University of Auckland, <i>"Eco-constitutionalism: a new area of legal research and advocacy"</i> Professor Brendan Mackey, Australian National University, <i>"Promise the Earth: on the relationship between Earth system science and international environmental law"</i>
12.00 - 1.00	Lunch
1.00 - 2.00	<i>Jurisprudential Challenges for Wild Law</i> Professor Douglas Fisher, Queensland University of Technology, <i>"Jurisprudential challenges to the protection of the natural environment"</i> Chief Justice Preston, NSW Land and Environment Court, <i>"Internalising ecocentrism in environmental law"</i>
2.00 - 3.20	<i>Practical Challenges for Wild Law</i> JoAnne Bragg, Qld Environmental Defender's Office, <i>"Coal seam gas and mining in Queensland: can environmental law keep up?"</i> Mike Winer, Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership, <i>"Two million feral pigs can't be wrong - the failure of conservation and environmental law on Cape York Peninsula"</i> Senator Larissa Waters, <i>"Politics and Wild Law"</i>
3.20 - 3.50	Afternoon tea
3.50 - 4.30	<i>Rethinking environmental law and wild law</i> Dr Chris McGrath, University of Queensland, <i>"Recognising the interlinked nature of environmental law creates fertile ground for wild law principles"</i> Alessandro Pelizzon, Southern Cross University, <i>"Legal pluralism and the rights for nature"</i>
4.30 - 5.30	Discussion Panel: <i>Does environmental law protect the environment?</i> Panel will include speakers from Day 1 in a facilitated discussion followed by questions from the audience
5.30 - 6.00	Drinks and official launch of the Australian Wild Law Alliance and the Earth Laws Research Network (Southern Cross University)
6.30 - 9.30	Conference Dinner, G's Restaurant (Griffith University, Nathan Campus)

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Program: Day 2 - Saturday 17th September 2011

9.00 - 10.00	The role of human societies in a wild world Cormac Cullinan, EnAct International, 'If nature had rights, what would we have to give up?' Harry Jonas, Natural Justice, "Exploring biocultural rights and responsibilities"		
10.00-10.30	Morning tea		
10.30 - 11.20	<i>Breakout Room 1 – Ocean Blue Room</i> Wild science <i>Wild law and science (fiction)</i> , Nicole Rogers, Southern Cross University <i>Wild about geoengineering</i> , Mark Byrne, Northern Rivers Environmental Defender's Office	<i>Breakout Room 2 – Toohey Forest Room</i> Indigenous perspectives of wild law <i>The law/lore of the Dreaming: People and their relationship to all things natural</i> , Michael Anderson, Eahlayi Nation <i>Indigenous people bear the burden, the Australian Government reaps the reward: conservation, carbon and re-colonisation on Cape York</i> , Mike Winer, Cape York Institute	<i>Breakout Room 3 – Sunset Red Room</i> Building theory: challenging discourse <i>Gaining ground: towards a discourse of posthuman animality</i> , Anne Schillmoller, Southern Cross University <i>Towards the unthinkable: Earth jurisprudence and an ecocentric episteme</i> , Ben Mylius, University of Adelaide
11.30 – 12.30	Wild Science <i>Complexity theory and wild law</i> , Karen Bryant, George Mason University, Virginia (USA) <i>Towards an Ecological Jurisprudence</i> , Peter Boulot, James Cook University	Indigenous perspectives of wild law <i>Speaking for Country</i> , Beverley Hand and Kate Greenwood, John Pearson Consulting <i>Indigenous Jurisprudence - Ecospirituality - 'Terra Australis Legitimus' - Australia's Conscience</i> - Robyn Lucienne, Griffith University	Rights for nature <i>Taking stock of nature - ecosystem services or ecosystem rights?</i> Erin Fitz-Henry, University of Melbourne <i>Wild excuses for inexcusable laws: developing wild law through an international right to environment and bioregionalism</i> , Rebecca Smith, James Cook University
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch		
1.30 – 3.00	Wild law in a post-growth world <i>Peak Oil and the Twilight of Growth</i> , Dr Samuel Alexander, University of Melbourne <i>Towards an Ecocentric theory of private property</i> , Dr Peter Burdon, University of Adelaide <i>Finding limits for human societies: can Earth jurisprudence put the brakes on unsustainable consumption?</i> Michelle Maloney, Griffith University	Building practice: activism and environmental law <i>So many laws, but where's the environmental protection? Bribie Island's disappearing sand dunes and sea turtles</i> , David Percival, Bribie Island Environmental Protection Association <i>Queensland and Federal environmental legislation: too 'horse and buggy' for fossil fuel mining impacts? Case studies from Central Queensland</i> , Patricia Julien, Mackay Conservation Group <i>Are environmentalists captured by the frameworks created by environmental law?</i> Brendan Sydes, Victorian Environmental Defender's Office (EDO)	Animal rights and wild law <i>Wild law and animal law: commonalities and differences</i> , Dr Steve White, Griffith University <i>Animal property rights: Using guardianship to protect habitat and conserve biodiversity</i> , John Hadley, University of Western Sydney <i>Wild law and domesticated animals: a wild law approach to the regulation of farming industries in Australia</i> , Melissa Hamblin, University of NSW
3.00 – 3.30	Afternoon tea		
3.30 – 4.20	Wild law in a post-growth world <i>Working towards integrated autonomy in a post-growth world</i> , Donnie Maclurcan, The Post-Growth Institute <i>Beyond the Steady State – a return to the Commons</i> , Richard Sanders, CASSE	Climate change and wild law <i>The role of the judiciary in earth jurisprudence: an analysis of judicial approaches to standing in climate change litigation</i> , Dr Rowena Maguire, Queensland University of Technology (QUT)	Water rights and cultural governance <i>Fighting for Waterway Rights in California</i> , Linda Sheehan, Earth Law Center, California
4.30 – 5.30	Building practice: Regulatory Critiques <i>The dangerous trade in wildlife</i> , Brendan Grigg, Flinders University <i>The 'legislation check': practical experiences from an Austrian legislation assessment fostering Earth centred governance</i> , Dr Volker Mauerhofer, University of Austria	<i>Carbon taxes and wild law: will liabilities protect the atmospheric commons?</i> Felicity Deane, QUT <i>Carbon rights in trees and soils: are rights the wrong approach for wild law?</i> Carly Roberts, QUT	<i>Wild law or just a wild ride? The Murray Darling Basin</i> , Nicola Rivers, Victorian Environmental Defender's Office (EDO) <i>Indigenous cultural governance of water in the Murray Darling</i> , Michael Anderson, Eahlayi Nation
5.30 - 6.00	Drinks and launch of Wakefield Press publication "Exploring Wild Law" and Southern Cross University Law Review's 2011 Special Edition on Wild Law		
7.00 - 10.00	Dinner at Southbank		

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Program: Day 3 - Sunday 18th September 2011

9.00 - 9.30 Judith E Koons, Center for Earth Jurisprudence, (Florida, USA) "*Translating Earth: Transforming Law and Governance for the Post-Petroleum Period*"

Concurrent sessions

Breakout Room 1 – Ocean Blue Room

Breakout Room 2 – Toohey Forest Room

Breakout Room 3 – Sunset Red Room

9.40 - 10.30 ***Building theory: challenging dogma***

The importance of hearing the silences of the communion of subjects working towards wild law, Shelini Harris, Australian National University

Wild futures

Where are the wild lawyers of the future? Nature deficit disorder and its impact on children, Maria Zotti, South Australian Department of Environment

Building practice: legal and governance mechanisms

The 'governance check': practical experiences from an Austrian governmental structure assessment fostering Earth-centred governance, Dr Volker Mauerhofer, University of Austria

Kubla Khan and limits to law: Seonaid Abernathy

Wild law and intergenerational equity in Iran, Ashraf Sharifi

Legal mechanisms to restore the environment, Aghil Jasemian, Islamic Azad University, Iran

10.30 - 11.00 Morning tea

11.00 - 12.30 ***Building theory: challenging interpretation***

A billionaire's tale: Corporate law and the metabolism of the earth, Karla Sperling

Biocultural and human rights

Biocultural diversity, sustainability and the protection of human dignity: a comparative perspective in Asian Constitutional law, Irene Spigno, University of Melbourne

Building practice: regulatory critiques

What happened to the Guarantee? Victoria's Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 and lessons for earth jurisprudence, Brendan Sydes, Victorian EDO.

Anthropocentrism and ecocentrism: finding balance for environmental protection purposes, Iryna Barouskaya, University of Limerick, Ireland

Wild law - a new challenge, Professor Sarit Sadhu, Burdwan University, India

Does the Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act protect the environment? Tom Baxter, University of Tasmania

Beyond anthropocentrism and back again: from ontological to normative anthropocentrism, Aidan Ricketts and Alessandro Pelizzon, Southern Cross University

The right to be green: using human rights law to achieve environmental protection, Bridget Lewis, Queensland University of Technology

Wild law in Australia: practice and possibilities, Claire Williams Flinders University

12.30 - 1.30 Lunch

1.30 - 2.30 ***Workshops and discussions***

Teaching Wildly

Teaching law wildly: making environmental law accessible to all, Julia Pitts, Talking Sustainability

Wild law and law reform

Cormac Cullinan, EnAct International and Global Alliance for Nature

Community activism

Community activism clinic: planning and conflict mapping for community based campaigns, Aidan Ricketts, Southern Cross University

Teaching Earth Jurisprudence and developing a wild curriculum, Judith E Koons, Center for Earth Jurisprudence, Florida

2.30 – 3.30 ***Closing Session – 'Where to from here? Next steps for wild law and the Australian Wild Law Alliance' - discussions facilitated by Michelle Maloney and Peter Burdon, AWLA***

3.30 - 4.00 Afternoon tea and farewells

4.00 - 5.00 *Organised walk in nearby Toohey Forest*

NOTES

“The Great Work now is to carry out the transition from a period of human devastation of the Earth to a period when humans would be present to the planet in a mutually beneficial manner.” - Thomas Berry, *The Great Work* (1999) 3.