

Centre for Environmental Law Annual Lecture with Elizabeth Mrema

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity



Elizabeth Maruma Mrema was the Director of the Law Division and has worked with UNEP for over two decades. Prior to joining the Law Division in June 2014, she was the Deputy Director of the Ecosystems Division, in charge of coordination, operations and programme delivery from 2012 and for one year, also serviced as Acting Director to the same Division.

In 2009 she had been appointed as the Executive Secretary of the UNEP/Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), Acting Executive Secretary of the UNEP/ASCOBANS and Interim Executive Secretary of the UNEP/Gorilla Agreement, all based in Bonn, Germany and held that position until 2012 and thereafter she joined the Ecosystems Division in Nairobi, Kenya.

In 2021, the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL), in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), awarded Elizabeth with the Nicholas Robinson Award for Excellence in Environmental Law. This prestigious honour was bestowed in recognition of Elizabeth's career achievements, dedicated to advancing the environmental rule of law.

Before joining UNEP, Elizabeth worked with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania and left as a Counsellor/Senior Legal Counsel. During her time with the ministry, she was also a lecturer in Public International Law and Conference Diplomacy at Tanzania's Centre for Foreign Relations and Diplomacy. She had also served as a pro bono visiting lecturer at the University of Nairobi Law School and in the past at the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), Rome, Italy.

A lawyer and career diplomat with LLB (Hons) from the University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, LLM from Dalhousie University, Canada and Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations and Diplomacy (Summa Cum Laude) from the Centre of Foreign Relations and Diplomacy in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania.

Associate Professor Nengye Liu Director of the Centre for Environmental Law at Macquarie University



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Associate Professor Nengye Liu is the Director of the Centre for Environmental Law at Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia. He was educated in the School of Law, Wuhan University (China, LLB and LLM) and the Faculty of Law and Criminology, Ghent University (Belgium, Doctor of Laws, 2012). Prior to joining Macquarie Law School, A/Prof Liu taught at the Universities of Adelaide and New England. He was previously a European Union Marie Curie Fellow at the University of Dundee (Scotland) and a Future Ocean Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Kiel (Germany). A/Prof Liu has held visiting research positions at the Universities of Cambridge, Tsinghua, Montreal, Hamburg, Lapland, Tromsø, Tasmania, Trier and Shanghai Jiao Tong. He was also a Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Lapland (Finland, September 2017) and the School of Law, Xiamen University (China, September 2018, as Chen An Chair Professor of International

A/Prof Liu is the lead editor of two books: "The European Union and the Arctic" (Brill, 2017), "Governing Marine Living Resources in the Polar Regions" (Edward Elgar, 2019), and has published 50+ refereed articles in leading journals,

such as *Marine Policy*, *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics*, *International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law*, *Ocean Development and International Law*, *Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce*, *Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law*, *Heidelberg Journal of International Law*. He has delivered 100+ presentations about his research findings in more than 30 countries across five continents. His research has been covered by mainstream media around the world, e.g., BBC, ABC, The Atlantic and The Strait Times.

A/Prof Liu 's current projects include Australian Research Council Discovery Grant "Geopolitical Changes and the Antarctic Treaty System" (2019-2022) and Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Research Grant "The Rise of China and the Future of High Seas Governance (2021 - 2023). Other major funding bodies, such as the EU Marie Curie Fellowship, German Research Foundation (DFG), German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Research Council of Norway, Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) and the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA), have also supported his research. A/Prof Liu serves editorial roles for *Frontiers in Marine Science* (as Review Editor) and *Brazilian Yearbook of Law of the Sea* (Brazilian Institute for the Law of the Sea, as a member of Advisory Board). He was an Associate Editor for the *Yearbook of International Environmental Law* (OUP, 2014-2021) and a member of Editorial Board for *ANZSIL Perspective* (2020-2021). In 2021, A/Prof Liu was elected as Co-Chair of American Society of International Law's International Environmental Law Interest Group as well as Member of the Governing Board, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, representing Oceania.

The Hon. Justice Brian J Preston FRSN SC **Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales**



Justice Preston is the Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales. Prior to being appointed in November 2005, he was a senior counsel practising primarily in New South Wales in environmental, planning, administrative and property law. He has lectured in post-graduate environmental law for over 30 years. He is the author of Australia's first book on environmental litigation and 139 articles, book chapters and reviews on environmental law, administrative and criminal law. He holds numerous editorial positions in environmental law publications and has been involved in a number of international environmental consultancies and capacity-building programs, including for judiciaries throughout Asia, Africa and the European Union.

Justice Preston is an Official Member of the Judicial Commission of NSW, Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, Fellow of the Royal Society of NSW and Honorary Fellow of the Environment Institute of the Australia and New Zealand. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters by Macquarie University in 2018. He is a member of various international environmental law committees and advisory boards, including the interim governing council of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment and Chair of the Environmental Law Committee of the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA). He is currently an Adjunct Professor at the University of Sydney, Western Sydney University and Southern Cross University.

In 2019 Justice Preston was a Visiting Fellow at Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford, and in 2020 was the Robert S Campbell Jr Visiting Fellow at Magdalen College, University of Oxford.