

International Conference on *Pathways to Just Transitions for a Sustainable Common Future*

Program



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Macquarie University City Campus, Level 24, 123 Pitt Street, Sydney (and Online)
Wednesday 1 – Thursday 2 November 2023

Day 1

Time	Session	Speaker
8.30am – 9am	REGISTRATION	
9am – 10am	Acknowledgement of Country & Welcome	Lise Barry Dean, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia
	Context Setting	Surya Deva Professor, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia
	Opening Address	The Hon Trish Doyle MP Parliamentary Secretary for Environment, Heritage, Climate Change and Energy, New South Wales
	Keynote Address	Ian Fry United Nations Special Rapporteur on Climate Change
10am – 10.45am	GROUP PHOTO & TEA BREAK	
10.45am – 12.15pm	Historical and Theoretical Perspectives on Just Transitions	Moderator: Paul Govind Lecturer, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia Benjamin J Richardson Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Tasmania, Australia <i>Three Steps Forward, Two Steps Back: Change and Constancy in Environmental Law</i>

Binyam Mekonnen

PhD Candidate, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy

Decolonizing the Anthropocene for Intergenerational Justice: A Critical Pathway towards Combating Ecocide in Global Climate Change (online)

Rosemary Lyster

Professor, Sydney Law School, The University of Sydney, Australia

Multispecies Climate Justice and Disasters: A Transition towards a New Regulatory Framework

Asanka A Edirisinghe

PhD Candidate, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia

The intersection between the Sri Lankan Value System and the Rights of Nature

12.15pm – 1pm

Book Launch Discussion: *Before Environmental Law: A History of a Vanishing Continent* (Hart Publishing, 2023) by Benjamin J Richardson

Introduction: **Benjamin J Richardson**

Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Tasmania, Australia

Discussant: **Ben Boer**

Professor Emeritus, Sydney Law School, The University of Sydney, Australia

1pm – 2pm

LUNCH

2pm – 3.30pm

Addressing the Role of Intersectionality in the context of Just Transitions

Moderator: **Ashleigh Barnes**

Lecturer, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney

Amit Anand

Assistant Professor, School of Legal Studies, REVA University, Bangalore, India, and

Aakanksha Madaan

Assistant Professor, School of Legal Studies, REVA University, Bangalore, India

Women, Gender Equality and Climate Change in India (online)

Harpreet Kaur

Business and Human Rights Specialist, United Nations Development Programme, Asia-Pacific Regional Centre

The Precarity of Informality: Ensuring Gender Justice in Clean Energy Transition

Muluken Kassahun Amid

PhD Researcher, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

Linking Gender and Climate Justice under African Union Legal and Policy Frameworks (online)

Georgia Cam

Sessional Teaching Academic, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia

The Fossil Fuelled Crisis: A Model for Global Citizenship to Power a Just Transition to Renewable Energy

3.30pm – 4pm	BREAK	
4pm – 5.30pm	<p>Forging Pathways for Just and Green Energy Transition</p>	<p>Moderator: Constantinos Yiallourides Senior Lecturer, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia</p> <p>Tina Soliman Hunter Professor, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia <i>The Energy Transition and Sustainability: Are We Disregarding Intergenerational Equity?</i></p> <p>Cathy Sherry Professor, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia <i>Green Strata: Just Transition to Green Energy in Housing Development</i></p> <p>Sarah Brugler PhD Candidate, Faculty of Law, University of Tasmania, Australia <i>Adaptive Governance for Just Transitions on Privately Managed Land; Seeking Opportunities for Increased Participation with Conservation Covenants in Productive Landscapes</i></p> <p>Kanchi Kohli Visiting Faculty, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, India <i>Building Forests: Can Incentivising Carbon Sinks Energise a Just Energy Transition?</i></p>
6.30pm	MACQUARIE LAW SCHOOL'S CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER (BY INVITATION ONLY)	



Day 2

Time	Session	Speaker
9am – 10.30am	Challenges in Financing Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation	<p>Moderator: Esther Erlings Senior Lecturer, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney</p> <p>Celine Tan Professor, School of Law, University of Warwick, UK</p> <p>Gamze Erdem Turkelli Assistant Research Professor, University of Antwerp, Belgium, and</p> <p>Anil Yilmaz Vastardis Senior Lecturer, Essex Law School, University of Essex, UK <i>Partnership or Profiteering? The Just Economic Transition Partnership (JETP) and the Financing of Global Climate Action (online)</i></p> <p>Laode M Syarif Executive Director, KEMITRAAN & Senior Lecturer, Hasanuddin University Law School, Indonesia <i>The Pursuit of Just Energy Transition vs Environmental Destruction and Local People Displacement</i></p> <p>Mohammad Golam Sarwar PhD Candidate, SOAS, University of London, UK <i>Making Just Transition 'Just' for Developing Countries: Synergies between Responsible Investment and Climate Justice</i></p> <p>Shawkat Alam Professor, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia and</p> <p>Catherine Gascoigne Research Fellow, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia <i>Harmonising International Trade Obligations with Climate Objectives: The Interrelation of WTO Regulations and the Paris Agreement Regarding Renewable Energy Subsidies</i></p>
10.30am – 11am	TEA BREAK	
11am – 12.30pm	Role of Due Diligence in contributing to Just Transitions – Issues and Challenges	<p>Moderator: Surya Deva Director, Centre for Environmental Law, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia</p> <p>Lorena Bisignano MRes Candidate, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia <i>The Rise of Human Rights-based Claims in Climate Litigation: Finding a Common Ground to Prompt Climate Due Diligence for Governments and Private Actors</i></p>

Barnali Choudhury

Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University,
Toronto, Canada

*IAs as a Counter to Just Transitions: Why Due Diligence
Initiatives are not enough?*

Franziska Wohltmann

PhD Candidate, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg,
Germany

*Towards Socio-economic Transformation and Just
Transition: From Inadequate Human Rights and
Environmental Due Diligence Laws to Relationally
Transnational Law and Policymaking*

12.30pm – 1.30pm

LUNCH

1.30pm – 3pm

Rethinking Food Systems
Regulation for a Sustainable
Future

Moderator: **Cathy Sherry**

Professor, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University,
Sydney, Australia

Christine Parker

Professor, Melbourne Law School, University of
Melbourne, Australia

*Nudge versus Sludge: A Critical Evaluation of the
Discourse of Greenwashing for Transformative Change*

Alois Aldridge Mugadza

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Groningen Centre of
Energy Law and Sustainability, Faculty of Law, University
of Groningen, The Netherlands

*The Need for a Food Law Framework in South Africa:
Shortcomings and Challenges (online)*

Milena Bojovic

PhD Candidate, School of Social Sciences, Faculty of
Arts, Macquarie University, Sydney

*Just Food Transitions: Food systems for a Sustainable
Future*

3pm – 3.30pm

TEA BREAK

3.30pm – 5pm	Ensuring Corporate Accountability for Just Transitions	<p>Moderator: Justine Nolan Director, Australian Human Rights Institute and Professor, UNSW Faculty of Law and Justice, Sydney, Australia</p> <p>Damilola S Olawuyi Chair, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights; Professor, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar <i>Net Zero, Human Rights and ESG Risk Management in the Extractive Sector (online)</i></p> <p>Hannah Harris Senior Lecturer, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia <i>Greenwashing and Corporate Disclosures – A Comparative Analysis of Emergent Trends in the Australian Regulatory Landscape</i></p> <p>Olena Uvarova Associate Professor, Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, Kharkiv, Ukraine <i>Just transition to the Post-oligarchic Society: the Relevance of the UNGPs Framework for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (online)</i></p> <p>Jernej Letnar Čerňič Professor, European Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Government and European Studies, New University. Ljubljana/Kranj, Slovenia <i>Corporate Human Rights Accountability for Climate Change: between Utopia and Dystopia (online)</i></p>
5pm – 5.15pm	CONCLUDING REMARKS	<p>Surya Deva Director, Centre for Environmental Law, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia</p>
5.30pm – 7.30pm	MACQUARIE LAW SCHOOL'S 2023 BLACKSHIELD LECTURE	<p>The Hon Justice Dr Brian J Preston FRSN SC FAAL Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales <i>The right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment: its nature, content and realisation</i></p>