



33rd Annual International Conference of the Global Ecological Integrity Group “Law, Governance, and Ecological Integrity in the Era of Emergency”

Università Europea di Roma

Via degli Aldobrandeschi, 190, Roma, Italy

24 - 27 June 2025

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Registration, 16 April 2025 – 01 June 2025

Register at <https://globalecointegrity.org/registration>.

Panelists: Professional – 250 €
Tribal Affiliates and Students* – fee waived
Audience: In-person – 50 €
Tribal Affiliates and Virtual – no fee

- Panelist registration includes conference packet, health breaks, Site Visit with lunch, and group dinner.
- In-person audience registration will include the conference packet and health breaks.
- If you need an official receipt separate from what is automatically provided, please contact the Secretariat at the conclusion of the Conference proceedings.
- Every panelist is afforded 30”, please include time for Q&A within that time.



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TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2025

8:30 Registration Opens with coffee, tea, light pastries, fruit

9:00 Welcome

9:30 Keynote

Moderator: Prof. Emeritus Klaus Bosselmann (University of Auckland, New Zealand)

Governance of «Overshoot»: International Law for Addressing the Climate Emergency

Prof. Dr. Christina Voigt (Chair, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law; University of Oslo, Norway)

10:30 Panel 1 – Ecological Integrity, Emergency, and Ethics

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Katy Gwiazdon (Chair, IUCN WCEL Ethics Specialist Group; NIU College of Law, USA)

10:30 *Environmental Protection and Emergency Management: Two Sides of the Same Coin*

Prof. Drs. Loredana Giani (Università Europea di Roma, Italy) & Aristide Police (Università LUISS Guido Carli, Italy)

11:00 *Ecological Integrity in the Anthropocene*

Prof. Dr. Thomas Heyd (University of Victoria, Canada)

11:30 *Emergency Responsibility Ethics*

Dr. Marco Ettore Grasso (University of Macerata, Italy)

12:00 *From Ecocide to Climate Crises: Ethical Responses to Environmental and Social Injustices*
Karla Matos (Center for Environmental Ethics and Law, Brazil/Portugal)

12:30 Lunch – on own

14:00 Panel 2 – Law and Governance Responses to Emergency
Moderator: Prof. Dr. Virginia Zambrano (University of Salerno, Italy)

14:00 *How Can Law and Governance Respond to the Growing Disintegration in Human and Natural Systems?*
Prof. Dr. Annarita Iocopino, Siria Canciani*, & Luca de Angelis* (Università Europea di Roma, Italy)

14:30 *An Annual Mother Earth Assembly Towards a Summit for Mother Earth in 2030*
Maria Mercedes Sanchez (Coordinator of the UN Harmony with Nature Programme (2009-2024), USA)

15:00 *Governance for Human and Ecological Well-Being in the SDGs: The Role of Just Transition Policy and Law*
Prof. Drs. Matteo Fermeglia (Amsterdam University, Netherlands) & Melanie Murcott (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

15:30 *Progress in Practice: A Comparative Analysis of the Non-Regression Principle in Environmental Law in Latin America*
Prof. Drs. Ángela M. Amaya-Arias (Universidad Externado de Colombia, Colombia) & Nicholas S. Bryner (Louisiana State University Law Center, USA)

16:00 Health Break

16:30 Panel 3 – Countering the Twin Crises of Biodiversity Loss and Climate Change
Session in cooperation with Europe Direct Siena
Moderator: Asst. Prof. Emanuele Fratto Rosi Grippaudo ('Kore' University of Enna, Italy)



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16:30 *The European Union as a Global Regulator on the Prevention of Deforestation: Biodiversity and Climate Objectives Versus Trade Impacts*
Prof. Dr. Massimiliano Montini (University of Siena and Europe Direct Siena, Italy)

17:00 *Nature-Based Solutions to Strengthen the Effectiveness of the EU Green Deal to Combat Climate Change*
Jaime Villeta García, Esq. MP* (University of Barcelona, Spain)

17:30 *Biodiversity Credits: New Source of Funding or Eco-Charity?*
Prof. Dr. Cristiane Derani, Gabriel Pedroza Bezerra Ribeiro* (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil), & Diana Carolina Pinzón Mejía* (Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, Colombia)

18:00 CLOSE OF DAY ONE

WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2025

9:00 Panel 4 – Earth Governance in an Era of Emergency
Moderator: Prof. Dr. Massimiliano Montini (University of Siena, Italy)

9:00 *Earth Trusteeship and the Sovereign State*
Prof. Emeritus Klaus Bosselmann (University of Auckland School of Law, New Zealand)

9:30 *Walking Backwards into the Future of International Law: The International Court of Justice and Revitalizing Our Sacred Trust*
Dr. Neshan Gunasekera (CEO World Future Council, Sri Lanka/Germany)

- 10:00 *Earth System Law: An Ecological Critique*
 Assc. Prof. Olivia Woolley (Durham University Law School, UK)
- 10:30 Health Break**
- 11:00 Panel 5 – Responding with Rights of Humans and Nature**
 Moderator: Prof. Emeritus Klaus Bosselmann (University of Auckland School of Law, New Zealand)
- 11:00 *Standing for Nature: Legal Strategies for Environmental Justice*
 Prof. Dr. Dana Zartner (University of San Francisco School of Law, USA)
- 11:30 *Rights of Nature: A Legal Solution for the Era of Emergency?*
 Francesca Ceresa Gastaldo* (University of Genoa, Italy)
- 12:00 *Rethinking the “Who” Challenge in Terms of Rights-Based Litigation – Whose Rights Are We Talking About?*
 Prof. Dr. Nilay Arat (Kadir Has University Faculty of Law, Turkey)
- 12:30 Lunch – on own**
- 14:00 Panel 6 – Empowering and Restoring Local Communities**
 Moderator: Prof. Dr. Simona Terracciano (Università degli Studi della Campania Luigi Vanvitelli, Italy)
- 14:00 *Local Authorities’ Role in the Ecological Transition*
 Prof. Dr. Vinicio Brigante (Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, Italy)
- 14:30 *Community Conservancies: A Kenyan Model of Public-Private Environmental Welfare*
 Prof. Drs. Vanessa Manzetti & Francesca Carpita (University of Pisa, Italy)
- 15:00 *The Lessons of Detroit: An Emergency that Continues After 60 Years*
 Prof. Emeritus Joseph Dellapenna (Peking University School of Transnational Law)
- 15:30 *Environmental Justice: A Panacea for Peace in the Volatile Niger-Delta, Nigeria*
 Dr. Nsikan-Abasi Odong (University of Ottawa, Nigeria/Canada)
- 16:00 Health Break**
- 16:30 Panel 7 – Countering Our Climate Crisis**
 Moderator: Prof. Dr. Annarita Iocopino (Università Europea di Roma, Italy)
- 16:30 *Can the Courts Counter the Climate Crisis? An Analysis of the Role of the Judiciary in Climate Change Law and Governance*
 Dr. Justin Sobion (University of Auckland School of Law, New Zealand)
- 17:00 *Climate Change Litigation and the Anthropocene: A Judicial Perspective of Climate Governance in East Africa*
 Honorable Margaret Wagana (Court of Appeal, The Judiciary, Uganda)
- 17:30 *How is Sub-National Governance Responding to Climate Emergencies? The Citizens’ Assemblies for Climate in South Tyrol and Vorarlberg as a Case in Point*
 Dr. Francesca Rosignoli (Eurac Research, Institute for Minority Rights, Italy)
- 18:00 CLOSE OF DAY TWO**
- 20:00 GEIG Group Dinner (families welcome) at TH Roma - Carpegna Palace Hotel (transportation TBA)**

THURSDAY, 26 JUNE 2025

9:00 Panel 8 – Restoring Democracy and Indigenous Sovereignty

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Loredana Giani (Università Europea di Roma, Italy)

9:00 *Ecological Integrity in the Time of Trump: A Canadian Perspective*

Prof. Emerita Kathleen Mahoney, K.C. (University of Calgary, Canada)

9:30 *Democracy and Decolonialism to Counter Forever Emergencies*

Prof. Dr. Kathryn Gwiazdon (Chair, IUCN WCEL Ethics Specialist Group; NIU College of Law, USA)

10:00 *Time to Jettison Terra Nullius?*

Prof. Dr. Valentini Vadi (European University Institute, Italy)

10:30 *Sacred Geography, Drones, Indigenous Sovereignty, and Biodiversity*

Dr. Hillary Renick (California Indian Land Institute, USA)

11:00 CLOSE OF DAY THREE

SITE VISIT – Tiber River Cruise to Ancient Roman port town of Ostia (families welcome)

12:00 Depart from [location TBA] to Ancient Ostia

~13:00 Lunch – provided

~14:30 Guided tour of Ancient Ostia

~18:00 Return to [location TBA]

FRIDAY, 27 JUNE 2025

9:00 Panel 9 – Strengthening Social Integrity

Moderator: Prof. Emerita Prue Taylor (University of Auckland, New Zealand)

9:00 *Gender Across Borders: Adaptation and Vulnerability*

Prof. Dr. Virginia Zambrano (University of Salerno, Italy)

9:30 *OECD Standards, Fast Fashion, and Human Rights: The Role of National Contact Points in Addressing Labour and Environmental Harm*

Dr. Giada Giacomini (Geneva Graduate Institute/Italian National Research Council, Italy)

10:00 *At the Intersection of Integrity and Incarceration: Exploring How the Emergencies of Climate Change and Ecological Degradation are Strengthening Punitive Measures in U.S. and Global Criminal Justice*

Janai Crumbley* (NIU College of Law, USA)

10:30 Health Break

11:00 Panel 10 – Transforming Our Food and Economic Systems

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Cristiane Derani (Deputy Chair, IUCN WCEL Ethics Specialist Group; Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil)

11:00 *Food System Transformation and Agriculture in an Era of Emergency: European Responses to Recent Crises*

Dr. Alicia Epstein (Brandenburg Technical University, Germany)

- 11:30 *The Implementation of the Circular Economy in Spain: A Legal-Administrative Analysis*
Eduardo Marcos Martínez* (Università degli Studi di Roma 'Tor Vergata' (Rome II))
- 12:00 *The Decarbonization of Italian Internal Areas as a Competitive Vantage for Tourism Development*
Assc. Prof. Carmen Bizzarri (Università Europea di Roma, Italy)
- 12:30 Lunch – on own**
- 14:00 Panel 11 – Information and Technology in the Era of Emergency**
Moderator: Dr. Alicia Epstein (Brandenburg Technical University, Germany)
- 14:00 *Geoengineering, emergency, and alternative legalities*
Ermanno Napolitano* (McGill University, Faculty of Law, Canada)
- 14:30 *Artificial Intelligence and protection of environmental resources in the era of emergency*
Assc. Prof. Giovanna Mastrodonato (University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy)
- 15:00 *Artificial Governance to Minimize Environmental Damage and Protect Lives: A Comparative Analysis of Brazil and Italy*
Isabela Domingos* (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil) & Nicoletta Castellano* (Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy)
- 15:30 *Challenges to Epidemiology by the Anti-Science Movement*
Prof. Dr. Robin Taylor Wilson (Chair, International Network for Epidemiology in Policy; Temple University, USA)
- 16:00 Health Break**
- 16:30 Panel 12 – Post-Emergency Perspectives and Hope**
Moderator: Dr. Giada Giacomini (Geneva Graduate Institute/Italian National Research Council, Italy)
- 16:30 *Forever Chemicals (PFAS) and Ecological Integrity: One Health Approach in European and French Law*
Prof. Dr. Agnès Michelot, La Rochelle University (France)
- 17:00 *Public authorities and governance in the post-catastrophe reconstruction phase: insights from the Italian case study*
Asst. Profs. Simona Terracciano (Università degli Studi della Campania Luigi Vanvitelli, Italy) & Emanuele Fratto Rosi Grippaudo ('Kore' University of Enna, Italy)
- 17:30 *From State of Emergency to Legal Framework: The New Italian Code for Post-Disaster Reconstruction*
Honorable Marco Maria Cellini (Regional Administrative Court of Sicily, Italy)
- 18:00 *A Real Analysis to Continue to be an Optimist*
Avv. Luca Capobianco (Italy)
- 18:30 IN GRATITUDE & ANNOUNCEMENT OF GEIG 2026**
- 18:35 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE**

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