

Law and the End of Anthropocentrism.

‘Judiciary and Climate Change’ ; ‘Ecocide as an international crime’

Tuesday 21 March 2023

Time: 13:30 - 17:00

Entrance: Free

Location: Paushuize, Kromme Nieuwegracht 49, Utrecht

The urgent ecological crises of the Anthropocene confront us with new challenges. Which role can and should Courts play as an arena for change? Do the numerous violations of the environment call for new international criminal laws to protect the environment?

Outstanding experts from academia and practice will reflect on the role of judiciary in catalysing climate change mitigation and also discuss the proposal of recognizing ecocide as a core international crime.

13.30 – 13.40 **Welcome and introduction**

Prof. Chris Backes, Utrecht University

13.40 – 14.20 **Judiciary and climate change: ensuring government and corporate accountability**

Brian Preston, Hon Justice Land and Environment Court of New South Wales, Sydney

14.20 – 14.40 **Reflections**

Prof. Jaap Spier, Senior Associate of the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership

Dr. Natalie Dobson, Utrecht University

14.40 - 15.05 **(Panel)discussion with all participants**

Prof. Edward Brans, Utrecht University

15.05 – 15.30 *Break*

15.30 - 16.10 **Ecocide as an International Crime**

Prof. Christina Voigt, Oslo University, Chair of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law

- 16.10 – 16.30 **Reflections**
Prof. Frank Biermann, Utrecht University, Director of the ERC Global Goals project
Prof. Cedric Ryngaert, Utrecht University
- 16.30 - 16.55 **(Panel)discussion with all participants**
Dr. Daan van Uhm, Utrecht University
- 16.55- 17.00 **Closing**
- 17.00 *Drinks and Snacks*

If you would like to attend, please register here: <https://www.milieurecht.nl/activiteiten/165/law-and-the-end-of-anthropocentrism-judiciary-and-climate-change-ecocide-as-an-international-crime>

This conference is organized by the [Utrecht University School of Law](#) and [Pathways to Sustainability](#) together with the [Dutch Association for Environmental Law](#).