

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 numerous environmental violations urge for new international criminal laws to protect the environment?

Outstanding experts from academia and practice will reflect on the role of judiciary to prevent climate change and 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 – 14.50 **Reflections**

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

14.50 - 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 – 16.40 **Reflections**

Prof. Cedric Ryngaert, Utrecht University

Prof. Frank Biermann, Utrecht University, Director of the ERC Global Goals project

16.40 - 16.55 **(Panel)discussion with all participants**

Dr. Daan van Uhm, Utrecht University

16.55- 17.00 **Closing**

17.00 *Drinks and Snacks*

This conference is organized by **Utrecht University** and the **Dutch Association for Environmental Law**.