



ICEL / UC3M International Symposium
19 November 2021 (from 9:00 to 18:00 CET)
(Hybrid event)

“TOWARDS A GLOBAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN HARMONY AND PEACE WITH NATURE”

**VENUE: Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M): Campus Puerta de Toledo:
ROOM -1.A.01 (Ronda de Toledo, 1 / 28005), Madrid, Spain**



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HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

8:45 – Participants assemble at UC3M’s Puerta de Toledo Campus

9:05 – WELCOMING REMARKS

- **Dr. MATILDE SÁNCHEZ FERNÁNDEZ** (Vice-Rector for Internationalization and European University, UC3M).`
- **Dr. ROSA RODRÍGUEZ LÓPEZ** (Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law)
- **Dr. CHRISTINA VOIGT** (Professor of Public International law at University of Oslo, Norway; Co-chair of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee; Chair of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL); Coordinator at PluriCourts, Center of Excellence at the University of Oslo, Norway; Member of the ICEL’s Board of Governors (online).
- **Dr. MONTSERRAT ABAD CASTELOS** (Professor of Public International Law at UC3M / Co-Director of ICEL’s International Secretariat)

9:20 – FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PANEL: CLIMATE CHANGE

■ Presenter and moderator: **Dr. FRANCESCO SINDICO** (Co-Director, Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance Programme Leader, Strathclyde LLM in Global Environmental Law and Governance; Reader in International Environmental Law, Scotland, UK; Chair of the IUCN WCEL’s Specialist Group on Climate Change).

- *“Ecological justice in climate litigation: the ecocentric interpretation of climate justice”*, **Dr. SUSANA BORRÁS PENTINAT** (Associate Professor in International Law and International Relations, Director of the Master Degree in Environmental Law, CEDAT Researcher, Expert Member of Harmony with Nature Platform - UN Universitat Rovira i Virgili, -Tarragona, Spain) (online).
- *“The dream of a caeli civis? From active citizenship tools to global climate litigation before international courts and tribunals: can the curious case of the European Union pave the way towards effective climate mitigation and integrated climate governance?”*, **OZANA OLARIU** (Department of Public International Law and International Relations, University of Granada, Spain) (online).
- *“Local and global protection of Patagonian ecosystems. Proposals of (constitutional) climate governance from the extreme south of Chile”*, **CAMILO ANDRÉS CORNEJO MARTÍNEZ** (Lawyer and Lecturer at the Law School, University of Chile).
- *“Environmental peacebuilding in Colombia during the climate crisis: Rethinking the human-nature relationship”*, **NATALIA URZOLA GUTIÉRREZ** (LL.M at UC Berkeley School of Law, Membership Coordinator of the Global Network for the Study of Human Rights and Environment (GNHRE)).

10:15 – SECOND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PANEL: RIGHTS OF NATURE

■ Presenter and moderator: **Dr. LAURA MOVILLA** (Contracted Lecturer holder of a PhD; University of Vigo, Spain / Associate Researcher at ICEL’s International Secretariat).

- *“Living in Harmony with Nature in a post-pandemic scenario: Comparative Lessons from Nature”*, **Dr. MARÍA ANTONIA TIGRE** (Director of Latin America Region at the Global Network for the Study of Human Rights and the Environment, Global Climate Litigation Fellow at the Sabin Center at Columbia University, New York, USA) (online).
- *“The Rights of Nature: Towards a More Harmonic Relationship between Human Beings and Nature?”*, **Dr. FELIPE GÓMEZ ISA** (Professor at the Universidad de Deusto, Vice President of the Global Campus of Human Rights, Spain).
- *“Rights of nature: indigenous knowledge for a paradigmatic shift in environmental governance”*, **Dr. GIADA GIACOMINI** (Post-Doctoral Researcher, Eurac Research, Institute for Comparative Federalism, Italy).
- *“El caso Laguna del Carpintero como posible antecedente para reconocer derechos a la naturaleza en México. Una contribución a la defensa del ambiente”*, **Dr. ANGELINA ISABEL VALENZUELA RENDÓN** (Professor, Law Department, Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico) (online).

11:10 – COFFEE-BREAK

11:45 – THIRD ENVIRONMENTAL PANEL: PROTECTING ECOSYSTEMS

■ Presenter and moderator: **Dr. JUAN CRUZ-ALLÍ TURRILLAS** (Associate Professor of Administrative Law, UNED, Spain; ICEL Representative before the World Tourism Organization).

- “*The time of water*”, **ADRIÁN GAVÍN LALAGUNA** (Pre-doctoral Researcher in Public International Law, University of Zaragoza, Spain).
- “*Global Solidarity with Nature and the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction*”, **Dr. OTTO SPIJKERS** (Professor at Wuhan University's China Institute of Boundary and Ocean Studies –CIBOS– and its Research Institute of Environmental Law –RIEL–; Founding Staff Member of Wuhan University's International Water Law Academy –IWLA–, China, and Managing Editor of the Chinese Journal of Environmental Law –CJEL–) (online).
- “*New Challenges in Planetary Health: A Brief Review of the “Blue Lung”*”, **Dr. ESTEBAN MORELLE-HUNGRÍA** (Adjunct Professor in Criminal Law and Criminology at Universitat Jaume I, Spain) & **PABLO SERRA-PALAO** (PhD Candidate at Universidad de Murcia, Centre for Biolaw, Ethics, and Health Studies, CEBES, Spain).
- “*Environmental Protection in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction: The Case of Antarctica*”, **Dr. MARTA SOBRIDO PRIETO** (Senior Lecturer of Public International Law, Universidad de A Coruña, Spain; Former Adviser or the International Legal Office, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs –2019-2020–; Member of the Spanish Delegation at the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting –2019-21–).

12:40 – FOURTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PANEL: IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL FRAMEWORK AND INSTITUTIONS

— Presenter and moderator: **Dr. RICARDO PEREIRA** (Reader in Law, Cardiff Law & Politics School, UK, Member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law).

- “*The Treaty on Human Rights and Business: An Instrument to Protect the Environment and Climate?*”, **Dr. DANIEL IGLESIAS MÁRQUEZ** (Lecturer at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences / Researcher at the *Instituto de Derechos Humanos y Empresas*, Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico)
- “*Contaminación en la gestión y conservación de los recursos naturales: mecanismos para la prevención de la corrupción en la institucionalidad ambiental*” (**VANESSA RETAMAL**, University of Chile; **CAROLINA SERRANO**, Lawyer, University of Chile; and **FRANCISCO ZAMBRANO**, Lawyer, University of Santiago de Chile).
- “*A Convention on Animal Protection to Prevent Future Pandemics*”, **LAURIE MORGAN** (Associate at Freshfields Bruckhuas Deringer, New York, USA).

13: 30 – LUNCH

15:00 – FIFTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PANEL: IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE: ENERGY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

■ Presenter and moderator: **Dr. ISABEL HERNÁNDEZ SAN JUAN** (Contracted Lecturer holder of a PhD at UC3M / Office Manager at ICEL's International Secretariat).

- “*Environmentally Harmful Fossil Fuel Subsidies: From Obscurity to the Center of the Trade and Environment Interface*”, **HENOK ASMELASH, HENOK** (Lecturer at Birmingham Law School, UK) (online).
- “*Building Back Better*”: *Promoting the Just and Green Energy Transition at Post-Pandemic Era*”, **ONUR CAGDAS ARTANTAS** (Administrative Law Department, Faculty of Law, Hacettepe University, Turkey) (online).

15:30 – SIXTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PANEL: REGIONAL, LOCAL, AND INDIGENOUS APPROACHES

■ Presenter and moderator: **Dr. EMILIE GAILLARD** (General Coordinator of the Normandy Chair For Peace, CNRS, University of Caen, France; Associate Professor in International Environmental and Human Rights Law, Sciences Po Rennes, France) (online).

- “Towards building environmental legal frameworks in peace and harmony with Indigenous Peoples”, **MARÍA ACOSTA** (Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples collective rights specialist) & **LUISA CASTANEDA** (Vanier Scholar, Doctoral Candidate in Law, Faculty of Law, McGill University, respectively) (online).
- “The Green State Vision of West Papua”, **ROY LEE** (Principal at Solon Law, UK; Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand and the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia) (online).
- “Urban agroecological food production in Rio de Janeiro: Legal questions and strengthening local governance against global environmental problems”, **FELIPE JARDIM** (Doctoral Candidate, State University of Rio de Janeiro, UERJ; Friedrich-Schiller Universität Jena, FSU, Germany).
- “Current problems and legal actions for the prevention and combating of crimes and illegalities that affect forest resources, flora and fauna and other natural resources of the Republic of Cuba”, **Dr. LUIS PÉREZ OROZCO** (Professor of Law, University of Matanzas "Camilo Cienfuegos", Cuba) (online).

16:30 – CONVERSATION between **Prof. NICHOLAS A. ROBINSON** (Emeritus Professor, Pace University, New York; Executive President of ICEL; Chair Emeritus of the World Commission on Environmental Law) and **Prof. YANN AGUILA** (Director General of the Global Pact Coalition, Professor at Sciences Po, France): “*From Stockholm, 1972, to the 2022 Declaration*” (online).

■ Presenter: **prof. VICTOR TAFUR** (ICEL Representative before United Nations; Adjunct Professor at Pace University, New York) (online).

■ Moderator: **Dr. TERESA PAREJO** (Co-Director of ICEL’s International Secretariat; Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility Director, IBERIA).

17:00 –MUSICAL PIECE composed for this event and conducted by **Maestro CHYA AMOS** (Music Conductor, based in St. Petersburg; ICEL Representative for Music & Culture for the Environment) (video presentation).

■ Presenter: **PROF. KOH KHENG LIANG** (Emeritus Professor Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore; Former Director of APCEL; and current member of its Advisory Committee) (pre-recorded video).

17: 20 – CREATIVE AND ARTISTIC PANEL:

■ Presenter and moderator: **ALEXANDRA GOODMAN** (J.D., LL.M. / Senior Fellow at ICEL’s International Secretariat).

- Creative Expressions in Relation to the Environment:
 - Audio-visual Category: **MARTÍN BLANCO PREGO** (University of Vigo, Spain).
 - Tangible Category: **LORY AYERS** (Speaker and Artist, San Francisco, USA) (online).
- **PETER WELLS**: “Towards a new landscape of infrastructures, governance systems, and economies emerging this century” (IUCN Member; Masters student of Arts & Ecology at Dartington Art School, UK).

17:50 – CLOSURE: **Prof. ANTONIO HERMAN BENJAMIN** (Chancellor of ICEL; Chair Emeritus of the World Commission on Environmental Law, IUCN; Justice of the National High Court of Brazil (STJ) (online).

■ Presenter: **Dr. MONTSERRAT ABAD CASTELOS** (Professor of Public International Law at UC3M / Co-Director of ICEL’s International Secretariat).

ORGANIZATION

◆ *Honorific Committee*

Prof. Yann Aguila (Director General, Global Pact Coalition. Professor at Sciences Po Paris); **Prof. Antonio Herman Benjamin** (Chancellor of ICEL; Chair Emeritus of the World Commission on Environmental Law –WCEL–; Justice of the National High Court of Brazil - STJ); **Prof. Koh Kheng Lian** (Emeritus Professor Faculty of Law National University of Singapore, former Director of APCEL, and currently member of its Advisory Committee); **Prof. Nilüfer Oral** (Member, U.N. International Law Commission; Professor, Law Faculty, Istanbul Bilgi University –Turkey–, and Director of the Center for International Law, National University of Singapore); **Prof. Nicholas A. Robinson** (Executive Governor of ICEL; Emeritus Professor of Pace University, New York; Chair Emeritus of the WCEL); **Prof. Christina Voigt** (Professor of Public International Law, University of Oslo, President of the World Commission on Environmental Law, Governing Board Member of ICEL)

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◆ *Committee for Environmental Arts and Creative Expressions*

Prof. Julio Checa Puerta (Professor of Literature and Dean of the School of Humanities, Communication and Library Science UC3M); **Maestro Chiya Amos** (Music conductor based in St Petersburg, Russia; ICEL Representative for Music and Culture for the Environment); **Raquel Sakristán** (Environmental sculptor)

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- Coordinator for the Artistic & Creative Expressions Relating to the Environment Call: **Alexandra Goodman** (ICEL).

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- Administrative Director: **Prof. Antonio Descalzo** (UC3M)

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◆ *Organizers*

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- Department of International Law, Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of Law

- Instituto Pascual Madoz

- Vice-Rectorate for Research Policy (Grant awarded: *Convocatoria 2021 de ayudas para organización de congresos internacionales y reuniones científicas y workshops por la UC3M*)

- *New challenges of the Law' Project. This work has been supported by the Madrid Government (Comunidad de Madrid-Spain) under the Multiannual Agreement with UC3M in the line of Excellence of University Professors (EPUC3M06), and in the context of the V PRICIT (Regional Programme of Research and Technological Innovation).*

- Dean of the Faculty of Legal and Social Sciences (*Ayuda para la Realización de Congresos durante el Año 2021 en la Facultad de Ciencias Sociales y Jurídicas*).

- Research Project *ODS, Derechos Humanos y Derecho internacional (SDGs, Human Rights and International Law)*, awarded by the Spanish Ministry for Science, Innovation and Universities (PGC 2018-095805-B-100).

◆ *Collaborating Entities*

- World Commission on Environmental Law (IUCN)

- The Global Pact Coalition

- Global Judicial Institute on the Environment

- Normandy Chair for Peace

- Instituto de Estudios Internacionales y Europeos Francisco de Vitoria (UC3M)

- University of Strathclyde. Centre for Environmental Law and Governance

All the presentations composing the panels have been selected by the Committees following the response to the CALL FOR PAPERS & ARTISTIC or CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS in relation to the Environment, previously launched, in May 2021, by ICEL/UC3M

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (ICEL)

HISTORY AND MISSION

- ▶ ICEL was **launched at the 10th IUCN General Assembly in New Delhi in 1969**, becoming the world's first, and oldest, organization of eminent jurists dedicated to the field of environmental law, playing a **unique role in the creation of international environmental law** for five decades and establishing the juridical foundation for many aspects of sustainable development.
- ▶ ICEL is facing a transformation to adapt to today's social and environmental challenges, building upon the extraordinary work of those that contributed to the outstanding achievements of ICEL since its origins until today.

ORGANIZATION

- ▶ The **Board of Governors** is the Supervisory Board of ICEL. Prof. Antonio Herman Benjamin is the current **Chancellor** of ICEL and Prof. Nicholas A. Robinson is its **Executive President**.
- ▶ ICEL relocated its **International Secretariat to the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid** in 2019, after the signature of a General Cooperation Protocol between ICEL and the UC3M (2019). The International Secretariat is located at the Instituto Pascual Madoz, within the UC3M (Calle Madrid 126, Getafe, CP 28903- Madrid, Spain).

LINES OF ACTION

- ▶ As a **member of the IUCN**, ICEL very soon began a **long standing collaboration within IUCN** towards achieving common purposes (three examples of joint achievements: the *UN World Charter for Nature*, adopted by the UNGA in 1982; the *Draft Covenant on Development*; and the 1995 *Draft Convention on the Prohibition of Hostile Military Activities in Protected Areas*).
- ▶ ICEL enjoys **consultative status before several UN agencies** and activities (ECOSOC, UNEP, the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNFCCC COPs, etc.).
- ▶ ICEL auspices the **Elisabeth Haub Award in Environmental Law**, granted annually since 1974, in order to recognize exceptional accomplishments in the field of environmental law and diplomacy.
- ▶ ICEL plays an **advisory role** and works on **innovative studies and projects at the international level**, such as, for instance, the application of artificial technology to enhance environmental policy and law within the context of the High Seas (ex.: the *Odyssey Momentum*, a case study of the Sargasso Sea, in cooperation with the Sargasso Sea Commission).
- ▶ ICEL **sponsors international events, conferences and seminars**, as for ex. the UN Side-Event Briefing on Strengthening Cooperation for International Environmental Law (co-sponsored by the Missions of Costa Rica and France to the UN in New York, 2020) or the COP25 UN Climate Conference Side event: *Pathways to the Future: The Law for Next Generations and Scenarios for Decarbonizing the Earth* (Madrid, 2019).

UNIVERSIDAD CARLOS III DE MADRID (UC3M)

HISTORY, MISSION AND VALUES

- ▶ UC3M was **established in 1989**. From the outset it was intended to be a **relatively small, innovative, public university**, providing teaching of the highest quality and focused primarily on research. It has **four Campuses** in Madrid region: *Getafe, Leganés, Colmenarejo* and *Puerta de Toledo*.
- ▶ UC3M's mission is to **contribute to the improvement of society through teaching of the highest quality and cutting-edge research in line with stringent international guidelines**. The University aspires to excellence in all its activities, with the aim of becoming one of the top universities in Europe.
- ▶ UC3M actively encourages the personal development of all those connected to the higher education community. All our activities are guided by the **values of merit, ability, efficiency, transparency, fairness, equality and respect for the environment**. Furthermore, UC3M **pursues compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** through its specific Agenda, which includes diverse lines of actions in all of the University institutional activities (teaching, research, administration and government, and social leadership) to convert the **SDGs** into one of UC3M's **strategic pillars for development**.

RANKINGS AND REPUTATION

- ▶ UC3M is ranked among **the best in the world in 14 academic fields**, according to the Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS) **2021** published by **Shanghai Ranking**.
- ▶ UC3M is among the **top five Spanish universities** in terms of its **graduates' employability**, according to the latest edition of the Global University Employability Ranking of the **Times Higher Education (THE)**.
- ▶ UC3M ranks **among the 170 best universities in the world** in terms of **employability** (QS Graduate Employability **Ranking 2022**).
- ▶ UC3M ranks **351st** in the new edition of the **QS World University Rankings**, which ranks the top 1,300 universities in the world, and it appears **among the top ten Spanish universities**.
- ▶ UC3M rates highly in various indicators, such as the university's **professional reputation**, its **graduate employment rate** and its **agreements and partnerships with companies** (in this last respect, the UC3M ranks **98th in the world**).
- ▶ UC3M improves and is ranked **number one in Spain for its overall performance**, according to the **U-Ranking 2021**, developed by the BBVA Foundation and the Valencian Institute of Economic Research.
- ▶ **HR Excellence in Research** (European Commission, European Union), since 2016.



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