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WEBINAR

THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE AMAZON: CURRENT AND FUTURE TRENDS

The recent Amazon fires of 2019 and 2020 have heightened attention on the region and brought the question of Amazon conservation to the forefront of international debate. The crucial role of primary forests, such as the Amazon, in preventing catastrophic biodiversity loss and climate change is largely recognized in the scientific literature and in policy forums. The latest IPCC report, described by the UN Secretary General as a 'red code for humanity,' is a call for deep reductions in GHG emissions and the protection of carbon sinks. However, the trends in agriculture and livestock expansion, fires, drought, logging, and mining are leading the Amazon to the 'point of no return', as warned by scientists and as recognised by a recent motion passed in the IUCN World Congress in Marseille in 2021.

Join us for a webinar to discuss our recent Special Issue which sheds light on how legislation, domestic and international litigation, market-based mechanisms, and private sector initiatives may contribute to protecting the Amazon. This will be also an opportunity to discuss the outcomes of COP-26 that may be relevant to the Amazon.

The Special Issue on 'The Amazon Rainforest' was prepared through a collaboration of academics from around the world and published by the Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law (RECIEL).

The webinar is organised by WSU School of Law in collaboration with Griffith University's Tropical Primary Forest and Climate project (link below), Cardiff Law & Politics School and Columbia Law School.

<https://www.griffith.edu.au/research/research-excellence/griffith-climate-change-response-program/primary-forests-protection>

DATE

- Thursday 25 November (EU/Americas)
- Friday 26 November (Australia)

TIME

See agenda below.

ZOOM LINK

- <https://uws.zoom.us/j/84314932526?pwd=QlpVUGJvMIBNMUFVVTY5d1NnUmg3dz09>
- Meeting ID: 843 1493 2526
- Password: 044538

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RECORDING

This webinar will be recorded and added to website below:

<https://www.griffith.edu.au/research/climate-action>

AGENDA

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THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER (EU/AMERICAS) / FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER (AUSTRALIA)

	Chair	Maria Antonia Tigre	Time
Introduction (10 min)	Introduction to the webinar and Programme (5min)	Professor Brendan Mackey Director of the Griffith Climate Action Beacon, Griffith Climate Change Response Program	→ 8–8.10pm (London) → 9–9.10pm (Paris) → 5–5.10pm (Brasilia) → 3–3.10pm (Bogota and NYC)
	Introduction to the RECIEL Special Issue (5 min)	Professor Harro van Asselt RECIEL Chief Editor SEI Oxford/University of Eastern Finland Dr Ricardo Pereira & Dr Beatriz Garcia Cardiff Law & Politics School Western Sydney University, School of Law	→ 7–7.10am (Sydney) → 6–6.10am (Brisbane)
	Chair	Professor Brendan Mackey	
Opening Addresses (40 min)	The IUCN 2021 motion to protect the Amazon rainforest, COP-26 and compliance with International Environmental Law (10 min)	Professor Christina Voigt University of Oslo IUCN WCEL Chair	→ 8.10–8.50pm (London) → 9.10–9.50pm (Paris) → 5.10–5.50pm (Brasilia) → 3:10–3.50pm (Bogota and NYC) → 7.10–7.50am (Sydney) → 6.10–6.50am (Brisbane)
	The role of Law and Policy in Protecting the Amazon Rainforest (10 min)	Hon Justice Antonio Benjamin National High Court of Brazil (STJ) WCEL Chair	
	The recent fires in the Amazon: is the forest reaching the point of no return? (10 min)	Dr Erika Berenguer Senior Research Associate Ecosystems Lab, University of Oxford	
	Current Challenges and Trends: The Case of the Colombian Amazon (10 min)	Angela Andrade Climate Change and Biodiversity Policy Director Conservation International Colombia Chair IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management	
Q&A (10 min)	Questions & Answers from the Audience		
5 min	BREAK		

	Chair	Professor Tim Stephens	Time
Roundtable Discussion (20 min)	Litigation, Human Rights and the Environment Discussants → Dr Justine Bendel → Dr Joana Setzer, Prof Delton Winter de Carvalho → Dr Ricardo Pereira → Maria Antonia Tigre		→ 9.05–9.25pm (London) → 10.05–10.25pm (Paris) → 6.05–6.25pm (Brasilia) → 4.05–4.25pm (Bogota and NYC) → 8.05–8.25am (Sydney) → 7.05–7.25am (Brisbane)
	Chair	Professor Tim Stephens	
Roundtable Discussion (20 min)	The Private Sector & Market-Based Tools for Forest Conservation Discussants → Dr Maria Augusta Paim → Dr Beatriz Garcia, Lawrence Rimmer, Dr Leticia Canal Vieira, Prof Brendan Mackey		→ 9.25–9.45pm (London) → 10.25–10.45pm (Paris) → 6.25–6.45pm (Brasilia) → 4.25–4.45pm (Bogota and NYC) → 8.25–8.45am (Sydney) → 7.25–7.45am (Brisbane)
	Chair	Professor Tim Stephens	
Q&A (10 min)	Questions & Answers from the Audience		→ 9.45–9.55pm (London) → 10.45–10.55pm (Paris) → 6.45–6.55pm (Brasilia) → 4.45 – 4.55pm (Bogota and NYC) → 8.45–8.55am (Sydney) → 7.45–7.55am (Brisbane)
Closure (5 min)	The Way Forward: How can Policy & Research Best Support Conservation Efforts in the Amazon	Professor Brendan Mackey	→ 9.55–10.00pm (London) → 10.55–11.00pm (Paris) → 6.55–7.00pm (Brasilia) → 4.55–5.00pm (Bogota and NYC) → 8.55–9.00am (Sydney) → 7.55–8.00am (Brisbane)

