



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE 2017

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Environmental Justice 2017: Looking Back, Looking Forward

Sydney Environment Institute at the University of Sydney is pleased to host a major conference on Environmental Justice, 20 years after Australia's first conference on the topic at the University of Melbourne.

The conveners and organisers have worked to assemble a broadly interdisciplinary group of scholars, along with practitioners and activists, to address a wide range of issues in environmental justice studies. From climate justice to food justice, from indigenous communities to small island states, from just adaptation to multispecies justice - we look forward to reflections on past scholarship and current innovations and trends.

After an overwhelming response to our call for proposals, we welcome presenters from many countries, whose research spans the globe. We look forward to harnessing these diverse perspectives to critically investigate what we've already learned and to examine the key challenges and directions for future work in the field of environmental justice.

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Day 1: MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2017

The Refectory, Holme Building
University of Sydney

8.15—8.45

→ REGISTRATION

8.45—9.00

OPENING ADDRESS

Jakelin Troy, University of Sydney

MORNING SESSION

9.00—10.00

Keynote Conversation #1: EJ Looking Back

Chair: David Schlosberg, Sydney Environment Institute

Robert Bullard, Texas Southern University

Nick Low, University of Melbourne

Petra Tschakert, University of Western Australia

10.00—11.00

Keynote Conversation # 2: EJ Looking Forward

Chair: Gordon Walker, Lancaster University

Julian Agyeman, Tufts University

Alice Mah, University of Warwick

David Pellow, University of California, Santa Barbara

11.00—11.30

→ MORNING TEA

The Refectory: Holme Building

The Anthro : scene
CHAIR: David Schlosberg

Who Will Form The Anthropocene?
John DRYZEK, University of Canberra

Thinking Transversally About Environmental Expulsions
Erin FITZ-HENRY, University of Melbourne

Rethinking Environmental Justice In The Anthropocene: Constraints And Opportunities In The Global Biodiversity Regime
Jonathan PICKERING, University of Canberra

Sutherland Room: Holme Building

Decolonising EJ
CHAIR: Kyle Whyte

Pre—Recorded Video
Decolonizing Environmental Justice: Lessons From The Klamath River
Kari Marie NORGAARD, University of Oregon

Freshwater In Aotetearoa: Finding Justice For Waimāori
Mike JOY, Massey University

Globalisation And Environmental Justice To The Indigenous People Of India
K Gopal Iyer GOPAL, Panjab University, Chandigarh

Post-hegemonic Futures: Decolonising Intergenerational Environmental Justice
Christine WINTER, University of Sydney

Cullen Room: Holme Building

Climate Justice & the Law
CHAIR: Susan Park

Climate Justice In The Paris Agreement: New Wine In Old Bottles?
Peter LAWRENCE, University of Tasmania law school

Neoliberalism, Climate Justice And Disasters
Rosemary LYSTER, Sydney Law School

Climate Justice And Climate Litigation: The Need For A Paradigm Shift
Daniel NOONAN, Sydney Law School

Promoting EJ Through The Courts: Negligence-based Claims Against The State In Australia
Timothy BAXTER, Melbourne Law School

Lecture Theatre N497: Woolley Building

Communities & Collaboration
CHAIR: Sophie Webber

Landfilled: Community-lawyer Collaboration For Environmental Democracy In The Shadow Of Waste Mountain
Chris ATMORE, Environmental Justice Australia;
Harry VAN MOORST, Western Region Environment Centre

A Conceptual Model Of Environmental Justice
Alistair NAIRN, Independent Researcher

Social Dialogue For Environmental Justice: Civil Forums On Nuclear Waste In Taiwan
Wen-Ling TU, National Chengchi University

The Refectory: Holme Building

Activists & Movements

CHAIR: Linda Connor

Spatializing Climate Justice: The Practice And Possibility Of Climate Activism In The Asia-pacific
Sara FULLER, Macquarie University

Your Place Or Mine?: Environmental (In)justice In Myanmar And Australian Activism
Johanna GARNETT, University of New England - Armidale

Social Movement Participation And Climate Change: Analysing The Research Field
James GOODMAN, University of Technology Sydney

Scientists In The Streets: Environmental Justice, The March For Science And The Politics Of Knowledge
Rachel MORGAIN, Australian National University

Sutherland Room: Holme Building

EJ Australia

CHAIR: Dinesh Wadiwel

Terania Creek: Environmental Justice As An Australian Export
Vanessa BIBLE, University of New England

Disparities In Measurements Of Pollution And Exposure: Identifying Environmental Injustice In Mt Isa, Queensland
Nathan COOPER, University of New South Wales

Living With Coal – Environmental Injustice In Australian Coal Communities
Nicola RIVERS, Environmental Justice Australia

Competing Notions Of Environmental Justice Amongst Australian Climate Campaigners: Moving From International Justice To Pro-poor Policies
Cassandra STAR, Flinders University

Cullen Room: Holme Building

EJ, Law, Litigation

CHAIR: Rosemary Lyster

The Potential Of Sentencing And Punishment Mechanisms In New South Wales Environmental Law To Facilitate Environmental Justice
Sarah WRIGHT, University of Wollongong

Embedding Environmental Justice Into Environmental Regulatory Practice
Deborah HOLLINGWORTH, Environment Protection Authority

Environmental Justice And The Governance Of Extractive Development In New South Wales: Issues And Implications For Reform
Amanda KENNEDY, University of New England

Making Environmental Justice Real In Victoria
Brendan SYDES, Environmental Justice Australia

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Just Stories

CHAIR: Killian Quigley

Narrating Environmental Justice Through Speculative Fiction
Ann EL KHOURY, Macquarie University

Propagules, Pumps And Briny Relations
Susan REID, University of Sydney

Reimagining Attawapiskat: Mixed Media Storytelling
Sarah Marie WIEBE, University of Hawai'i, Manoa

The Cultural Life Of Plastic Waste: Contemplating Global Environmental Injustice Through Transnational Ecocinema
Kiu-Wai CHU, Western Sydney University

Common Room: Woolley Building

Negotiating Justice

CHAIR: Sherilyn MacGregor

Environmental Litigation And Capabilities: The Case Of Taiwan
Paul JOBIN, Academia Sinica, Institute of Sociology

(Re)articulating Sustainable Development: The Use Of Environmental Justice Framing In Resistance Against Hydropower Projects In The Brazilian Amazon
Ed ATKINS, University of Bristol

Negotiating Justice: Politics, Institutions And Power In Conflict Resolution In Indonesia's Oil Palm And Pulpwood Plantation Sectors
Ahmad DHIAULHAQ, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University



Day 2: TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2017

The Refectory, Holme Building
University of Sydney

3.30—4.00 → AFTERNOON TEA

AFTERNOON SESSION

4.00—4.45 **Keynote Conversation #3: EJ and Climate Governance**
Chair: John Dryzek, University of Canberra
Robyn Eckersley, University of Melbourne
Maxine Burkett, University of Hawaii

4.45—5.30 **Keynote Conversation # 4: EJ and Climate Governance**
Chair: Rosemary Lyster, University of Sydney
Chuks Okereke, University of Reading
Jon Barnett, University of Melbourne

5.30—7.30 → WELCOME RECEPTION
The TAG Grandstand, University of Sydney
Welcome to Country—Joel Davison
Book Launch—‘The Routledge Handbook of Environmental Justice’

8.15—9.00 → REGISTRATION

MORNING SESSION

9.00—9.45 **Keynote Conversation #5: Multispecies Justice**
Chair: David Pellow, University of California, Santa Barbara
Michelle Maloney, Australian Earth Laws Alliance
Dinesh Wadiwel, University of Sydney

9.45—10.30 **Keynote Conversation # 6: EJ Gender and Materiality**
Chair: Astrida Neimanis, University of Sydney
Sherilyn Macgregor, University of Manchester
Lesley Head, University of Melbourne

10.30—11.00 → MORNING TEA

The Refectory: Holme Building

[EJ in the City](#)
CHAIR: David Schlosberg

SKYPE: Urban Climate Politics
Beyond City Limits
Daniel ALDANA, COHEN
University of Pennsylvania

Wheeling Out Resilient Cities: Social
And Climate Justice In
Jakarta's Urban Resilience
**Sophie WEBBER, University of
Sydney**

Environmental Justice And The
Right To The City: Lessons From The
Sydney Green Bans
**Kurt IVESON, University of
Sydney**

Sutherland Room: Holme Building

[Moral Terrains of EJ](#)
CHAIR: Christine Winter

Pre-Record Video
Decolonizing Environmental
Justice
**Brendan COOLSAET, University of
East Anglia**

Extending Environmental Justice
Beyond Equity And Identity: The
Moral Terrains Of A Social
Movement
Robert Melchior FIGUEROA,
Oregon State University

Wonder And The Conditions Of
Democratic Life
**Jeremy BENDIK-KEYMER, Case
Western Reserve University**

Cullen Room: Holme Building

[Climate, Migration & Resilience](#)
CHAIR: Maxine Burkett

Environmental Migration, Public
Perception & Immigration Policy:
Examining The Hidden
Environmental Toll Of Terror
Hysteria
**Lemir TERON, SUNY College of
Environmental Science &
Forestry**

In Search of Justice: Climate
Change and Migration in the
Pacific
**John CONNELL, University of
Sydney**

The Environmental Justice
Implications Of Flood Risk
Management In New Zealand -
Planning Policy And Practice
Charlotte MARTYNOGA,
University of Waikato

Common Room: Woolley Building

[Analysis & Accountability](#)
CHAIR: Luke Craven

Justice As A Matter Of Fact:
Environmental Justice Analysis As A
Device In Public-making
**Gordon WALKER, Lancaster
University**

Achieving Environmental Justice
Through Mdb Accountability?
**Susan PARK, University of
Sydney**

A summary Of The Environmental
Distributive Justice Literature. A
Quantitative Systematic Review
**Glenn ALTHOR, University of
Queensland**

Lecture Theatre S325: Woolley Building

[Governance & Legislation](#)
CHAIR: Phil McManus

Just Environmentalism
**Michalyn STEELE, J. Reuben Clark
Law School, Brigham Young
University**

Exploring The Linkages
Between Land Management
Institutions, Land Degradation And
Acid Mine Drainage Through The
Lenses Of Environmental Legislation
**Frank BANZE, University of the
Witwatersrand**

Collaborative Water Governance
And Social-hydrological Justice:
The Case Of The Upper Colorado
River Endangered Fish Recovery
Program
**Stacia RYDER, Colorado State
University**

The Refectory: Holme Building

[Growth, Crash, and the State](#)
CHAIR: Christopher Wright

Boom. Snap. Crash: the Adani Mine, the Great Barrier Reef and the Collapse of the Liberal Environmental Compromise
David RITTER, Greenpeace Australia Pacific

Climate Justice Movements And The State
Rebecca PEARSE, University of Sydney
Vanessa BOWDEN, University of Newcastle

When The Spectacular Undermines The Everyday: Mining Disasters And Environmental Justice
Emerson SANCHEZ, University of Canberra

Limits To Growth And Climate Justice
Karey HARRISON, University of Southern Queensland

Sutherland Room: Holme Building

[Movements in Place](#)
CHAIR: Luke Craven

Questioning The Effectiveness Of Environmental Justice Movements: The Koshi River, Nepal
Kiran MAHARJAN, School of Geosciences, University of Sydney

Environmental Movement And Labour Rights In Contradictory
Hua-Mei CHIU, Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan

Transboundary Pollution And Alliance Building For Environmental Justice: the case of Vietnam's severest environmental disaster
Chih-Ming CHIU, National Taiwan Normal University

Cullen Room: Holme Building

[Multispecies EJ](#)
CHAIR: Dinesh Wadiwel

Why Talk About Multispecies Environmental Justice?
Donna HOUSTON, Macquarie University

Supporting downtrodden soil ecologies: the role of receptivity, responsiveness and recognition in land stewardship.
Anne O'BRIEN, Australian Catholic University

'the Dingo Menace': Understanding Contemporary Wildlife Management By Analysing An Historic Citizen Science Study
Lily VAN EEDEN, University of Sydney

Injecting Compassion Into International Wildlife Law Via A Welfare-centric Ethic. From Conservation To Protection?
Werner SCHOLTZ, University of the Western Cape

Lecture Theatre S325: Woolley Building

[Climate Justice, Hope & the State](#)
CHAIR: Lesley Head & Manfred Lenzen

Grief, hope, guilt, morality and climate justice

Panel:
Lesley HEAD, The University of Melbourne;
Manfred LENZEN, University of Sydney
Andrew GLOVER, RMIT;
Sophie LEWIS, Fenner School of Environment and Society and the ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science

Sutherland Room: Holme Building

[Climate Justice in Cities](#)
CHAIR: Rebecca Pearse

Beyond Cities: Climate Justice And
Local Scale Social Innovation
Jason BYRNE, Griffith University

Climate Change, Urban Heat And
Ethnically Diverse Communities
Phil MCMANUS, University of Sydney

Cullen Room: Holme Building

[Instruments of Injustice](#)
CHAIR: Chuks Okereke

‘Settlers Miners, Same Thing’ A Short
History Of Development In The
Southwest Gulf Of Carpentaria,
Northern Territory
**Seán KERINS, The Australian
National University**

Commercial Fishing Licenses As
Instruments Of Environmental (In)justice
Jennifer SILVER, University of Guelph

In Solidarity With Women Affected By
Mining To Claim Their Rights
Lucy MANNE, ActionAid Australia

Climate Justice Struggles in
Marginalised Remote and Rural
Communities: A Case Centre from the
Red Centre of Australia
Geoff EVANS, Independent researcher

Common Room: Woolley Building

[Entrenched Vulnerabilities](#)
CHAIR: Hannah Della Bosca

A Struggle Too Far? Radical
Environmental Politics And Justice In
Climate Change Adaptation In Turkey
**Ethemcan TURHAN, KTH Royal
Institute of Technology**

Entrenched Vulnerabilities :
Evaluating Climate Justice Across
Development And Adaptation
Responses In Southern India
**Garima JAIN, Indian Institute for
Human Settlements**

Landscapes Of Dispossession:
Examining Persistent Dynamics Of Exclu-
sion Of The Urban Poor
**Karen PAIVA HENRIQUE, University of
Western Australia**

Sutherland Room: Holme Building

[Place, Security & Geoengineering](#)
CHAIR: Rebecca Pearse

Place, Security, And Flourishing In The Anthropocene
Kenneth SHOCKLEY, Colorado State University

Jus Ad Climate: Using Just War Theory To Restrain Geo-engineering
Elizabeth CHALECKI, University of Nebraska - Omaha

Climate Justice And The Turn To Geoengineering
Jeremy BASKIN, University of Melbourne

Cullen Room: Holme Building

[Food and Fashion](#)
CHAIR: Christine Winter

Food Justice And The Ethics Of Complexity
Luke CRAVEN, University of Sydney

The Revolution Will Be Beautiful: The Role Of Aesthetics In Fashion Environmental Justice Activism
Lisa HEINZE, University of Sydney

Justice and Sustainable Materialism
David SCHLOSBERG, Sydney Environment Institute

Common Room: Woolley Building

['Broadening EJ Considerations'](#)
CHAIR: Hannah Della Bosca

Justice For Nature? Attending To The Relational, Material And Governance Messages Of Silent Spring.
Robyn BARTEL, University of New England

Autism As An Environmental Justice Issue
Toby ROGERS, University of Sydney

Critical Spiritual Politics: The Australian Religious Response To Climate Change
Olivia KINNEAR, Deakin University



→ SYDNEY IDEAS: The Future of Environmental Justice

6.00—7.30PM

Law School Foyer, Eastern Ave, University of Sydney

Environmental justice has been one of the central organizing discourses of environmental and climate change movements over the last 30 years. While initially focused on the inequity of the distribution of environmental bads (and goods), especially as they impacted poor communities and communities of colour in the US, the idea has expanded to take on a broad range of issues, and a range of demands for justice, in movements across the globe.

The idea of, and movements around, environmental justice continue to grow. From lead contamination of water in Flint, to infringement of Aboriginal rights for coal mines in Queensland, to the impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities in the global south, environmental justice is embraced as a powerful organising discourse and demand.

What is the future of Environmental Justice? What are some current trends and directions in both scholarship and activism? How can the idea of environmental justice be used to respond to new and ongoing environmental crises – and continued economic and political power arrayed against safe, just, and sustainable environments?

This panel, made up of both longstanding leaders in environmental justice scholarship and new important voices, reflects on the meaning, and potential, of environmental justice as an idea, as an organising discourse, and as a political demand.

Chair: David Schlosberg, Sydney Environment Institute

Speakers:

Robert Bullard, Texas Southern University

Maxine Burkett, University of Hawaii

Kyle Powys Whyte, Michigan State University

Lauren Rickards, RMIT

→ DINNER

The Refectory, University of Sydney

8.00– 11.00pm

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2017

8.30—9.00

→ REGISTRATION

MORNING SESSION

9.00—9.45

Keynote Conversation #7: EJ and Indigenous Cultures

Chair: Sarah Wiebe, University of Victoria

Kyle Powys Whyte, Michigan State University

Seán Kerins, Australian National University

9.45—10.30

Keynote Conversation # 8: Culture, Food and Health

Chair: Alana Mann, University of Sydney

Amita Baviskar, University of Delhi

Viliamu Iese, University of the South Pacific

10.30—11.00

→ MORNING TEA

The Refectory: Holme Building

[Just Transition](#)
CHAIR: Rebecca Pearse

The Energy Futures Lab: A Case Study In Environmentally Just Energy System Transition
Stephen WILLIAMS, University of British Columbia

From Victims To Survivors? Struggling To Live Ecoconsciously In An Ecocidal Culture
Andrew SMITH, Drexel University

A Green And Just Keynesian Transition
Kyla TIENHAARA, Australian National University

Sutherland Room: Holme Building

[Climate Governance](#)
CHAIR: Lauren Rickards

Considerations Of Distributive Justice In Adaptation Plans
Abbie WHITE, University of New South Wales

Climate Justice Approach In Addressing Climate Governance
Carmit LUBANOV, The Association of Environmental Justice in Israel (AEJI)

Navigating Spaces Between Human Rights And Justice: An Examination Of The Politics Of Indigenous Representation In Global Environmental Governance
Kimberly MARION SUISEEYA, Northwestern University

Cullen Room: Holme Building

[Gender, Rights, Justice](#)
CHAIR: Luke Craven

Environmental Justice And Intersectional Feminist Analysis Of Power And Process In Decision-making For Native Forest Management
Lisa DE KLEYN, RMIT University

'Local Crusades' Across Decades: Of Gender, Environmental Justice And Law
Brad JESSUP, The University of Melbourne

African Rural Women Claim Their Land Rights
Sally HENDERSON, ActionAid

12.15—1.00 → LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

1.00—2.00

Keynote Conversation #9: Just Transition

Chair: Linda Conner, University of Sydney
Blair Palese, 350.org
Brendan Sydes, Environmental Justice Australia
Tom Reddington, Union Aid Abroad—APHEDA

2.00—2.15 → BREAK

2.15—3.15

Keynote Conversation #10: Environmental Justice and Place

Chair: Petra Tschakert, University Western Australia
George Woods, Lock the Gate
Mike Campbell, OAM, Community Activist
Associate Professor Heidi Norman, UTS
Associate Professor Robert Figueroa, Oregon State University

3.15—3.30 CLOSING COMMENTS

4.00 → **Post Conference Drinks—The Forest Lodge Hotel**