



## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE 2017

**Monday 6 November—Wednesday 8 November 2017**

University of Sydney

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## Environmental Justice 2017: Looking Back, Looking Forward

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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

WELCOME Jakelin Troy, Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research | Deputy Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Strategy and Services

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**

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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**

**Lecture Theatre N497: Woolley Bldg**

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 Victoria**

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  
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**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

8.15—9.00 → REGISTRATION  
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MORNING SESSION  
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**9.00—9.45** **Keynote Conversation #5: Multispecies Justice**  
*Chair:* David Pellow, North Western University  
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: Sophie Webber

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**

Development Pathologies, Politics Of Governance And Sezs: The Issues Of Involuntary Displacement And The State Of Farmers In India  
**Manish Kumar VERMA, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar 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**

Resilience Thinking And Emergent,  
Inclusive Governance  
**Martin MULLIGAN, RMIT  
University**

**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  
**Melissa BUNGCARAS, ActionAid  
Australia;**  
**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

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**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

3.15—3.30      CLOSING COMMENTS

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