Centre for Environmental Law
Macquarie University

Macquarie University has a strong history of involvement in environmental law. Established in 1983, the Centre for Environmental Law (CEL) builds on the research strength and expertise of its academic staff in the area of biodiversity law and governance. We are committed to fostering dynamic relationships with industry, government, civil society and other Universities and we have built strong collaborative links with overseas research institutions.

Our mission is to drive transformative change through future-focused interdisciplinary legal research that provides cutting edge solutions to the global challenges of biodiversity loss and extinction risk.

Our members have unique expertise in the field of biodiversity law and governance. We collaborate with industry, government and civil society to develop tools and implement practices towards a thriving planet for people and nature.

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IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law
Biodiversity Law Specialist Group

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is a membership Union composed of both government and civil society organisations. It harnesses the experience, resources and reach of its more than 1,400 Member organisations and the input of more than 18,000 experts. This diversity and vast expertise makes IUCN the global authority on the status of the natural world and the measures needed to safeguard it.

The World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL) is one of the IUCN’s six Commissions. The WCEL advances environmental law around the globe by providing specialized knowledge and assistance to strengthen the legal foundations of the conservation of nature and sustainable development through the conceptual advancement of environmental principles, norms, and laws, and by building the capacity of communities to benefit from the environmental rule of law.

The Biodiversity Law Specialist Group of the WCEL is a network and hub for biodiversity law expertise. The Specialist Group is led by Chair, Prof. Emmanuel Kasimbazi, Makerere University, Uganda and Deputy Chair, Dr Michelle Lim, Macquarie University, Australia.

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Dr Eve Massingham  
School of Law, University of Queensland  
Chair: Assoc. Professor Nengye Liu  
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**MARCH** | 21 March 2022, 1pm (AEDT/Sydney time)
Prof. Zhao Yun  
Henry Cheng Professor in International Law; Head of Department of Law, University of Hong Kong (HKU)  
“Space Commercialization and Space Sustainability: Softening of Space Law?”  
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Nengye Liu  
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**APRIL** | 19 April 2022, 5pm (AEST/Sydney time)
Assoc. Prof. Surabhi Ranganathan  
Co-Acting Director of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law; Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge  
“Terra/aqueous: vexing vents and amphibious legalities in the Anthropocene?”  
Chair: Dr Michelle Lim  
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Prof. Colin Reid  
Law, School of Social Sciences, University of Dundee  
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Peter Davies  
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Prof. Margaret Davies  
Matthew Flinders Distinguished Professor, College of Business, Government and Law, Flinders University  
“Legality, life and the normativity of nature”  
Chair: Paul Govind  
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