

Ethics

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Year in Review

The two main current projects of the ESG are Climate Ethics (coordinated by Prue Taylor and Don Brown) and Earth Democracy (coordinated by Klaus Bosselmann, Peter Burdon and Ron Engel), both that involve ongoing research activities, publications and conferences.

In 2015, major SG activities included multiple publications, including the following books: Klaus Bosselmann, *Earth Governance: Trusteeship of the Global Commons* (Edward Elgar, 2015); Klaus Bosselmann, *National Strategies for Sustainability: Options for New Zealand* (New Zealand Centre for Environmental Law, 2015); Prue Taylor and Don Brown (eds.) *Ethics and Climate Change: A Study of National Commitments* (IUCN Environmental Policy and Law Paper No. 86, 2015) and Peter Burdon, *Earth Jurisprudence: Private Property and the Environment* (Routledge, 2015).

Further to this, the ESG organized two events at COP21 in Paris – one side event focused on climate ethics and one off-site event focusing on sustainable governance. Finally, the ESG made progress toward the implementation of 2012 WCC Resolution 004, “Establishment of the Ethics Mechanism”.

Individual members of ESG presented papers on global ethics, Earth law and governance and ethics-related issues of climate change, biodiversity and international environmental law at many conferences around the world.