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Lynton Caldwell was the second Chair of the [IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law](#) (then called the “Commission on Environmental Policy, Law, and Administration”). He was professor of political science at Indiana University in the United States and widely known and respected internationally for his work in environmental, social and economic policy.

In the United States, he gained recognition as one of the principal advisors to the US Congress in drafting and adopting the [US National Environmental Policy Act](#) of 1969, legislation that among other things introduced the environmental impact assessment requirement as part of public decision-making.

Caldwell was the internationally [acclaimed author or coauthor](#) of fifteen books and more than 250 scholarly articles, found in at least 19 different languages. He served on the faculties of the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, the University of Oklahoma, Syracuse University, and the University of California at Berkeley, and had shorter appointments at some 80 other collegiate institutions both within the U.S. and overseas.

At various times, Lynton Caldwell served as advisor or consultant to the U.S. Senate, UNESCO, the United Nations, the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Energy, Defense, and Interior, and the National Institutes of Health.