

# GLOBAL ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY GROUP

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Human Health Through Science, Ethics and the Law

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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FLORENCE, 25-30 JUNE, 2009

### "State Sovereignty, International Law and Ecological Integrity"

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**An Interdisciplinary Conference focused on the roles that State Sovereignty and International Law play in Ecological Integrity.**

**Location:** The University of Firenze, Via del Proconsolo, 12, Florence Italy (Main Conference Venue)

### GEIG PROGRAMME - FINAL EDITION

**June 25th** Day at the European University, Firenze, Organized by Klaus Bosselmann, Francesco Francioni and Patricia Quillacq (Details in the next iteration of the Program).

**Registration and Reception/Dinner for all Participants - Università di Firenze, via del Proconsolo, 12; 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Hosted by Brunetto Chiarelli and Laura Westra. All participants please come and register the first evening.

**June 26th 8:45 - 9:15 Welcome to all delegates – Brunetto Chiarelli and Laura Westra**

**Plenary No. 1 "The Great Democracy Debate": Chair, Klaus Bosselmann**

9:15 Laura Westra (CAN) "Ecology and the Law: Democracy, Globalization and the Greek Roots of Environmental Problems"

9:45 Ron Engel (US) "Contesting 'Democracy': Thick vs. Thin Interpretations of the Democratic Ideal"

10:15 Michael W. Schoter (GER) "Rationality, Democracy, Ecology"

10:45 Health break

**Plenary No. 2 "The Great Democracy Debate" (continued)**

11:00 Angelica Nuzzo (US) "Democracy in Movement: Universalism and Relativism in Democratic Values"

11:30 Jack Manno (US) "The Peacemaker, The Confederacy: An Ancient Model of Governance for Sustainability"

12:00 General Discussion

12:30 Lunch



**Plenary No.3                      *The Right to Food: Chair, Laura Westra***

- 2:00 Franz-Theo Gottwald (GER) “Genetically Modified Food - Ethical Implications Along the Food Chain”
- 2:30 Alexander Julius Muller (FAO) “Global Challenges for Food and Agriculture and the Right to Food”
- 3:00 David Cassuto (US) “Owning what you Eat — Property, Animals and the Factory Farm”
- 3:30 General Discussion and Health Break

**Plenary No.4                      *Ecological Integrity and UNESCO: Chair, Francesco Francioni***

- 4:00 Tullio Scovazzi (IT) “The Relationship Between Culture and Nature in the Case of Intangible Cultural Heritage”
- 4:30 Agnes Michelot (FR) “The UNESCO Programme Man-Biosphere: New Perspectives on Protected Areas”
- 5:00 General Discussion and Health Break

**Plenary No. 5                      *Perspectives on Ecological Integrity, Ethics and Law: Chair, Tullio Scovazzi***

- 5:30 Hanfried Blume (GER) “Ecology and Romanticism”
- 6:00 May Sim (US) “From Metaphysics to Environmental Ethics: Aristotle and Zhu Xi”
- 6:30 General Discussion

Dinner on our own.

**June 27th**

**Plenary No. 6                      *International Water Issues: Chair, Don Brown***

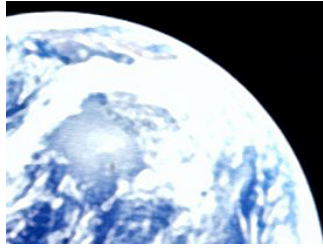
- 9:00 Owen McIntyre (IE) “Private Investment in Water and Sanitation Services: Rights Based Approaches and International Investment Law - A Possible Way Forward”
- 9:30 Vicky Karageorgious (GR) “Linking Integrated Water Resource Management with Climate Change Adaptation: The Case of Agriculture”
- 10:00 Bradford Morse (CAN) “Indigenous Rights and Human Rights to Water”
- 10:30 Health Break and General Discussion

**Plenary No. 7                      *Climate Change Issues: Chair, Bradford Morse***

- 11:00 Don Brown (US) “Ethical Issues Raised by Climate Change Cap and Trade Regimes”
- 11:30 Annalisa Savaresi (DEN) “An International Framework for Reducing Greenhouse Gases Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in developing Countries”
- 12:00 Yannis Kinnas (GER) “Climate Change, Human Security and Small Islands”
- 12:30 Lunch

**Plenary No. 8                      *Climate Change Issues (continued)***

- 2:00 Christine Voigt (GER) “State Obligations for Sale: The Global Carbon Market and State Sovereignty”
- 2:30 N. Hassoun and M. Frank (US) “Debt-for-Nature Swaps”



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- 3:00 Ivan Diaz-Rainey (IT) "Delivering a New Sustainability Energy Paradigm through Technology Adoption: Can the Induced Diffusion Literature Help?"
- 3:30 Cara Nine (Ireland) "Climate Change, Ecological Refugee Status and Sovereignty"
- 4:00 Leif Wenar (UK) "Property Right and the Resource Curse"
- 4:30 David Barkin (MEX) "Water: Building solidarity and promoting social and ecosystem health"
- 5:00 General Discussion: Water Issues and Climate Change Issues

Optional Museum Visit: Galleria Degli Uffizi (walking distance). Please indicate whether you would like this option. For a slightly higher cost, arrangements can be made so that the wait time is substantially reduced when pre-booked. Please let Laura Westra know if you want this option: [lwestra@interlog.com](mailto:lwestra@interlog.com)

Dinner on our own. Optional Classical Music Concert in nearby Church; details at registration.

## **June 28th**

### **Plenary No. 9      *Environmental Harms, Property Rights and Responsibilities: Chair, Colin Soskolne***

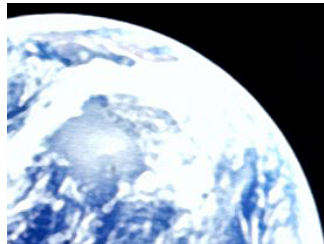
- 9:00 Prue Taylor (NZ) "Property Rights and Responsibilities"
- 9:30 Sara Seck( CAN) "State Sovereignty, International Law and Ecological Integrity"
- 10:00 N. Ahner and O. Quirico (IT) "International Criminal Aspects of transboundary Environmental Violations"
- 10:30 Valentina Sara Vadi (IT) "The Challenge of Reconciling the Protection of Environmental Health and Investors' Rights"
- 11:00 Mary Richardson (CAN) "Circumscribing Regulations or Reforming the Regulatory Process"
- 11:30 Giuseppe Altieri (IT) "OGM Regulations and Organic Food in Europe"
- 12:00 General Discussion

Early Lunch in Firenze, followed by Bus Trip to Assisi at Nominal Cost; Visit to the Church of San Francesco and Optional Mass. Return after dinner.

## **June 29th**

### **Plenary No.10      *Indigenous People, Nature, Health and International Law: Chair, Prue Taylor***

- 9:00 Eric Bluehmel (US) "Identity Politics,Social Movements and Legal Rights:Using Identity to Legitimate Rights in Borneo"
- 9:30 Robert Rattle (CAN) "Aboriginal Health and Well Being: The Paradox of Globalization"
- 10:00 Yemi Oke (NIGERIA) "Energy Resources Governance for Sustainability: The Case of Electricity Regulation in Sub-Saharan Africa"
- 10:30 General Discussion and Health Break
- 11:00 Catherine Iorns (AU) "Indigenous Peoples and Democracy in International Law"
- 11:30 Ramy Bulan (Malaysia) "indigenous Peoples, Rights to Land and Resources in M: The Implementation of the UNDRIPs in a Nation with a Dominant Indigenous Population"
- 12:00 Doug Daigle (US) "Coasts and Delta Rivers and Sea: Natural Energy Systems and Focal Points for Ecological Integrity"
- 12:30 General Discussion
- 1:00 Lunch



**Plenary No.11                      *Public Health, EcoinTEGRITY and the Media: Chair, Sheila Collins***

- 2:30 Colin Soskolne (CAN) "Process and Content for Eco-Health: A Call to Action"
- 3:00 Valerie Brown (AU) "Collective Thinking, Democracy and Health"
- 3:30 Rose Dyson(CAN) "Competing Perspectives on Media Violence Research:Implications for Democratic Policy"
- 4:00 General Discussion and Health Break
- 4:30 Ingo Sarlet (BR) " Cultural Manifestations,Religions, Freedom and the Dignity of Non-Human Life"
- 5:00 Andrea Borghini (US) "What Does a Geographic Indication Indicate?"
- 5:30 General Discussion
- 6:00 Dinner on our own.

**June 30th**

**Plenary No.12                      *State Sovereignty and Neocolonialism vs. Nature: Chair, Ron Engel***

- 9:00 William Rees (CAN) "Neocolonialism and Ecofootprints: the Interface" (Keynote Address)
- 10:00 Andrew Brennan (AU) "Two Global Crises: Ethics, Renewal and Governance Reform"
- 10:30 General Discussion and Health Break
- 11:00 Richard Westra (KOREA) "U.S.Dollar Seigniorage, Bloating Pools of Idle M Funds, and the Unending Deflationary Spiral"
- 11:30 Marc Pratarelli (US) "Overconsumption with Impunity: The Effects of Religions and Mythology on Global Ecological Integrity"
- 12:00 General Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch

**Plenary No. 13                      *More on States and Democracy: Chair, Brunetto Chiarelli***

- 2:00 Kathryn Kintzele (US) "Is Nature Alive in International Law? The Gap Between Words and Actions, Constitutions and Cases"
- 2:30 Peter Costello (US) "The Impossibility of Telos: Democracy on and From the Earth"
- 3:00 Josef Bordat (GER) "From Sovereignty to Humanity:UN Policy Towards a New World Order"
- 3:30 James Hubler (US) "Political Friendship:New Technology and New Possibilities for an Ancient Notion"
- 4:00 Joseph Dellapenna (US) "The Role of Environmental Concern in the End of Communism"
- 4:30 Sheila Collins (US) "Reconceptualizing Natural Law to Preserve the Integrity of the Earth"
- 5:00 General Discussion and Health Break
- 5:30 Closing Session with the Steering Committee: Klaus Bosselmann, Colin Soskolne, Ron Engel and Laura Westra: Looking Ahead to 2010: Bill Rees will host us in Vancouver, BC.

Final Words from Brunetto Chiarelli.

Note, as usual each presenter can allow the last 5 minutes of the allotted time for questions. In addition, each issue or section has had a "General Discussion" added period to the Health Breaks, to meet the wishes of most members for additional time for discussion.



Note that you need to check carefully your titles, names, and country you represent so that corrections can be made for the next version of the program. We also need to know who will speak, in case of double authors so that these names can be underlined in the program.

Finally, as usual, registration is paid the first evening of the regular meeting, in cash, in order to allow us to meet our obligations. The Registration Fee is €150 which includes the opening reception/dinner and health breaks. Receipts will be issued.

### **Local Hotels:**

#### **Hotel Athenaeum \*\*\*\***

Address: Via Cavour, 88, Firenze

Contact:[info@hotelathenaeum.com](mailto:info@hotelathenaeum.com)

- Double single use € 110.00
- Double € 120.00
- Self-controlled air conditioning, mini bar and a wide choice of satellite tv stations
- Personal bathroom equipped with fluffy towels, slippers, courtesy set and hair dryer
- Wi-fi internet connection, plasma lcd tv screens
- Buffet Breakfast, service and IVA 10% are included

#### **Hotel Ferdinando II De' Medici \***

Address: Via del Presto 2, Firenze

Contact:[info@ferdinandodemedici.com](mailto:info@ferdinandodemedici.com)

- Double single use € 75.00
- Personal bathroom
- Continental Breakfast from 7.30 a.m. from 10.00 a.m., service and IVA 10% are included

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If you want our local organizer Sabrina Scotti may help you to share a double with a colleague, in the case please contact her at [webtrailsfirenze@gmail.com](mailto:webtrailsfirenze@gmail.com) BEFORE 15 APRIL 2009.