

**CANSEE conference 2023:**

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**Workshop Presentation:**

Ecological Law: Emerging themes and recent developments

**Theam:**

Pathways to Net-Zero

**100 Word summary:**

Ecological law aims to give coherence to law that align with ecological economics. This session will provide insights on emerging themes and recent developments in ecological law in 2023. Panelists are engaged with research linked to the Leadership for the Ecozoic (L4E) initiative (l4ecozoic.org) and the Ecological Law and Governance Association (ELGA)(elgaworld.org). They will discuss themes such as rights of nature, legal aspects of “territories of life” and place-based governance, ecological law case studies, water governance, climate governance and more, and will provide updates on developments in ecological approaches to law. The session will provide ample time for participant engagement.

**Abstract:**

Ecological law is an emerging field seeking to give coherence to law that align with ecological economics. This session aims 1) to make progress in defining the role of ecological law in ecological economics, and 2) to connect the CANSEE community to legal dimensions of ecological economics. Building on sessions at the 2017 and 2019 CANSEE conferences, an international panel of researchers will provide insights on key ecological law themes and updates on recent developments in ecological law. The panelists are linked to the Leadership for the Ecozoic (L4E – [www.l4ecozoic.org](http://www.l4ecozoic.org)) initiative (McGill University and University of Vermont) and the Ecological Law and Governance Association (ELGA)([www.elgaworld.org](http://www.elgaworld.org)). L4E aims to be a significant contributor to revealing, strengthening, protecting, revitalizing, co-creating, and educating about law and governance approaches aligned with the Ecozoic and expanding notions of territories of life, bridging theory and practice, as well as research and action. ELGA emerged out of the 2016 Oslo Manifesto for Ecological Law and Governance. Dr. Geoffrey Garver, coordinator of L4E law and governance research and ELGA steering committee member, will facilitate the panel and provide an overview of emerging themes and recent developments in ecological law. Other panelists have links to L4E and ELGA law and governance work: Dr. Cristiane Derani (Professor, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil), Dr. Iván Vargas Roncancio (McGill University, CICADA Associate Director - <https://cicada.world/about-us/team/>, L4E graduate and Postdoctoral Fellow), Dr. Viviane Weitzner (Adjunct Prof, McGill University, Anthropology; CICADA/L4E Research Fellow), Emille Boulot (L4E PhD candidate), Giusto Boccheni (McGill Law doctoral candidate), Ermanno Napolitano (McGill Law doctoral candidate, Vanier Scholar). The panelists will discuss themes such as rights of nature, legal aspects of “territories of life” and place-based governance systems, ecological law case studies, water governance, climate governance and more, and will provide updates on developments in ecological approaches to law.