



STETSON LAW

21st International Wildlife Conference Preliminary Agenda



Tuesday, April 8, 2025

- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Speaker Field Trip**
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. **Speaker Lunch**
- 3:00-3:15 p.m. **Welcoming Remarks and Introductions**
- 3:15-4:45 p.m. **Panel 1 – Cultural and Indigenous Rights**
- **Dr. Richard Caddell** (via Zoom)- Cardiff University - *Culture, Contaminants and Cetaceans: The Intersection of Whaling Regulation, Pollution Control and Indigenous Entitlements to Food*
 - **Dr. Fabian Cardenas** – Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogota - *Cultural and Indigenous Law within the Rights of Nature Discourse, the Colombian Amazon Case*
 - **Mr. Ndumiso Innocent Nzaca** - Ndumiso Nzaca Attorneys - *The Recognition of Indigenous Community Rights Towards the Implementation of Kumming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in South Africa: A Rights-Based Approach Analysis*
 - **Ms. Audra Locicero** – Office of the General Counsel for the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida - *Miccosukee Tribe Hunting and Fishing Rights in the Florida Everglades*
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. **Keynote speaker**
- **Dr. Katie Sykes** - Thompson Rivers University Faculty of Law - Canadian Developments on *Captive Whales, Dolphins, and Other Charismatic Megafauna*

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

- 9:10-9:15 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**
- 9:15-10:45 a.m. **Panel 3 – Animal Rights and Animal Welfare**
- **Dr. Felix Aiwanger** - Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law - *Contracts with Nature: Getting Nonhuman Interests at the Negotiating Table*
 - **Mr. Saba Pipia** - Georgian American University - *Hate Speech Against Animals*
 - **Mr. Emmanuel Omirin** - Vermont Law and Graduate School - *Protecting Wildlife from Oil Spills in Nigeria's Ogoniland—A Gap-Filling Approach*
 - **Miss Mariah Bowman** – University of Connecticut School of Law - *If the Largest Falls, the Others Will Follow: Ending the Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup with the PACT Act*

11:00-12:30 p.m.

Panel 4 – Wildlife Trade: Compliance and Enforcement

- **Dr. Meganne Natali** - Portsmouth University - *A Loophole in Article VII of CITES: A Case Against Annex I Species Breeding*
- **Erica Lyman** – Lewis and Clark Law School - *A Functional Approach to Compliance Under CITES*
- **Ms. Yolanda Eisenstein** - Animal Law Commission of the Union Internationale des Avocats - *AI and Wildlife: Using AI Technology for Good*
- **Ms. Emme Lighthouse** - The George Washington University Law School - *Saving Nemo: The Banggai Cardinalfish as a Case Study to Enhance Protections under CITES to Protect Marine Ornamental Fish from Overfishing*

12:45-1:45 p.m.

Lunch and Keynote Speaker

- **Dr. Same Ur Rahman**, Dean, Green International University Lahore - *Preserving the Pride of Pakistan: A Legal Analysis of National and International Efforts to Conserve the Markhor*

2:00-3:15 p.m.

Panel 5 – Wildlife in the Broader International Legal Ecosystem

- **Mx. Jennifer Bass** - Lewis and Clark Law School - *Giving the Convention of Biological Diversity Teeth by Implementing an Invasive Species Framework that Balances Ecosystem Health with Animal Dignity*
- **Ms. Holly Curry** - Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition - *The State of Marine Protected Areas and Fisheries Management in the Southern Ocean*
- **Dr. Yann Prisner-Levyne** - Edinburgh Napier University/ University of Exeter - *Should There be a Legal Duty to Rewild to Remedy Ecocides of the Past? The Case for the Lost Bears, Wolves and Lynx of the United Kingdom*

3:30-4:45 p.m.

Panel 6 – U.S. and Florida Wildlife Issues

- **Dr. Alex Erwin** - Florida International University College of Law - *Intraspecific Genetic Variation and the Endangered Species Act*
- **Ms. Elise Bennett** - Center for Biological Diversity - *Recognition: A Key Element for Pine Rocklands Conservation*
- **Ms. Sarah Crossman Sullivan** - BE MASS - ESG & Global Sustainability - *Saltgrass & Securities: The Global Impact of Florida's Cracker Cows, Ranchers, & ESG Integration*

5:00-7:00 p.m.

The Edward and Bonnie Foreman Biodiversity Lecture and IEMCC Welcome Reception

- **Dr. Arie Trouwborst** – Tilburg University - *Thinking Big and Aiming High: Taking the Objectives of Biodiversity Law and Policy Seriously*