



GLOBAL ACADEMIC PLENARY PROGRAMME

This programme brings together leading thinkers and practitioners at the intersection of climate change and human rights for a 24-hour global academic plenary, broadcast live across time zones. Co-created and co-delivered by universities across the world, the plenary will circle the globe as we pass the baton between different regions.

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SUMMIT LAUNCH

University of Oxford

19:00–21:00 UCT 4 June

Right Here, Right Now 2025 Launch Event.

Summit welcome by Oxford University Vice-Chancellor Irene Tracey and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk.

Poetry performance from the Hot Poets.

A conversation on climate change and human rights with:

- **Justin Rowlett** (Climate Editor, BBC News)
- **Rt Hon Lord Alok Sharma** (former UK Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and President of COP26)
- **Emma Pinchbeck** (Chief Executive, UK Climate Change Committee)
- **Paul Polman** (Chair of the Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, and former CEO of Unilever)
- **Kate Raworth** (Co-Founder, Doughnut Economics Action Lab)
- **Lavanya Rajamani** (Professor of International Environmental Law, University of Oxford)
- **Vanessa Nakate** (Director, Tard Foundation and Founder of the Rise up Movement)
- **Dr Omnia El Omrani** (Vice-Chair, Global Climate and Health Alliance)

LAUNCH	
19:00–21:00 UCT 4 June	Summit launch, University of Oxford <i>Right Here, Right Now 2025 Launch Event.</i>
ASIA–PACIFIC	
21:00–23:00 UTC 4 June	The University of the South Pacific <i>Climate change in the Pacific and youth perspectives on climate justice.</i>
23:00 UTC 4 June – 01:00 UTC 5 June	Monash University <i>Climate, community and cultural rights.</i>
01:00–03:00 UTC 5 June	UNSW Sydney <i>Progress for all: Ensuring a just transition through human rights.</i>
03:00–03:45 UTC 5 June	UN Human Rights and the International Universities Climate Alliance <i>Advancing gender equality in climate action.</i>
03:45–04:45 UTC 5 June	UN Human Rights <i>Witness to impact: The role of journalism in advancing human rights-based responses to the climate crisis in South-East Asia.</i>
04:45–05:30 UTC 5 June	Himalayan University Consortium <i>Engaging community, science, and decision-makers in human rights-based climate action.</i>
05:30–06:00 UTC 5 June	Regional Handover <i>Reflections on the summit so far.</i>

AFRICA–EUROPE	
06:00–08:00 UTC 5 June	University of Nairobi <i>Human rights and just transitions in Africa.</i>
08:00–10:00 UTC 5 June	University of Cape Town <i>Championing human rights-based research and teaching towards climate justice in Africa.</i>
10:00–10:45 UTC 5 June	UN Human Rights and the International Universities Climate Alliance <i>Human rights, climate finance and the road to 1.3 trillion.</i>
10:45–11:15 UTC 5 June	KTH Royal Institute of Technology <i>Beyond 2030: Reimagining the Sustainable Development Goals for people and planet.</i>
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15:00–17:00 UTC 5 June	University of Colorado Boulder <i>Pollution, water security, migration and human rights.</i>
17:00–17:40 UCT 5 June	The University of the West Indies <i>Caribbean youth perspectives on climate justice.</i>
18:00–20:00 UTC 5 June	Universidade de São Paulo <i>A discussion on human rights and climate change for COP30: Brazil's Path to Action.</i>
20:00–20:30 UTC 5 June	UN Human Rights <i>Closing reflections: A call for human rights-based climate action – Right Here, Right Now.</i>



The University of the South Pacific

21:00–23:00 UTC 4 June

Climate change in the Pacific and youth perspectives on climate justice.

The first university hub to lead the global plenary will be the University of the South Pacific, focusing on youth voices and what to expect from the International Court of Justice's upcoming advisory opinion on the obligations of States in respect of climate change.

Welcome remarks from **Lilieta Soakai** (Pacific Island Students Fighting Climate Change), **Dr Manumatavai Tupou-Roosen** (Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of the South Pacific) and **Heike Alefsen** (Regional Representative of OHCHR Pacific).

Introduction to Pacific Island Students Fighting Climate Change and their International Court of Justice campaign by **Siosuia Veikune**.

Panel discussion on intergenerational rights, self-determination, cultural rights with:

- **Milla Vaha** (University of the South Pacific)
- **Viranria Brown** (Vanuatuan High Commissioner to Fiji)
- **Dr Eselelofa Apinelu** (Tuvaluan High Commissioner to Fiji)
- **Frances Namoumou** (Pacific Conference of Churches)

- **Calvy Aonima** (Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat)
- **Siosuia Veikune** (Pacific Island Students Fighting Climate Change, University of the South Pacific)

Throughout the session will be performances based on the Witness Stand project by Pacific Island Students Fighting Climate Change, featuring **Peter Sipeli**, **Stephanie Datt-Wise**, **Brittany Nawaqatabu** and **Ben Masirewa**.



Monash University

23:00 UTC 4 June – 01:00 UTC 5 June

Climate, community and cultural rights.

An interactive program exploring Indigenous perspectives, the human right to health, and the unifying power of music across cultures in Asia and the Pacific.

Introduction and welcome to country by **Associate Professor Susie Ho** (Monash University) and **Aunty Professor N'arwee't Carolyn Briggs AM** (Boon Wurrung senior elder and founder of the Boon Wurrung Foundation)

A just transition grounded in human rights discussion with:

- **Yorta Yorta Ngana Yiyirr Michael Bourke**

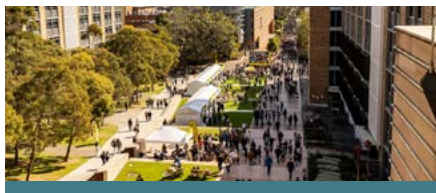
From local experiences to global action:

ASIA-PACIFIC

climate and health adaptation to protect the human right to health in Indonesia, Malaysia and Australia:

- **David Sweeting** (Monash University)
- **Associate Professor Zerina Tomkins** (Monash University)
- **Professor Tin Tin Su** (Monash University)
- **Assistant Professor Gabriela Fernando** (Monash University)
- **Professor Karin Leder** (Monash University)

Tuning In: Creative approaches in the climate discourse by **Dr Louise Davenish** (Monash University).



UNSW Sydney

01:00–03:00 UTC 5 June

Progress for all: Ensuring a just transition through human rights.

Hear firsthand from our community and collaborators as they share their insights, innovations and experiences advancing climate action grounded in human rights.

Welcome by UNSW students **Joshua Wilkinson** and **Sadia Khaja**.

A 'Just Climate Transition' by **Professor Jeremy Moss** (UNSW).

Transforming partnership to resilience building – a Global South Dialogue on Indigenous Peoples and university engagement with:

- **Associate Professor Fengshi Wu** (UNSW)
- **Associate Professor Srinjoy Bose** (UNSW)
- **Dr Joyce Wu** (UNSW)
- **Professor Heidi Norman** (UNSW)
- **Dr Shanil Samarakoon** (UNSW)
- **Sumit Kumar** (Monash University)
- **Arindam Banerjee** (Policy & Development Advisory Group, India)
- **Andrea Loli** (Utility Regulatory Authority of Vanuatu)
- **Laylyn Toa** (Department of Energy, Government of Vanuatu)

Statement by **Sharan Burrow**, former General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation.

At Any Price? A discussion on the human rights impacts of Australia's fossil fuel exports with:

- **Gillian Moon** (Australian Climate Accountability Project)
- **Emma Bacon** (Executive Director and Founder of Sweltering Cities)
- **Dr Nicola Maher** (Australian National University)
- **Cybele Dey** (UNSW Medicine & Health)

UN Human Rights and the International Universities Climate Alliance

03:00–03:45 UTC 5 June

Advancing gender equality in climate action.

Panel discussion with:

- **Amy Reggers** (Regional Programme Specialist Climate Change and Gender, UN Women)
- **Nahla Haidar** (Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women)
- **Ili Nadiyah Dzulfakar** (Programme Director of Klima Action Malaysia (KAMY))
- **Amanda Ellis** (Senior Director, ASU Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory; Fmr UN Ambassador (NZ))
- **Alana Malinde S N Lancaster** (Head of the Caribbean Environmental Law Unit, The University of the West Indies (Cave Hill Campus))



UN Human Rights

03:45–04:45 UTC 5 June

Witness to impact: The role of journalism in advancing human rights-based responses to the climate crisis in South-East Asia.

The panel will explore the evolving landscape of climate and environmental journalism in South-East Asia which is one of the most climate-vulnerable regions in the world.

- **Romchat Wachirarattanakornkul** (Regional Office for Southeast Asia, OHCHR)
- **Yao Hua Law** (Macaranga Media, Malaysia)
- **Fira Abdurachman** (Secretary-General of Society of Indonesian Environmental Journalists)
- **Imelda Abano** (Founder/President of the Philippine Network of Environmental Journalists)
- **Paritta Wangkiat** (Editor-in-Chief of Mekong Eye)



Himalayan University Consortium

04:45–05:30 UTC 5 June

Engaging community, science, and decision-makers in human rights-based climate action.

A four-way conversation between a community member, a scientist, a policy maker, and an Indigenous knowledge holder from countries in the Hindu Kush Himalayas on climate action:

- **Vanessa Carriedo** (International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, Philippines)
- **Dr Sonam Wangchuk** (International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, Bhutan)
- **Gitajali J Angmo** (Himalayan Institute of Alternative, India)
- **Dr Archana Shrestha** (Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM), Government of Nepal)
- **Mr Shohel Chandra Hajang** (Indigenous Peoples' rights campaigner, Bangladesh)

Regional Handover

05:30–06:00 UTC 5 June

Reflections on the summit so far.

Dr Bill Finnegan (University of Oxford) and Joan Carling (Indigenous Peoples Rights International) reflect on the Asia-Pacific programme and the themes, stories and provocations to carry into the regions that follow. A short film profiling Torres Strait Islanders by OHCHR will also be presented.

AFRICA & EUROPE



University of Nairobi

06:00–08:00 UTC 5 June

Human rights and just transitions in Africa.

Accelerating just transitions in Africa through human rights and research-into-action approaches, including expert discussion, performance and audience dialogue regarding finance, adaptation and climate resilience.

Lecture: The climate crisis, just transitions and human rights in Africa by **Mr Charles Kwemoi** (OHCHR Kenya Country Representative).

Panel: Advancing just transitions in Africa and centring human rights and research-driven solutions for climate resilience with:

- **Professor George Outa** (University of Nairobi)
- **Clarice Wambua** (University of Nairobi)
- **Professor Marion Wanjiku Mutugi** (Kenya National Commission on Human Rights)
- **Olive Mumbo** (UN Global Compact)

Music performance by **Lawrence Ochieng**.

Lecture: Human rights-based climate finance: eliminating existing inequalities, enabling social inclusion, and achieving the SDGs by **Dr Somorin Olufunso** (African Development Bank Group)

Panel: What are the existing and novel pathways to just transitions, and how can these be accelerated, leaving no one behind?

- **Maymuchka Lauriston** (OHCHR Multi-Country Office East Africa)
- **Dr George Wamukoya** (African Group of Negotiators Experts Support)
- **Dr Nicholas Ozor** (African Technology Policy Studies Network)

Dialogue and handover with **Professor Daniel Olago** (University of Nairobi), **Professor George Outa** (University of Nairobi) and **Dr Eunice Boruru** (University of Nairobi).



University of Cape Town

08:00–10:00 UTC 5 June

Championing human rights-based research and teaching towards climate justice in Africa.

This session, led by the University of Cape Town, will reflect on human rights-based approaches to climate action and climate justice looking at teaching and engaging in research and impacts in society.

Opening and welcome: The role of research and teaching for climate justice – why does it matter given human rights challenges and climate injustices in Africa?

- **Professor Mosa Moshabela** (Vice Chancellor of the University of Cape Town)

Setting the Scene: Framing Human Rights, Climate Action and Climate Justice from an African Perspective

- **Nadine Methner** (University of Cape Town)
- **Associate Professor Melanie Murcott** (University of Cape Town)
- **Darlington Sibanda** (University of Cape Town)

Short video Eve of Destruction by **Daily Maverick** and sung by **Anneli Kamfer**.

Panel discussion: What human rights-based research are you doing that contributes towards just and equitable

climate action and the fulfilment of human rights? What are some of the successes and challenges?

- **Nomasango Masiye-Moyo** (Environmental Lawyers Collective for Africa at Natural Justice)
- **Amber Abrams** (University of Cape Town)
- **Ruth Magreta** (Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources)
- **Professor Benyam Dawit Mezmur** (University of the Western Cape and Committee on the Rights of the Child)

Music during transition between panels.

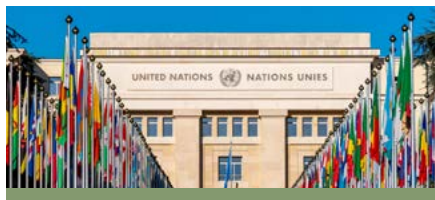
Panel discussion: How can and have human rights (and human rights-based approaches) been integrated into university teaching and learning on climate change?

- **Nomasango Masiye-Moyo** (Environmental Lawyers Collective for Africa at Natural Justice)
- **Professor Lesley Green** (University of Cape Town)
- **Melandri Steenkamp** (University of the Western Cape)
- **Associate Professor Melanie Murcott** (University of Cape Town)

Short video by the African Climate Alliance.

Open dialogue facilitated by **Wandisa Phama** (Center of Environmental Rights): What are the research and teaching needs to strengthen human rights-based climate action towards justice and equity in Africa?

Closing by **Britta Rennkamp** (University of Cape Town).



UN Human Rights and the International Universities Climate Alliance

10:00–10:45 UTC 5 June

Human rights, climate finance and the road to 1.3 trillion.

Panel discussion with:

- **Chiara Liguori** (Climate Justice Senior Policy Advisor, Oxfam Great Britain)
- **Surya Deva** (UN Special Rapporteur on the right to development)
- **Eliza Northrop** (Director, UNSW Centre for Sustainable Development Reform)
- **Vicente Paolo Yu** (Senior Legal Advisor, Third World Network)
- **Benito Muller** (Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford)



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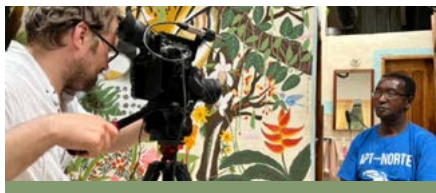
10:45–11:15 UTC 5 June

Beyond 2030: Reimagining the Sustainable Development Goals for people and planet.

The KTH Royal Institute of Technology hosts a dialogue on how we can reframe the UN Sustainable Development Goals for a post-2030 world that centres both human dignity and planetary health.

Panel discussion with:

- **Francesco Fuso Nerini** (KTH Royal Institute of Technology)
- **Jim Hall** (University of Oxford)
- **Åsa Persson** (Stockholm Environment Institute)
- **Astrid Puentes** (UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment)



Film Screening

11:15–12:00 UTC 5 June

The Tribunal, a film by Malcolm Rogge.

The Tribunal delves into the experiences of a local community in Ecuador impacted by a Canadian company's potential mining project exemplifying the experiences and challenges faced by environmental human rights defenders, including those working on climate change. Director **Dr Malcolm Rogge** (University of Exeter) and **Ladan Mehranvar** (Columbia University) will provide an introduction.



University of Oxford

12:00–14:15 UTC 5 June

Beyond borders: Human rights in a changing climate.

Oxford's plenary session will explore the intersection of global human rights and climate across legal systems, corporate supply chains in the green transition, and conflict zones.

Human rights in climate action: the transformative power of law – a panel discussion with:

- **Professor Elisa Morgera** (UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and

protection of human rights in the context of climate change)

- **Professor Lavanya Rajamani** (Faculty of Law, University of Oxford)
- **Dr Ekaterina Aristova** (Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, University of Oxford)
- **Nele Schuldt** (Oxford Sustainable Law Programme, University of Oxford)

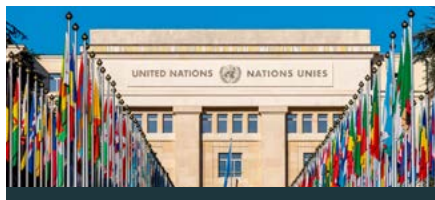
Unearthing injustice: human rights and the business of extraction – a panel discussion with:

- **Dr Jessica Omukuti** (Oxford Net Zero, University of Oxford)
- **Dr Samira Barzin** (Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford)
- **Phil Bloomer** (Business & Human Rights Resource Centre)
- **Quynh Le Tran** (Amnesty International)

At the frontlines: the intersection of climate change, conflict, and human rights – a panel discussion with:

- **Andrew Gilmour** (Former UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights)
- **Michael Phoenix** (Head of Research and Campaigns, supporting the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders)
- **Tabina Manzoor** (School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford)

The Africa-Europe regional programme ends with a synthesis of key themes by **Alexis McGivern** (Oxford Net Zero, University of Oxford) and **Valery del Carmen Salas Flores** (School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford).



UN Human Rights and the International Universities Climate Alliance

14:15–15:00 UTC 5 June

Integrating human rights in NDCs 3.0.

Panel discussion with:

- **Sébastien Duyck** (Center for International Environmental Law)
- **Nelson Kalo** (Acting Director for Climate Change, Vanuatu)
- **Hindou Ibrahim** (an expert in the adaptation and mitigation of Indigenous Peoples to climate change)
- **Rina Kuusipalo** (Environment and Climate Change Unit, OHCHR)
- **Alois Mugadza** (The University of the West Indies)



University of Colorado Boulder

15:00–17:00 UTC 5 June

Pollution, water security, migration and human rights.

Join **Lakshmi Singh** for impactful discussions on the human rights impacts of a changing climate, including pollution, water security, and human mobility – featuring keynote remarks from **Sheila Watt-Cloutier**.

Welcome by **Lakshmi Singh** (National Public Radio) and introductory remarks by **Tonni Brodber** (UN Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund).

Panel discussion on the human rights impacts of a changing climate – pollution, water insecurity, and population migration, with:

- **Naia Ormaza Zulueta** (Environmental Sciences PhD Candidate, CU-Boulder)
- **John Ecklu** (Global Engineering PhD Candidate, CU-Boulder)
- **Associate Professor Amanda Carrico** (Environmental Sciences Faculty and Associate Director, Graduate Studies, CU-Boulder)

Keynote speech by **Sheila (Siila) Watt-Cloutier**, Inuit Leader and global advocate for Indigenous Peoples' rights.



The University of the West Indies

17:00–17:40 UCT 5 June

Caribbean youth perspectives on climate justice.

Hear from young people in the Caribbean about their perspectives of climate justice in a panel discussion including:

- **Michelle Brathwaite** (Regional Representative for the Caribbean Community, OHCHR)
- **Yolanda Dyer** (Policy Analyst, Bermuda)
- **Christina Gittens**, (Environmental Science Student Barbados)
- **Jean-Luc Constantine** (Youth Advocate, St Lucia)
- **Deborah Bryan** (Youth Advocate, Antigua and Barbuda)
- **Dorain Clarke** (Founder of Youth Climate Voice Caribbean, Jamaica)



Universidade de São Paulo

18:00–20:00 UTC 5 June

A discussion on human rights and climate change for COP30: Brazil's Path to Action.

Topics will address four key pillars of climate action – just and equitable transition, adaptation, loss and damage, and inclusive mitigation in the Amazon, to enhance resilience, empower communities, and ensure ethical climate commitments in alignment with COP30 goals.

Note: this session will be in Portuguese. Multi-lingual subtitles are available on the embedded livestream on the event website:

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Welcome messages from **Maria Arminda do Nascimento Arruda** (Vice-Rector of Universidade de São Paulo) **Professor Wânia Duleba** (Universidade de São Paulo), **Ambassador Rubens Barbosa**, and **Ambassador André Correa do Lago** (President of COP30).

Panel discussion on mitigation and just transition with:

- **Dan Ioschope** (High-Level Climate Champion of COP 30)
- **Ambassador Rubens Barbosa** (IRICE)

THE AMERICAS

- **Rafael Benke** (Proactiva)
- **Julia Neiva** (Conectas)
- **Professor Ricardo Abramovay** (Universidade de São Paulo)

Panel discussion on science, loss and damage policy, and adaptation, with:

- **Dr Thelma Krug** (former Vice-President, IPCC)
- **Angela Pires Terto** (United Nations Human Rights)
- **Anne Heloise B Nascimento** (Brazilian Center for Climate Justice)
- **Marcus Vinicius Athayde** (Central Única das Favelas)

Short video of Brazilian Voices for Climate Justice.

Panel discussion on forest mitigation and traditional communities, with:

- **Professor Paulo Artaxo** (Center for Sustainable Amazon Studies)
- **Dr Monique Vanni** (Universidade de São Paulo)
- **Mauricio Terena** (Articulação dos Povos Indígenas do Brasil)
- **Julie Messias Bello** (UniNorte and Aliança Brasil Nature-based solutions)



UN Human Rights

20:00–20:30 UTC 5 June

Closing reflections: A call for human rights-based climate action – Right Here, Right Now.

24 hours after the handover from Oxford to Fiji to start the global academic plenary, join this closing panel with:

- **James Anaya** (University of Colorado Boulder)
- **Nomasango Masiye-Moyo** (Environmental Lawyers Collective for Africa at Natural Justice)
- **Nazila Ghanea** (University of Oxford)
- **Ambassador Rubens Barbosa** (IRICE)
- **Professor Elisa Morgera** (UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change)

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