# RIGHTS OF NATURE:

# Opening the Academic Debate in the European Legal Context







MONDAY & TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14-15 2019 TOULOUSE (FRANCE)

Toulouse 1 Capitole University (Auditorium MS001)

PRESENTED BY THE TOULOUSE 1 CAPITOLE UNIVERSITY (IEJUC) & THE SWEDISH UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

# RIGHTS OF NATURE CONFERENCE - DAY 1

Monday, October 14

Welcoming coffee 9:00

Welcoming remarks: Corinne Mascala, President of the Toulouse 1 Capitole 9:30

University & Matthieu Poumarède, Director of the Institut juridique de

l'urbanisme, de la construction et de l'environnement (IEJUC)

**IULIEN BÉTAILLE** 10:00

Associate Professor of Law, Toulouse 1 Capitole University

Introduction: Does the legal protection of nature needs the "rights of nature"?

**GUILLAUME CHAPRON** 10:30 Associate Professor of Ecology at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Legal rights of nature from the perspective of ecology

Rights of Nature's origins and theory

Chairperson: Julien Bétaille, Associate Professor of Law, Toulouse 1 Capitole University

**DELPHINE MISONNE** 11:00 Professor of Law at the Saint-Louis University (Brussels)

Christopher Stone's influence on European legal scholars

**OLIVIER CLERC** 11:30 Associate Professor of Law at the University of Artois (France)

The Environmental Law critic through Ecocentric ethics

PIERRE BRUNET 12:00 Professor of Law at the University of Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne

Navigating the Rights of Nature Turn: Legal, Moral, and Political Issues

Debate with the audience 12:30

Lunch break 13:00

Second session Rights of Nature around the globe and its practical implementation

Chairperson: Delphine Misonne, Professor of Law at the Saint-Louis University (Brussels)

**GONZALO SOZZO** 14:30

Professor of Law at the National University of the Littoral (Argentina)

Rights of Nature and Environmental Constitutionalism in South America

LOÏC PEYEN 15:00 Associate Professor at the Toulouse 1 Capitole University

Professor of Law at the Uppsala University

Rights of Nature in the Pacific Region: considerations from the New Caledonian Case

**JAN DARPO** 15:30

Access to Environmental Justice in the European Union: do we need Rights of Nature?

Debate with the audience 16:00































# RIGHTS OF NATURE CONFERENCE - DAY 2

Tuesday, October 15

9:00 Welcoming coffee

#### Third session

#### Rights of Nature's promises

Chairperson: Guillaume Chapron, Associate Professor of Ecology at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences



9:30 JOHN KNOX

Professor of International Law at the Wake Forest University (USA), Former UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment



IO:OO MATTHIEU POUMARÈDE

Professor of Law at the Toulouse 1 Capitole University

Does Environmental Liability needs the Rights of Nature?

Rights of Nature vs the Right to Environment across the world



10:30 YAFFA EPSTEIN

Phd, Uppsala University (Sweden) (videoconference)

Strategic litigation and Rights of Nature



II:00 HENDRIK SCHOUKENS

Post-doctoral Assistant, Ghent University

How to align nature's rights in the context of EU law?

11:30 Debate with the audience

12:00 Lunch break

#### Fourth session

#### Beyond the Rights of Nature, towards new approaches



Chairperson: Michel Prieur, Emeritus Professor of Law at the University of Limoges, Chair of the International Center for Comparative Environmental Law (CIDCE)



I4:00 ALEXANDRE ZABALZA

Associate Professor at the University of Bordeaux (France)

Without Rights Yet With Dignity : The Earthland Case



14:30 MARIE EUDE

15:00

Phd candidate at the Toulouse 1 Capitole University

How to protect trees without granting Rights?

KAREN BRADSHAW
Professor of Law at Arizona State University (USA)

Granting wildlife the right to own the land they live on



15:30 JOËL ANDRIANTSIMBAZOVINA

Professor of Law at the Toulouse 1 Capitole University



How far is the European Court of Human Rights from the Rights of Nature?

16:00 GUILLAUME CHAPRON

Associate Professor of Ecology at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Rights are too serious to be left to lawyers

**16:30** Debate with the audience



17:00 JULIEN BÉTAILLE

Associate Professor of Law, Toulouse 1 Capitole University

Concluding remarks

## RIGHTS OF NATURE CONFERENCE

### Practical information

#### Conference venue:

Auditorium MS001, Manufacture des tabacs, 21 allées de Brienne, 31000 Toulouse (France) Metro & Airport bus station : Compans Caffarelli

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• Auditors: 150 euros

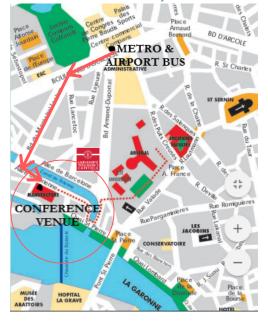
• Students: free

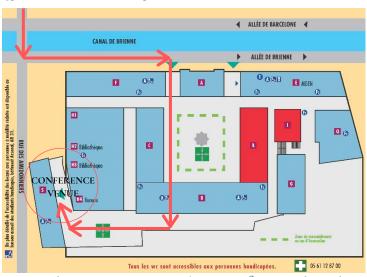
 Members of the Société française pour le droit de l'environnement : 50 euros





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Auditorium MS001 at the Manufacture des tabacs

# Conference organisers

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