



24th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium 2027

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Key Dates

- **28 February 2027: Abstract Submission Deadline**
- **31 March 2027: Abstract Confirmation**

Colloquium Theme

The Colloquium will focus on the theme of **Earth Governance and Planetary Boundaries**:

- Examining our transnational governance structures from the perspective of stewardship – and sovereignty as trusteeship for the global environment; and
- Driving environmental transformation within Planetary Boundaries that define resource limits for consumption and production – and the safe economic zone for humanity to progress toward a more sustainable future.

The 2027 Colloquium will provide a dynamic, insightful, and thought-provoking experience – and enrich our future collaboration and scholarship – and its real-world impact – as we more move forward in addressing the triple planetary crisis in a geopolitically uncertain world.

Sub-themes

Put simply, addressing the grand challenge of the triple planetary crisis will call for a mind-shift in relation to consumption and production and the adoption of sustainable solutions. Within the overall Colloquium theme presenters may wish to focus on the following sub-themes:

- The grand challenge of living within planetary boundaries – climate change, biodiversity loss, chemical pollution, oceans (acidification, fishing, and plastics), freshwater consumption, land use change, nitrogen and phosphorus pollution, and atmosphere (aerosol loading, air pollution, and ozone depletion).
- Innovation and transition – articulating the mind-shift from unsustainable consumption and production.

- Earth governance and sustainable solutions – guardianship, stewardship, and sovereignty as trusteeship for the global environment.
- Indigenous governance.
- Inclusive and sustainable economic development – the safe and just space for humanity – respecting universal human rights and living within environmental limits.
- Addressing the most urgent and fixable challenges – renewable energy and the green revolution (sustainable high-yield agriculture).
- Protecting sensitive areas – e.g. coral reefs and polar regions.
- Nature based solutions – e.g. biodiversity protection and the bio-economy, and the blue economy and sustainable seas.
- Wild law and Earth justice.
- Earth jurisprudence – ecological law, rights of nature, and ecological perceptions of property.

The Organizing Committee welcomes innovative and ambitious abstracts from national, regional, and international perspectives.

Abstracts that align generally with the Colloquium theme (but do not fall within the sub-themes) are also welcomed.

Guidelines for Abstract Submissions

- Abstracts must be written in English and must indicate the title, authors names and institutional affiliation.
- Abstracts should not be longer than 150 words (maximum) and should include 6 key words.
- Abstracts must set out the aim of the paper, main points, and a brief conclusion.
- Abstracts should not contain tables, graphs, drawings etc.
- Abstracts must be submitted by **28 February 2027** via the electronic submission link on the Colloquium website - <https://www.ivvy.com.au/event/IUCN27/theme-and-abstracts.html> .

Complete panel proposals for Parallel Sessions may also be submitted. Abstracts for panel proposals should be submitted by the chair and outline the theme of the panel. Presenters for the panel should submit their individual abstracts in the normal way and should include the proposed panel title in their abstract. Panel proposals should comprise four or five presenters including the chair.

Submissions containing drafting or text generated by artificial intelligence (AI) will not be accepted. Authors are expected to submit work which they have drafted themselves in their own words. The identification of AI generated text in any submissions to the IUCN

Academy of Environmental Law Series by the Volume Editors will result automatically in a decision not to accept the submission for publication.

Acknowledgement of Abstracts

Abstracts will be acknowledged automatically by email on receipt. Notification of acceptance of abstracts will be sent by email on 31 March 2027 following the consideration of your abstract by the Organizing Committee.

Professor Trevor Daya-Winterbottom FRSA FRGS

Chair and Convenor – 24th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium 2027

1 October 2026



IUCN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SERIES

CALL FOR PAPERS

3 September 2027: Paper Submission Deadline for Book Series

As environmental law increases in importance as an area of legal research, this series brings together some of the most current research carried out by the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, a global network of environmental law scholars. Each volume in the series addresses an important issue in the field and presents original research analysis and assessment, along with a much-needed synthesis of the state of environmental law. Directions as to the positive role that environmental law can play at a global level are also emphasized. This series provides essential reading for scholars throughout the world with an interest in cutting edge environment-related issues, and will no doubt play an important role in shaping future debate.

Call for Papers

Approximately 12 to 15 papers presented at the 24th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium 2027 will be selected for publication in the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Series published by Edward Elgar.

The volume will focus on the theme of “Earth Governance and Planetary Boundaries” and will capture the innovative ways in which we can live more sustainably within environmental limits.

If you would like to be considered for publication in the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Series, please submit your paper in Microsoft Word format to the Volume Editors by 3 September 2027: dara.dimitrov@waikato.ac.nz. Please consider the guidelines below before submitting your paper.

Guidelines

Papers should be written in English and must be within the range of 6000 to 8000 words (maximum) in length including footnotes.

Presenters should also include a 150 word (maximum) abstract and six key words (maximum) descriptive of the content of the paper.

All papers must follow the *Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authority* (OSCOLA) Fifth Edition, and employ footnotes rather than endnotes. Links to OSCOLA and Edward Elgar's author guidelines are provided below for your convenience:

<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2026-03/OSCOLA%205.pdf>

<https://www.e-elgar.com/author-hub/author-information/?srsltid=AfmBOopuLtPW02ghJs9M8HAGate0JMhPg1a-HDgwDcSwmLqgWjuZxpHQ>

Before submitting your paper, please ensure that you possess copyright for all aspects of your paper including any pictures or graphs etc. Your paper must be original and should not be published elsewhere.

Selection Process

Papers will be selected for inclusion in the Book Series based on academic quality – representing the highest level of scholarship, academic rigour, clear communication, and novel contribution to the field.

Key Dates

- Call for papers: 2 July 2027
- Deadline for submission of papers by Presenters: 3 September 2027
- Selection of papers by Volume Editors: 3 December 2027
- Edited papers returned to Authors: 7 April 2028
- Final papers returned to Volume Editors by Authors: 2 June 2028

The overall aim is for the book to be published within the period of 21 months following conclusion of the Colloquium.

Volume Editors

- Professor Trevor Daya-Winterbottom, University of Waikato.
- Dr Dara Dimitrov, University of Waikato.
- Associate Professor Matteo Fermeglia, University of Amsterdam.
- Dr Durgeshree Raman, University of Waikato.

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Chair & Convenor 24th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium 2027

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2 July 2027



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30 April 2027: Submission Deadline for Edward Elgar Prize for Best Papers

Edward Elgar Publishing has kindly agreed to award two prizes for the best papers presented at IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium 2027. The prizes will be awarded to the best paper presented by a:

- New and Emerging Academic (whose PhD was conferred within the last six years); and
- Senior Academic (whose PhD was conferred more than six years ago).

Papers in each category will be selected for the prize awards based on academic quality – representing the highest level of scholarship, academic rigour, clear communication, and novel contribution to the field.

To be considered for the prize awards presenters should submit their paper in Microsoft Word format by email to the Organizing Committee (dee.raman@waikato.ac.nz) by 30 April 2027. Late submissions will not be accepted. The paper should conform with the guidelines for the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Series (see Colloquium website for details).

Each prize winner will be awarded a £250 book voucher. The awards will be presented at the Edward Elgar Book Launch on 30 June 2027 (17:00-18:00).

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