

Symposium on the Environment and Human Rights in the age of the Ecological Crisis

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The preponderance of evidence demonstrates emphatically that unless the global community and political and diplomatic elites involved in climate governance, change course dramatically and wean us off fossil fuels, ecological catastrophe awaits us. Our civilisation is perhaps facing the greatest threat to its continued existence it has ever known. With climate change and a looming ecological crisis casting an ominous shadow over planet earth, systems and institutions that support life - food production, energy production, biodiversity and ecosystems - are under grave threat. In fact, most earth life sciences argue that the anthropogenic impact on earth systems is so immense that in fact we are the primary geological force on the planet and thus, have we entered a new geological epoch: The Anthropocene.

Given this looming ecological crisis and the attendant rapid extinction of species, destruction of habitats, ecological collapse and the self-evident dependency of the human race on our biosphere, it stands to reason that environmental degradation and ecological destruction will, in the 21 century, be the principal driver of social harm and human rights violations. It is thus incumbent on human rights practitioners, academics, lawyers and all those concerned to raise awareness of this inner connection in the eco-destructive nature-society relation, to identify the causes, drivers, those morally culpable and, ultimately to seek out effective remedies and solutions.

Chair: **Paola Chirulli** - Sapienza Università di Roma

Damien Short - School of Advanced Studies, University of London

Protest Policing and antifracking movement

Martin Crook - School of Advanced Studies, University of London

Ecologically induced genocide in Kenya: Climate Change mitigation as Genocide

Elisa Scotti - Università degli Studi di Macerata

Noxious facilities and environmental justice: a legal framework

Fulvio Costantino - Università degli Studi di Macerata

Environment and procedural rights: the public debate in action

Questions from the audience

12. 00 – 12.30 Coffee Break

Cristiana Lauri - Sapienza Università di Roma

Cities, climate change and human rights

Flavio Valerio Virzi - Sapienza Università di Roma

Mind the (legislative) gap: the legal protection of environmental refugees.

Discussion and concluding remarks by **Paola Chirulli**

