



## ECOLOGICAL LAW AND GOVERNANCE – FROM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW TO ECOLOGICAL LAW

### 2019 WEBINAR SERIES

#### SDGs and Earth Jurisprudence: Education and Climate Change

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

12:00 – 13:30 EST (New York)

At the time of the course, simply click here: <https://zoom.us/j/976694596>

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This course will explore ecological law and governance and climate change education as it relates to the classroom, civil society, and policy-makers. Climate Change and Education are the SDG focal points for 2019 for the Harmony with Nature (HwN) program, and so this course aligns with other HwN events for 2019, including the [9<sup>th</sup> Interactive Dialogue of the General Assembly occurring on April 22, 2019 from 10:00 – 18:00 EST](#) (Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all; Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts).

Chair: [Kathryn Gwiazdon](#), Executive Director, CEEL; Founding Member, ELGA; and UN HwN Expert

With a welcome and orientation from: Maria Mercedes Sanchez, Director, UN HwN, *An Introduction to Harmony with Nature*

Panelists:

Representative Kirsten Engel, *Climate Education Challenges and Successes: from teaching law to creating law*



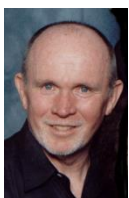
Professor Engel is the State Representative for District 10 in the Arizona House of Representatives and the Charles E. Ares Professor of Law at the James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona. She is co-author of an environmental law textbook, *Environmental Law: A Conceptual and Pragmatic Approach* (3d ed. 2016) and has held numerous positions within government and civil society, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Massachusetts' Attorney General's Office, and Harvard, Vanderbilt, and Tulane Law Schools. The emphasis of her more recent scholarship is the response of state and local governments to climate change in the United States and especially the constitutional and economic impediments these governments face seeking to mitigate climate change in the absence of comprehensive federal climate change legislation.

Valérie Cabanes, *Emotional and Legal Learning, a key for citizen action against Climate Change*



Ms. Cabanes is a legal expert in international law, specializing in human rights, and is Honorary President of Notre Affaire à Tous. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature and one of the experts of the UN Harmony with Nature initiative network. After two decades in NGO fieldwork, she launched in 2013 a European citizen initiative on the crime of ecocide in France, then co-founded in 2015 the NGO Notre Affaire à Tous at the initiative of the "Case of the century" (Climate case against the French government supported by 2 million citizens). In 2015, she contributed to the drafting of the project of a Universal Declaration of Humankind Rights and to a proposal for amendments to the Statute of the International Criminal Court on the crime of ecocide. A selection of her works includes: *Homo Natura, en harmonie avec le vivant* (Buchet/Chastel 2017), *Un nouveau droit pour la Terre. Pour en finir avec l'écocide* (Seuil 2016) translation: *Rights for Planet Earth* (Natraj Publishers, 2018); *Des droits pour la Nature*, collective (Utopia, 2016); *Crime climatique, stop!*, collective (Seuil, 2015), and *Les procès climatiques*, collective (Pédone, 2018).

Professor Donald Brown, *Applied Climate Ethics: Six Things That Citizens and Governments Urgently Need to Understand About Climate Change*



Professor Brown is the Scholar in Residence and Professor for Sustainability Ethics and Law at Widener University Commonwealth Law School where he teaches International Environmental Law, Human Rights Law, and Climate Change Law. He is a contributing author to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), 5th Assessment Report. Prior to that, he was an environmental lawyer for Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and Program Manager for UN Organizations at the US Environmental Protection Agency's Office of International Environmental Policy, where he represented US EPA negotiations on sustainability issues at the UN, including climate change, international water issues, biodiversity, and Agenda 21. His newest book was published in 2012 by Routledge, *Navigating the Perfect Moral Storm, Climate Ethics*. He manages an award-winning web site, [EthicsandClimate.org](http://EthicsandClimate.org), which examines ethical issues that arise in climate change policy formation.