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Child Participation and the Right to a Sustainable Environment

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Dr Zoi Aliozi, is an international academic, scholar-activist. She is a human rights educator, and an award-winning philosopher. She has been engaging with climate justice research and activism—while lecturing law, philosophy and cinema. Zoi is an inter-disciplinary scholar, with expertise in human rights law, analytic philosophy, climate justice, digital advocacy and distance learning. She has a special eye for ‘new tech for good’: (IT, AI and digital communications) – as well as a deep passion for visual arts and creative media for legal education and philosophy. Her publications include Human Rights: A Comparative Approach' (Eds. Z. Aliozi and K. Chainoglou, Hellenic Academic eBooks, Kallipos, Greece, Oct. 2021), Green Criminology: A rights-based approach, in Green Crimes and International Criminal Law (Ed. R. Paulose, Vernon, USA, April 2021) and Diotima, in The Philosopher Queens (Eds. R. Buxton & L. Whiting, Unbound, UK, Sept. 2020). Zoi holds a PhD in Philosophy, Law and Human Rights from LUISS University of Rome (Italy) and Georgetown University in Washington D.C. (USA). She is also an alumna of the Global Campus Europe Master's Programme where she graduated in 2007.

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MAUDE BARLOW



Maude Barlow received the Right Livelihood Award in 2005 for her “exemplary and longstanding worldwide work for trade justice and the recognition of the fundamental human right to water”. She has been a high-profile leader in the women’s movement in Canada and is the founder and former elected Chairperson of the Council of Canadians, Canada’s largest citizens’ advocacy organisation, which works to safeguard Canada’s universal social security system and its water and energy heritage. The Council of Canadians has also been a leading voice in the international search for a more just and sustainable trade system and, through its Blue Planet Project, fights for the universal right to water. In 2008–2009, Maude served as Senior Advisor on Water to the President of the United Nations General Assembly and was a leader in the campaign to have water recognized as a human right by the UN. Maude is the author and co-author of dozens of reports as well as 20 books on all aspects of globalisation and the theft of the “global commons”, including *Blue Future: Protecting Water for People and The Planet Forever*; *Boiling Point: Government Neglect, Corporate Abuse and Canada’s Water Crisis*; *Whose Water is it Anyway? Taking water protection into public hands* and the forthcoming *The Little Book of Hope, Lessons from a Lifetime of Activism*.

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David R. Boyd was appointed as the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment for a three-year term commencing August 1, 2018. He is an associate professor of law, policy, and sustainability at the University of British Columbia. His career has included serving as the executive director of Ecojustice, appearing before the Supreme Court of Canada, and working as a special advisor on sustainability for Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin. He has advised many governments on environmental, constitutional, and human rights policy and co-chaired Vancouver’s effort to become the world’s greenest city by 2020. He is a member of the World Commission on Environmental Law, an expert advisor for the UN’s Harmony with Nature Initiative, and a member of ELAW, the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide.

Mr. Boyd is also the author of nine books and over 100 reports and articles on environmental law and policy, human rights, and constitutional law. His most recent books include *The Rights of Nature* (ECW Press, 2017), *The Optimistic Environmentalist* (ECW Press, 2015), *Cleaner, Greener, Healthier: A Prescription for Stronger Canadian Environmental Laws and Policies* (UBC Press, 2015) and *The Environmental Rights Revolution: A Global Study of Constitutions, Human Rights, and the Environment* (UBC Press, 2012).

AOIFE DALY



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human rights: https://brill.com/view/journals/chil/28/3/article-p471_471.xml and the right of young people to sex education: <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/773446>

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Juliane Kippenberg is an associate director in the Children's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch. She began working at Human Rights Watch in 1999. For more than 17 years, she has carried out human rights research on a wide range of issues. One of her areas of expertise is child labor in artisanal gold mining and the responsibility of companies. She has also conducted extensive research and advocacy on sexual violence in the armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo and on the child's right to health care. From 1999 to 2005, Kippenberg led a project for the protection and capacity building of Central African nongovernmental organizations. Prior to joining Human Rights Watch, she worked as a campaigner at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International. She holds a master's degree in understanding and securing human rights from the University of London, and graduate degrees in African history and French from the University of Hamburg, Germany.

JOHN KNOX



John Knox is Henry C. Lauerman Professor of International Law at Wake Forest University. From 2012 to 2015, he served as the first United Nations Independent Expert, and from 2015 to 2018, as its first Special Rapporteur, on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment. In that role, he submitted a series of reports to the UN Human Rights Council on the application of human rights law to environmental issues, including climate change and the conservation of biological diversity. In 2018, he concluded his mandate by presenting Framework Principles on Human Rights and the Environment to the United Nations, and by calling upon the UN General Assembly to recognize the human right to a healthy and sustainable environment. His recent scholarship has focused on issues arising at the intersection of human rights and environmental protection. In 2018, he published a co-edited volume of essays on the human right to a healthy environment, and he is currently writing a book on the evolution of environmental rights in international law. In 2003, he was awarded the Francis Deák Prize, established by the American Society of International Law to honor a younger author who has made a "meritorious contribution to international legal scholarship." For four years, until 2005, he chaired a national advisory committee to EPA on the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation, the first regional environmental organization in North America, and from 2008 to 2012, he was of counsel to the Center for International Environmental Law. He is currently on the board of the Universal Rights Group, a human rights institution in Geneva, and of Wake Forest University's Center for Energy, Environment and Sustainability.

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RAUL MONTENEGRO



Raul Montenegro received the Right Livelihood Award in 2004 “for his outstanding work with local communities and indigenous people to protect the environment and natural resources.” Since 1985 he has been Professor of Evolutionary Biology at the National University of Cordoba. In 1982 he was the principal founder of FUNAM (Environment Defence Foundation), and has been its President since 1995. Since 1980 Raul Montenegro has been involved, normally in an initiating role, in an astonishing range and number of environmental activities, which include anti-nuclear campaigns, the establishment of six national parks or nature reserves, numerous campaigns against toxic waste, pollution by chemicals, deforestation, dams, logging and mining companies, and in favour of the protection of the endangered ecosystem. He has been very active in environmental legislation and education, both nationally and internationally. In addition to all this he has had a full academic life, publishing in journals and keeping abreast of (and sometimes contributing to) advances in ecological science, which he then tries to implement. In all his activities Raul combines an expert use of science with community-based campaigning, and an ability to generate enormous media coverage.

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Luisa Neubauer is a German climate activist and one of the main organisers of the ‘Fridays for Future’ movement. She advocates a coal phase-out in Germany by 2030 and a climate policy compatible with the Paris Convention. Luisa is a member of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen as well as the Green Youth and is involved in various organisations supporting climate protection, intergenerational justice and the fight against global poverty. In 2019 she and Alex Reppening published the book 'From the End of the Climate Crisis. A Story of Our Future'.

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JONAS SCHUBERT



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MARGARETHA WEWERINKE



Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh is Assistant Professor of Public International Law at Leiden University. Her research focuses on the role of law in addressing sustainable development challenges. Her recent book *State Responsibility, Climate Change and Human Rights* (Hart Publishing) explains when and where State action related to climate change may amount to a violation of human rights. In 2018 she received a NWO Veni-grant for her project *Climate Justice through the Courts (2019-2021)*, which uses socio-legal research to investigate the effectiveness and potential drawbacks of rights-based climate litigation. From 2015 to 2018, Margaretha was a Senior Lecturer in Environmental Law at the University of the South Pacific (USP)

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