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## **President's Welcome Message AM 2025 in Nairobi**

Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the second ACUNS Annual Meeting in Africa. The first was held in 2019 in Stellenbosch, South Africa. I hope for more gatherings in the Global South as ACUNS strives to become more inclusive, geographically, thematically and in terms of gender.

We are meeting at a challenging time for multilateralism. After the end of the Cold War that had paralyzed the United Nations, hopes were high that the Organization could finally move humanity forward to a New World Order, peace, respect for human rights and a life “in larger freedom,” as Kofi Annan entitled his path breaking legacy report. The UN supervised the first democratic elections in South Africa that ended Apartheid, a major triumph, but suffered catastrophic setbacks with the calamity in Somalia, the genocide in Rwanda and the murders of Srebrenica. However, instead of retreating, UN Member States agreed on humanitarian interventions, the Responsibility to Protect and the establishment of an International Criminal Court. These initiatives did not survive Western interventions in Iraq and Libya, the poison attacks on its own people by the Syrian dictator, Russia’s wanton aggression against Ukraine, the vicious Hamas-Israel confrontation or the cruel civil wars in Ethiopia, Sudan, Myanmar and elsewhere. No one calls for outside intervention to stop the slaughter, despite egregious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law. International assistance is dwindling, the respect for agreed norms subsiding and the financial support for the United Nations is nosediving. Multilateralism is in a deepening crisis.

As analysts, we need to recognize this new reality while, as citizens of the world, work to overcome it and to keep alive the flame of international cooperation. For ACUNS as a professional association of analysts, we must ensure the unhindered exchange of views, arguments and data across continents, countries and communities. We do not strive for a consensual view on the world’s problems, but we insist on the significance of facts, of reasoned arguments and of respect for divergent views. In this spirit, I welcome you to this year’s ACUNS Annual Meeting in Nairobi and look forward to fruitful discussions and enriching personal encounters. Special thanks to all who made this meeting possible.



**Franz Baumann,**

**President**

## OVERVIEW

Time is in New York Time (**Nairobi is 7 hours ahead of New York Time**)

Zoom and Webinar links to be provided 24 hours before the session.

### MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE

08:30 – 09:45

Live Stream of the **Opening Plenary** in Nairobi

**Dr. Franz Baumann**, ACUNS President & Researcher Georgetown University

**Professor Margaret Jesang Hutchinson**, Vice Chancellor, University of Nairobi.

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10:00 – 11:15

**A: Roundtables/Simultaneous Panels**

11:30 – 12:30

**Keynote Dialogue**

**Tulio Andrade**: Chief of Staff to Ambassador Andre Corre de Lago (President of COP30)

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**Roni Kay M. O'Dell**, Seton Hill University/California State University,  
San Marcos; Planning Committee 2025 ACUNS Annual Meeting

12:45 – 14:00

**B:** Roundtable/Simultaneous Panels

**TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

08:30 – 09:45

**A:** Roundtables/Simultaneous Panels

**10:00 – 11:00**

**High-Level Session**

**Strengthening the Implementation of Multilateral Environmental  
Agreements Through Cross-Sector Collaboration**

**Anna Dubrova**, PhD Candidate in Global Governance and Human  
Security, University of Massachusetts Boston

**Dr. Rolph Payet**, Executive Secretary, Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm  
Conventions

**Patrick Umuhoza**, International Environmental Agreements Officer,  
Rwanda Environment Management Authority

**Dr. Natalia Escobar-Pemberthy**, Clean Energy and Environment  
Legacy Transition Initiative Program Manager, Boston University  
Institute for Global Sustainability

11:15 – 12:30

**B:** Roundtables/Simultaneous Panels

**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

08:30 – 09:45

**A:** Roundtables/Simultaneous Panels

10:00 – 11:15

**B:** Roundtables/Simultaneous Panels

**11:30 – 12:30**

**High-Level Session: Publishing Workshop for Emerging Scholars  
with Editors of the Journal Global Governance.**

**Alanna O'Malley**, Leiden University

**Aigul Kulnazarova**, Tama University

**Frank Mattheis**, United Nations University | Institute on Comparative  
Regional Integration Studies

**Inken von Borzyskowski**, University of Oxford

**Closing Remarks**

**Roni Kay M. O'Dell**, Seton Hill University/California State University,  
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## Reminders to Chairs, Discussants, and Authors

NB: Panels include a Chair, a Discussant, and several authors of working papers or policy briefs. Roundtables are composed of a Chair (book author for book roundtables) and several experts who provide commentary.

Chairs contact all panel/roundtable participants approximately 10 days ahead of the Annual Meeting to facilitate the logistics of the session. ACUNS will provide each Chair with the email addresses. For additional assistance, contact [annualmeeting@ACUNS.org](mailto:annualmeeting@ACUNS.org).

Chairs request that authors – of working papers, policy briefs, or books – circulate their work to the discussant(s) and other panelists at least one week before the Annual Meeting. During the meeting, Chairs are responsible for introducing the speakers, keeping time, and facilitating meaningful research-policy discussions and debate among panelists and between panelists and the audience. Make sure to reserve approximately 20 minutes at the end for Q&A. We kindly ask Chairs to manage time by providing presenters with verbal time checks: a first reminder when 3 minutes remain, a second when 1 minute remains, and a final notification when the presentation time is over. This helps ensure there is sufficient time for audience Q&A.

Discussants are responsible for reading working papers and policy briefs ahead of time and for providing constructive feedback during the panel in approximately 7-10 minutes total. Discussants should receive materials one week ahead of the meeting.

Authors on Panels are responsible for sharing their materials – working papers and policy briefs – with the discussant(s) and fellow panelists at least one week before the Annual Meeting. Authors may also want to familiarize themselves with the works of fellow panelists in order to engage in a more meaningful discussion. Authors should present their research/policy findings in approximately 7-10 minutes during their panel. Authors can, but are not required to, use slides.

Roundtable Participants provide expert commentary on a specific theme or book. Comments should be limited to 8-10 minutes, depending on the number of other participants and advice of the Chair.

Attendees who do not otherwise have a speaking role are encouraged to participate in the Q&A and to apply to participate in a future ACUNS Annual Meeting!

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### 2. Tech Check (Join a Few Minutes Early)

- Test audio and video when prompted: choose **"Join with Computer Audio"**
- If the connection is slow, try turning **off your video**
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Button	Icon	What it Does
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1. **Arrive early** to sort out any technical issues
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3. **Look at the camera** when speaking, not the screen
4. **Use the chat** for questions or comments without interrupting
5. **No multitasking**: avoid eating, typing, or leaving your seat
6. **Dress appropriately**, present yourself professionally
7. **Simple, clean background**, and ensure good lighting

8. Use the **Raise Hand reaction** before speaking

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- **Switch Views:**
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- **Rename yourself:** Click on your name in the participants list → choose "Rename"
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**MONDAY, 23 JUNE 2025**

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**OPENING PLENARY AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

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**MON-VT-A SESSIONS: 10:00 - 11:15 EDT, MONDAY JUNE 23**

**MON-VT-A1, *Virtual Panel*, 10:00 - 11:15 New York Time**

**Aligning Markets with Sustainable Development**

**Cilene VICTOR** (Chair), Methodist University of São Paulo

**Solveig RICHTER**, (Discussant) Leipzig University Pablo

Exchange Rates for a Livable Planet: Currency Valuations as a New Framework for Incentives for Sustainable Development and Peace

**Jean MAIER**, Independent Researcher

Subordinated Agency and the Grafting of Sustainable Finance Regulations in Southeast Asia

**Lena RETHHEL**, University of Warwick

**Apolline SIMONS**, Independent Researcher

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**MON-VT-A2, *Virtual Panel*, 10:00 - 11:15 New York Time**

**Unequal Burdens: Environmental Harm and Human Rights Across Local and Global Systems**

**Cecilia CORSINI**, (Chair) University of Glasgow

**Nafissa INSEBAYEVA** (Discussant), UNU- IAS

Perception and Knowledge of the Flood-Prone Community towards Climate Variability in Relation to Human Health: A Mixed Method Study in Rural Chiniot

**Iffa ZAHID**, National University of Medical Sciences, Rawalpindi, Pakistan

**Hina SHAN**, National University of Medical Sciences, Rawalpindi, Pakistan

**Muhammad DANYAL**, National University of Medical Sciences, Rawalpindi, Pakistan

Water Vulnerability in Dhaka, Narayanganj and Gazipur: A Case of Textile Dye Production

**Kamille RASMUSSEN**, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability

**Martiwi DIAH SETIAWATI**, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability

The Central Role of Democratic Justice in a Democratic India

**Rekha DATTA**, Monmouth University

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**MON-VT-A3, *Virtual Roundtable*, 10:00 - 11:15 EDT (YOUTH TRACK)**

**Principle or Practice? Intergenerational Equity Through Youth Lenses**

**Olga SKAREDINA** (Chair), Northeastern University

**Elena MÜLLER**, ZOE Institute for Future-fit Economies

**Laura GONCALES**, Pontificia Universidade Católica de São Paulo

**Daouia CHALALI**, United Nations University - Centre for Policy Research

**Eliane R. EL HABER**, UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education

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**MON-VT-A4, *Virtual Panel*, 10:00 - 11:15 EDT (YOUTH TRACK)**

**Youth-Led Climate Action in Policy, Law, and Crisis Response**

**Anita BUDZISZEWSKA**, (Chair) University of Warsaw

**Armando ALIU** (Discussant), University of Wrocław

How Did Social and News Media Empower a Youth Climate Action Within 12 Months Into the World's Largest Movement?

**Mascha SAMKOVA**, Children and Youth Major Group to UNEP

Youth at the Frontlines: Strengthening Community-Led Humanitarian Efforts

**Elias IBRAHIM**, UNODC MENA Youth Network

Youth vs. Big Oil: How the Next Generation Is Shaping Energy Policy

**Summer OKIBE**, YOUNGO Energy Working Group, UNFCCC

Beyond Price Tags: Youth Reflections on the Commodification of Nature in Global Environmental Governance

Cheryl LEE, Net Zero Project Advisor

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**MON-VT-A5, Virtual Roundtable, 10:00 - 11:15 New York Time**

**Inclusivity: The Role of Art, Culture, and Technology**

**Mayowa Johnson AGBENIGA** (Chair), National Research University - Higher School of Economics

**Valery MFONDOUM**, Freelance Consultant

**Hiroko TSUBOI-FRIEDMAN**, NA

**Bibi Saira NOUMAN**, Minhaj University Lahore

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**MON-VT-B SESSIONS: 12:45 - 14:00 EDT, MONDAY JUNE 23**

**MON-VT-B1, *Virtual Roundtable*, 12:45 - 14:00 EDT**

**UN Governance Innovation and Regional Security in the Arab World**

**Meriam AL-RASHID**, Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice

**Hassan ALY**, Nile University

**Ambassador Mohamed Ali CHIHI**, Global Institute for Strategic Research

**Mona Ali KHALIL** (Co-chair), Harvard Law School Programme on International Law & Armed Conflict

**Karim MAKDISI** (Co-chair), American University of Beirut

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**MON-VT-B2, *Virtual Panel*, 12:45- 14:00 EDT (YOUTH TRACK)**

**Adapting Together: Local, Technological, and Policy Solutions to the Climate Crisis**

**Julia LEIB** (Chair), Leipzig University

**Cilene VICTOR** (Discussant), Methodist University of São Paulo

Climate Change Coastal Adaptation: The Significance of Coral Reefs in the Global Fight Against Climate Change and the Critical Role of NGO and Government Partnerships in Conservation Efforts

**Erica MILLER**, New York University

Governance and Sustainability Strategies in Agricultural Cooperatives and Permaculture Projects:  
Pathways to Food Sovereignty and Community Self-Reliance

**Jonathan OUBENSLIMANE**, Northeastern University - School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs

Today's Technology for Today's Environment: Convolutional Neural Networks for Invasive Plant  
Identification and Removal

**Minghui YAO**, The Bishop's School

The Role of Local AI Ecosystems in Tackling the Triple Planetary Crisis: The Brazilian Case

**Rúbia MARCUSSI PONTES**, College of Campinas (Faculdades de Campinas, FACAMP)

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**MON-VT-B3, *Virtual Roundtable*, 12:45- 14:00 EDT**

**Nature-Centered or Nature-Washing? How to Make Multilateral Agreements Truly Ecocentric and  
in Harmony with Nature**

**Patrícia NOGUEIRA RINALDI** (Chair), College of Campinas/Faculdades de Campinas (FACAMP)

**Patricia CAPELINI BORELLI**, College of Campinas/Faculdades de Campinas (FACAMP)

**María Estrella SÁNCHEZ CORCHERO**, University of the Basque Country

**Kevin HILL**, Self Employed

**Maria Mercedes SANCHEZ**, Self Employed

**Yenny VEGA CARDENAS**, International Observatory on Nature's Rights

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**MON-VT-B4, *Virtual Roundtable*, 12:45 - 14:00 EDT**

**The Role of Model United Nations to Foster Youth Engagement with the UN Environment Agenda**

**Roberta SILVA MACHADO** (Chair), Faculdades de Campinas (FACAMP)

**Patricia CAPELINI BORELLI**, Faculdades de Campinas (FACAMP)

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**Rebecca A. SHOOT**, Convener of the ImPact Coalition on Strengthening Judicial Institutions.

**William YOTIVE**, World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)

**Matías PENHOS**, Universidad Nacional de Quilmes

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**MON-VT-B5, *Virtual Roundtable*, 12:45 - 14:00 EDT**

**Africa's Oceans, Africa's Future: Promoting Equity and Creating New Opportunities in the Blue  
Economy**

**Ifesinachi OKAFOR-YARWOOD** (Chair), University of St Andrews

**Nina WAMBIJI**, Mpala Research Centre, Kenya

**Elizabeth NWARUEZE**, University of Oxford

**Andrew Yaw TCHIE**, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

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**MON-VT-B6, *Virtual Roundtable*, 12:45 - 14:00 EDT**

**Technology, Policy and Governance Interface for Sustainable Marine and Maritime Sector:  
Emerging Issues and Road Ahead**

**Anastasia KIRITSI** (Chair), Secretary General of IETI & Maritime & Shipping director Berlin Business School and Innovation

**Rashid AL MANSOORI** (Chair), Amaal Group

**Shiv TRIPATHI**, Berlin School of Business and Innovation

**Josianne CUTAJAR**, Member of Parliament of European Union

**Ronald BERENBEIM**, Adjunct Professor Emeritus

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**TUE-VT-A SESSIONS: 8:30-9:45 EDT, TUESDAY JUNE 24**

**TUE-VT-A1, *Virtual Panel*, 8:30 - 9:45 EDT**

**Learning for Change: Education for Sustainable Development**

**Joy DEBSKI** (Chair), Robert Gordon University

**Roni Kay M. O'DELL** (Discussant), Seton Hill University/California State University, San Marcos

Justice-Centered Climate Change Education: Grassroots South-South and Triangular Cooperation  
**Nafissa INSEBAYEVA**, UNU-IAS

Making a Peaceful Community through Education: Case Study of Uriri Hope School

**Mahdy YUSOFI**, Independent Researcher

**Seyfollah FAZLOLLAHI QOMSHI**, Islamic Azad University of Qom

Assessing Students' Motivation and Learning Strategies in Compulsory Action-Oriented Education

**Anna Saakwor BATSA**, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability

**Anupam KHAJURIA**, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability

Empowering Indigenous Communities By Integrating Education With Sustainable Development

**Aparupa PATNAIK**, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology

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**TUE-VT-A2, *Virtual Panel*, 8:30 - 9:45 EDT**

**Media and Discourse in Climate, Migration, and Peacebuilding**

**Rhekka DATTA** (Chair), Monmouth University

**Jean MAIER** (Discussant), Independent Researcher

Networked Diplomacy in International Organizations: How UN Peace Operations Facilitate Exchange Across Echo Chambers in Online Communication Networks

**Julia LEIB**, Leipzig University

Risk Communication and Media Interventions to Promote Disaster Risk Reduction Initiatives and Climate Adaptation

**Cilene VICTOR**, Methodist University of São Paulo



The Perpetual Securitized Refugee: A Critical Discourse Analysis of the UN News  
**Elizabeth Katherine GAMARRA**, Peace Research Institute (PRI)

Climate Disasters Colliding with Conflicts in the Middle East – The Urgency of the Peace and Humanitarian Journalism Approach  
**Cilene VICTOR**, Methodist University of São Paulo  
**Ahmad ALZOUBI**, Professor of Journalism and Communication at Lusail University

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**TUE-VT-A3, *Virtual Panel*, 8:30 - 9:45 EDT (YOUTH TRACK)**  
**Learning for Sustainability: Youth, Culture, and Innovation in Climate Education**

**Renata JULIOTTI** (Chair), Methodist University of São Paulo  
**Khushboo CHAUHAN** (Discussant), O.P. Jindal Global University

Youth and Sustainable Development: A Communities of Practice-Based Framework Design and Evaluation Tool for Intangible Cultural Heritage Education  
**Kenna LEE EDLER**, United Nations University, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability

Advanced Examples of Online Green and Blue Education Using Generative AI and Interactive Social Dialogue Methods  
**Tada JIN**, University of the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia

Developing a Comprehensive Framework for Climate Change Risk Assessment in the Education Sector  
**Danfeng ZHU**, The United Nations University (Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability)  
**Jonghwi PARK**, The United Nations University (Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability)

Youth-Driven Environmental and Social Justice Initiatives in Hong Kong  
**Keith Wing KEUNG WONG**, SDG Charity Foundation

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**TUE-VT-A4, *Virtual Panel*, 8:30 - 9:45 EDT**  
**Rethinking Environmental Multilateralism**

**Lena RETHEL** (Chair), University of Warwick  
**Uchenna ILOKA** (Discussant), Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland

Aiming for Inclusive Multilateral Environmental Agreements  
**Ratih D. ADIPUTRI**, University of Jyväskylä

The Environmental Protection of the Deep Sea: A New Role for the International Seabed Authority?  
**Valeria EBOLI**, Italian Naval Academy

Exclusionary Sustainability: How Earmarking Prevents UN Organizations  
**Cecilia CORSINI**, University of Glasgow

Towards a Greener Internet: A Policy Framework for Sustainable Web Design  
**David MAHONEY**, The University of Edinburgh

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**TUE-VT-A5, *Virtual Panel*, 8:30 - 9:45 EDT (YOUTH TRACK)**

**From Water to Land: Pathways to Sustainability Transitions**

**Farhad SAMI** (Chair) Zhejiang University

**Anita BUDZISZEWSKA**, (Discussant) University of Warsaw

Water-Caste-Gender-Tourism Nexus: Marginalized Waterscapes of Bodh Gaya, India

**Ritika RAJPUT**, United Nations University-Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability

Role of Agriculture Subsidies in Climate Change: Transition Towards Sustainable Agriculture

**Muhammad AFAQ**, United Nations University-Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability

A Model for Sustainable Housing in Rural and Remote Communities

**Allan TEALE**, University of Technology Sydney

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**TUE-VT-A6, *Virtual Panel*, 8:30 - 9:45 EDT**

**Education and Human Development**

**Chair and Discussant TBA**

Analysing the factors affecting academic performance of primary school students in Kenya

**Suweon KIM**, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

**Subin Sarah YEO**, Hannam University

**Hwanbo PARK**, Chungnam National University

**Moraa Ongera LILIAN**, Chungnam National University

**Seongkyung JEONG**, Chungnam National University

Does Radio in Africa's Human Development Still Matter? The multi-year contribution analysis of the use of radio in low resource communities

**Moon Suk HONG**, Busan University of Foreign Studies

**Gahyung KIM**, Seoul National University

**Chae-Won PARK**, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

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**Dr. Natalia Escobar-Pemberthy**, PhD, Clean Energy and Environment Legacy Transition Initiative  
Program Manager, Boston University Institute for Global Sustainability

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**TUE-VT-B1 SESSIONS: 11:15 - 12:30 EDT, TUESDAY JUNE 24**

**TUE-VT-B1, *Virtual* Panel, 11:15 - 12:30 EDT**

**The Necessary Inclusive Approach in Shaping a Resilient, Socially, and Environmentally Just Future**

**Natalia María SIMÓN MEDINA** (Chair), University of Castilla-La Mancha

**David Rodríguez GUILLEN**, European Parliament

**María Estrella SÁNCHEZ CORCHERO**, University of the Basque

**Juan Antonio CLEMENTE SOLER**, University of Murcia

**María Ángeles ABELLÁN LÓPEZ**, University of Valencia

**Juan Carlos LUCAS**, University of Murcia

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**TUE-VT-B2, *Virtual* Panel, 11:15 - 12:30 EDT (YOUTH TRACK)**

**From Policy Gaps to Just Transitions: Governance Pathways for Equitable Sustainability**

**Jean MAIER** (Chair), Independent Researcher

**Lena RETHEL** (Discussant), University of Warwick

The Hyundai Model and Why It Works: IESGA is the Only Way to Idealize Sustainable Global Supply Chains

**Juana HAN**, UNA-USA

More than a Footnote: Narrativizing the Push to Regulate Canadian Mining TNCs in the 2000s

**Arwen LOW**, McGill University

Within The Fields of Global Environmental Governance, To What Extent is Environmental Justice Met Through the UNFCCC Just Transition Process?

**Cheryl LEE**, Net Zero Project Advisor

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**TUE-VT-B3, *Virtual* Roundtable, 11:15 - 12:30 EDT (YOUTH TRACK)**

**Youth Leadership in Global Environmental Governance**

**Mark ORTIZ** (Co-chair), Pennsylvania State University

**Olga SKAREDINA** (Co-chair), Northeastern University  
**Keshoe ISAIAH**, Kofi Annan Changemaker, Indigenous Knowledge and Rights Advocate  
**Shellan SALING**, Children and Youth Major Group to the United Nations Environment Programme  
**Rawe KEFI**, Tunisian Delegation to UNFCCC  
**Yi HYUN KANG**, Lund University  
**Alphonse MUIA**, Partnership for Change

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**TUE-VT-B4, *Virtual Panel*, 11:15 - 12:30 EDT (YOUTH TRACK)**  
**Strengthening Multilateral Environmental Governance**

**Rhekka DATTA** (Chair), Monmouth University  
**Joy DEBSKI** (Discussant), Robert Gordon University

Multilateral Environmental Governance at Crossroads: Lessons from Climate, Trade, and Pollution Governance

**Rong BAO**, Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy

Strengthening Global Climate Governance: Insights from China's Engagement with Small Island Developing States Through the Belt and Road Initiative

**Gareth JONES**, Tsinghua University

Who Gets to Assess? Legitimacy, Power, and Environmental Oversight

**Sherry DA**, Keepers of the Circle

Realist and Neoliberal Approaches to Climate Governance

**Viera Carolina LOPEZ**, Jagiellonian University

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**TUE-B5 *Virtual Panel*, 11:15 - 12:30 EDT**  
**Multilateral Approaches to Addressing Climate and Conflict**

**Nafissa INSEBAYEVA** (Chair), UNU, IAS  
**Jan VALLE** (Discussant), The City College of New York

The Role of Social Work in Holistic Reconstruction in Post-Conflict Settings

**Mojdeh ROHANI**, De Novo Center for Justice and Healing

Beyond the Storm: Leveraging Early Warning Systems and Anticipatory Action

**Cecilia CORSINI**, University of Glasgow

Repositioning International Environmental Governance

**Tadanori INOMATA**, Japan Association for United Nations Studies

The Role of International Bodies in Resolving Land Conflicts with Indigenous Peoples: Experiences from Kenya and Nicaragua

**Buket ALTINCELEP**, University of Massachusetts Boston

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**TUE-B6 *Virtual Panel*, 11:15 - 12:30 EDT**

**Toward Sustainable Blue Growth for All**

**Charlotte KU** (Chair), Texas A&M University School of Law

**Charlotte KU** (Discussant), Texas A&M University School of Law

Small Scale Fisheries in Guatemala: Indigenous Activism for Ocean Governance

**JoAnn DIGEORGIO-LUTZ**, Texas A&M University

**Martha GALVAN MANDUJANO**, California Polytechnic State University

Inclusive Governance and Blue Growth

**Cassia Bomer GALVAO**, Texas A&M University

Inclusive Blue Growth Case Studies

**Ogochukwu UGBOMA**, Lagos State University

Waves of Justice: Ocean Governance and Coastal Community Resilience” To virtual track

Antonio Korkuvi, International Federation of Catholic Parochial Youth Movements, FIMCAP

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**WED-VT-A SESSIONS: 8:30-9:45 EDT, WEDNESDAY JUNE 25**

**WED-VT-A1, *Virtual Roundtable*, 8:30-9:45 EDT**

**How Could Multilateralism Resolve the Tension Between Planetary Boundaries and Socioeconomic Boundaries to the Benefit of All?**

**Mahdy YUSOFI** (Chair), Islamic Azad University, Qom, Iran

**Daryl SWANEPOEL**, Inclusive Society Institute

**Cilene VICTOR**, HumanizaCom

**Mohammad Taher GHOLI TABAR**, University of Religions and Denominations

**Georgios KOSTAKOS**, FOGGS - Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability

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**WED-VT-A2, *Virtual Panel*, 8:30-9:45 EDT**

**Expanding Climate Justice Through Responsibility, Equity, and Inclusive Environmental Governance**

**Mark ORTIZ** (Chair), Penn State University

**Valeria EBOLI** (Discussant), Italian Naval Academy

International Responsibility for Environmental Degradation: A Next Step in the Climate Justice Agenda?

**Roberta SILVA MACHADO**, Faculdades de Campinas (FACAMP)

Disability Equity Policies to Support Promoting Climate Justice  
**Renata JULIOTTI**, Methodist University of Sao Paulo

Ecocide and Social Justice: A Path to Equitable Environmental Governance  
**Khushboo CHAUHAN**, O.P. Jindal Global University

The Role of Faith Institutions in Promoting Peace and Climate Justice  
**Cilene VICTOR**, Methodist University of São Paulo  
**Miriam DIAS**, Methodist University of São Paulo  
**Idail COSTA**, Methodist University of São Paulo

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**WED-VT-A3, *Virtual Panel*, 8:30-9:45 EDT**  
**Centering Communities in Global Environmental Governance**

**Jan VALLE** (Chair), The City College of New York  
**Uchenna ILOKA** (Discussant) Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland

Local Communities and the Protection of Forests in the DRC  
**Frederic Khonde NTOTO**, Catholic Diocese of Hiroshima

Resilient Livelihood Perspective: A Bird's Eye View of the Coastal Region  
**Lamia MOHSIN**, UNDP Bangladesh/United International University

Peace with Nature: Global Conventions and Local Community Strategies  
**Solveig RICHTER**, Leipzig University Pablo  
**Ramos BARON**, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Bogotá

From Local to Global: Advancing Equity and Inclusion in Environmental Governance Through the Indigenous Lens  
**Nizni HANS**, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences  
**Dwiti VIKRAMADITYA**, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences  
**Debendra SWAIN**, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences

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**WED-VT-A4, *Virtual Panel*, 8:30-9:45 EDT**  
**The Future of Global Institutions**

**Armando ALIU** (Chair), University of Wroclaw  
**Rúbia MARCUSSI PONTES** (Discussant), College of Campinas (Faculdades de Campinas, FACAMP)

The UNFCCC Platform Model of Voluntary Cooperation  
**Farhad SAMI**, Zhejiang University

Understanding the Implications of Psychological Motives on the Voting Tendencies of Members of the UNSC in Non-Unanimous Resolutions of 2023

**Frannie ROSEN**, Georgetown University

The Middle East Peace Process: Between Unfulfilled Resolutions, Tensions and Missing Constitutions. What are the Prospects?

**Angelo LUCARELLA**, Studio Legale Lucarella

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**WED-VT-A5, *Virtual Panel*, 8:30 - 9:45 EDT**

**Sustainability from Below: Community, Faith, and Innovation in Kenya's Green Transition**

**David MAHONEY** (Chair), The University of Edinburgh

**Rhekka DATTA** (Discussant), Monmouth University

Climate Resilient Housing: Plastic waste as an alternative building material in Kenya

**Maryam WANGESHI**, Self Employed

Empowering the Slums: Participatory Urban Planning as a Key to Sustainable Development in Slums in Kenya, a Case of Kibera

**Pelyster NAFULA KISAMBU**, Africa International University

**Leslie ISAAC**, Africa International University

**John SELE PHILLIP**, Africa International University

Factors Affecting Environmental Sustainability in Kenya

**Danbee SONG**, Chungnam National University

**Seongkyeong JEONG**, Chungnam National University

**Hwanbo PARK**, Chungnam National University

Multilevel Governance, Corruption, and Environmental Aid: Lessons from Kenya's Decentralization Experience

**Wilhelminah JUMA**, Ecoville Clovers Consultancy

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**WED-VT-A6, *Virtual Roundtable*, 8:30 - 9:45 EDT**

**Revitalizing nested governance approaches to ensure equity in implementing socio-ecological policies**

**Suneetha SUBRAMANIAN** (Chair), United Nations University

**Balakrishna PISUPATI**, United Nations Environment Programme

**Patrick KALAS**, Food and Agriculture Organization

**Danny HUNTER**, Alliance for Biodiversity - CIAT

**Juan Carlos RAMOS**, EcoAgriculture Partner

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**WED-VT-B SESSIONS: 10:00 - 11:15 EDT, WEDNESDAY JUNE 25**

**WED-VT-B1, *Virtual Panel*, 10:00 - 11:15 EDT**

## **Reinventing Governance from the Margins**

**Solveig RICHTER**, (Chair) Leipzig University Pablo

**Roni Kay M. O'DELL** (Discussant) Seton Hill University | California State University, San Marcos

Reinventing Global Governance to Tackle Global Challenges

**Anita BUDZISZEWSKA**, University of Warsaw

Diaspora Communities and Civil Society Organizations as Key Environmental Stakeholders

**Armando ALIU**, University of Wrocław

The Invisible Contributions of Youth Networks

**Marie-Morgane ROUYER**, University of Montpellier

**Axel ERIKSSON**, Stockholm Resilience Centre

(Re)Inventing Intergenerational Politics

**Mark ORTIZ**, Penn State University

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### **WED-VT-B2, *Virtual Panel*, 10:00 - 11:15 EDT**

#### **Knowledge in Action: Strengthening the Science-Technology-Policy Interface for People and Planet**

**Farhad SAMI** (Chair), Zhejiang University

**Julia LEIB** (Discussant), Leipzig University

The Science-Technology-Policy Interface: Addressing the Triple Planetary Crisis While Advancing Social Equity and Reducing Inequality.

**Macyanne NYAMBURA**, University of Embu

Navigating Responsible AI and the Science-Technology-Policy Interface

**Peter ChunYu YAU**, University of Glasgow

CUNY TREAD Program: Promoting Research Inclusivity, Equity, and Accessibility in Higher Education STEM Programs

**Renata JULIOTTI**, Methodist University of Sao Paulo/City College of New York

**Jan VALLE**, The City College of New York

Emerging Technologies, Disability, Inclusion and Global Governance: Localising UN Norms in Indian Context

**Vibha SHARMA**, Director, Bhavya Rehabilitation Clinics

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### **WED- VT-B3, *Virtual Panel*, 10:00-11:15 EDT (YOUTH TRACK)**

#### **Reimagining Biodiversity Governance: Local Praxis, Global Links, and Community-Led Conservation**



**Roni Kay M. O'DELL** (Chair) Seton Hill University | California State University, San Marcos  
**Ramos BARON** (Discussant), Pontifica Universidad Javeriana Bogotá

The Growing Relevance of Polar Ecosystems for Asia's Environmental and Food Security  
**Katarzyna SYPIEŃ**, Jagiellonian University, Doctoral School of Social Sciences

Influence of Global Cooperation and Local Praxis on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services of  
Communities in the Western Indian Ocean: A Comparative Case Study of Mombasa's Tudor Creek and  
Malindi's R. Sabaki Estuary Communities in the Kenyan Coast.  
**Rita ONDARI**, University of Nairobi

Mapping the Impact of Climate Change on Indigenous Mountain Communities: Voices from Kalam,  
Naltar, Madyan, Kashmir, Besham, and Nagar with Policy Recommendations  
**Emaan DANISH**, Earth Warriorz Pakistan

System Thinking and Problem-Solving with the NewWorld Platform  
**Edmond MBADU**, Earth Game

From the Periphery to the Diplomatic arena: Rethinking Climate Equity Through Youth-Led  
Environmental Governance in African Urban Slums  
**Spencer NYAMUTETE**, Africa University

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**WED-VT-B4 *Virtual* Roundtable, 10:00 - 11:15 EDT**

**Pact for the Future: What Impact on Environmental Multilateralism and Human Development? -  
Young Scholar Perspectives From Around the World**

**Georgios KOSTAKOS** (Chair), FOGGS – Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability  
**Eleonora Lucia CAMMARANO**, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University  
**Lerato TSEBE**, FES South Africa Office  
**Manan SHAH**, Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability (FOGGS)

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**WED-VT-B5, *Virtual* Panel, 10:00 - 11:15 EDT (YOUTH TRACK)**

**Rethinking Multilateralism for Climate and Justice in the Global South**

**Valeria EBOLI** (Chair), Italian Naval Academy  
**David MAHONEY** (Discussant), University of Edinburgh

The Influence of International Climate Finance's Conditionalities on Climate Resilience Policies: A Case  
Study of Indonesia And Bangladesh  
**Tarin Pramesti NHARESWORO**, New York University

Barriers to Limiting Fossil Fuel Supply in UNFCCC Negotiations: Insights from Bangladesh  
**Choyon Kumar SAHA**, Balsillie School of International Affairs

Legal Limits, Political Realities: Reforming Trade Law for Climate-Compatible Multilateralism  
**Naida SOFTIC**, Loyola University Chicago

Unlocking Climate Action Potential: The Role of Climate Financing in Supporting Sustainable Development in Upper-Middle-Income Countries—A Case Study of Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia  
**Saima KHALID**, UNICEF/Thammasat University

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**WED-VT-B5, *Virtual Roundtable*, 10:00 - 11:15 EDT**

**Now in Extra Time: Prospects for the Global Plastics Treaty Negotiations**

**Joshua LINCOLN** (Chair), Tufts University

**Maria IVANOVA**, Northeastern University

**Løvold MAGNUS**, Norwegian Academy of International Law

**Ian JOHNSTONE**, Tufts University

**Juliet KABERA**, Rwanda Environmental Management Authority

**Kingsley MOGHALU**, African School of Governance

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**Publishing Session for Emerging Scholars with Editors of the Journal Global Governance**

**11:30 - 12:30 EDT**

**Professor Alanna O'Malley**, Leiden University

**Professor Aigul Kulnazarova**, Tama University

**Professor Frank Mattheis**, United Nations University | Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies

**Professor Inken von Borzyskowski**, University of Oxford

**Closing Remarks**

**Professor Roni Kay M. O'Dell**, Seton Hill University/California State University, San Marcos; Planning Committee 2025 ACUNS Annual Meeting

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