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# Welcome Note

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We welcome you to the Fourth International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, co-convened by the Environmental Peacebuilding Association and the University of Ottawa! We are excited to host a diverse range of scholars, practitioners, activists, and students from more than 75 countries and many Indigenous nations. We look forward to the diverse insights, contributions, and exchanges that you will share over the next four days.

We recognize the world is increasingly turbulent. The environmental peacebuilding community is facing many financial and institutional challenges at the same that the work of its members is ever more necessary for fostering effective environmental management and building sustainable peace.

This conference is the highpoint in a longer journey, which started a year ago through The Path to Ottawa. We have convened over 20 events, culminating in the virtual day last week that set the scene for the exciting conference ahead. In addition to the many panels, roundtables, trainings, workshops, and other sessions, the Fourth International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding is showcasing initiatives to improve the understanding and practice of environmental peacebuilding, including a glossary of environmental peacebuilding terms.

Located at the confluence of three rivers and surrounded by extensive green spaces, Ottawa is a fitting setting for the conference. The city's international profile as a site of norm-setting diplomacy was established through the 1997 "Ottawa Process," which led to the Mine Ban Treaty, a landmark agreement linking human security, post-conflict recovery, and environmental protection through collaborative, multi-actor diplomacy. Ottawa has also been a center for transboundary environmental cooperation under the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty between Canada and the United States, administered in part from Ottawa through the International Joint Commission, which remains a global model for peaceful environmental governance of shared natural resources. Today, Ottawa brings together federal departments responsible for foreign affairs, environment and climate change, and natural resources, alongside universities, research institutes, and international NGOs working at the nexus of sustainability, security, and development.

We are grateful for the generous contributions of many institutions and individuals. Our sponsors have contributed essential support. The Scientific Committee provided intellectual guidance and rigor. Our amazing Secretariat team has worked tirelessly for more than a year to make the vision a reality. And you, the conference participants, have committed time, money, and effort to join us and contribute. This is a community effort, and the breadth and scale of contributions are inspiring!

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# Engaging through the Environmental Peacebuilding Association

The Environmental Peacebuilding Association (EnPAX) emerged from the recognition that an integrated approach to the environment, conflict, and peace is critical for countries and communities around the globe.

On April 22, 2018, we formally launched the Association with three overarching goals:

- Foster knowledge development and exchange;
- Build capacity and awareness; and
- Strengthen relationships between scholars, practitioners, and decisionmakers working on issues related to environment, conflict, and peace.

Eight years later, the Environmental Peacebuilding Association has over 500 individual members and 27 institutional members from 91 countries. The Association membership bridges generations, and includes people with decades of experience, young professionals, and students (18% are students).

The Environmental Peacebuilding Association is extremely grateful for the support of all our members. If you are not yet a member, we hope that you will join us as we continue to develop the field of environmental peacebuilding. If you are already a member, consider having your organization join as an institutional member, and encourage your colleagues to join. Benefits of membership include:

- **Opportunities to meet, exchange, learn from, and work with others** in the field through Interest Groups, the biennial International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, webinars, and other events.
- **Access to resources** on environment, conflict, and peace, including archived webinars, the Membership Directory, and information on professional opportunities. The Association's peer-reviewed journal, *Environment and Security* (published in partnership with Sage), is available free-of-charge to members.
- **Advance learning.** The Association is developing a series of activities to build the evidence base on specific issues related to environment, conflict, and peace. Members have the opportunity to be actively engaged in these activities.
- **Opportunities to disseminate** publications and other materials through the *Environmental Peacebuilding Update; Newsletter on Gender, Natural Resources, Climate, and Peace*; webinars; and other means.

This is an exciting time to be working in the field. For environmental peacebuilding to thrive, we need to broaden and deepen engagement with the broader community of researchers, practitioners, activists, students, and decisionmakers. If you know someone who should be a member but cannot afford to join, please contact us at [membership@environmentalpeacebuilding.org](mailto:membership@environmentalpeacebuilding.org).

For more information on membership, visit <https://environmentalpeacebuilding.org/membership/>.

# Mentorship

A professional community, much like any ecosystem, is made up of diverse component parts working together and independently. We each have our role to play, from analysis to project management, research, and community engagement. And much like an ecosystem, the strength of our community depends on the diversity of our members and the interactions between the many component parts.

EnPAX prioritizes mentorship as an essential means to build trust, expertise, and energy across the community. The Young Professionals Interest Group (YPIG) within EnPAX supports individuals entering or working in the field of environmental peacebuilding by facilitating mentorship opportunities.

For those who are new to the field or seeking mentorship, we recommend that you:

- **Set a goal of what you hope to get out of this conference, professionally.** Do you want to meet 5 or 10 new contacts? Do you want to deepen your understanding of a specific topic? Do you want to get a broad idea of environmental peacebuilding?
- **Introduce yourself to those around you, whether you are waiting for a session to begin or standing in line for coffee.** Bonus points if you have business cards, professionally or homemade! It sometimes helps to think in advance of what your "introductory line" will be. For example, "Hi, my name is Annika, and I'm here at the conference to meet new people in this field. What's your name?"
- **Follow up with the contacts you meet at the conference within one week, and then again after six months.** Send a very short email within one week of the conference — it makes it much easier to reach out later down the road. Do not shy away from sending an update about yourself six months down the road!
- **If you ask someone for mentorship, communicate a clear goal of what you hope to get out of the relationship, as well as the timeline that you are hoping for mentorship.** For example, you can ask that someone meet with you every other month for one year to help you better understand the environmental peacebuilding landscape. The more concrete that your request is, the more likely someone is to say yes!

We encourage all members of our ecosystem to be open to offering and receiving mentorship, knowing that it enriches us all in different ways. We wish you a wonderful and productive conference!





# Interest Groups of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association

The Environmental Peacebuilding Association (EnPAX) has a variety of active Interest Groups to engage researchers, practitioners, decisionmakers, and students alike.

EnPAX Interest Groups are spaces for collaborative work, networking, mentoring, and sharing knowledge and expertise. Although specific activities vary depending on the Interest Group, activities often include organizing panels, webinars, and other events; preparing technical papers, toolkits, and other publications; selecting and maintaining a group of experts that can be contacted for information by individuals and groups outside the Association; and organizing sessions at the Association's global conferences. Interest Groups are encouraged to focus on assessing what we know about particular issues within that topic, taking stock of the evidence base, and developing an agenda for further research and action.

Following are the current Interest Groups. Participation in Interest Groups is open to all current members of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association.

## Interest Groups

- Africa Interest Group
- Climate Change, Disasters & Resilience Interest Group
- Digital and Technological Applications (DATA) Interest Group
- Education Interest Group
- Forest Interest Group
- Gender Interest Group
- Law Interest Group
- Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Interest Group
- Monitoring & Evaluation Interest Group
- Urban Interest Group
- Transitional Justice Interest Group
- Water Interest Group
- Young Professionals Interest Group

To express interest in participating in a particular Interest Group, please email [membership@environmentalpeacebuilding.org](mailto:membership@environmentalpeacebuilding.org).



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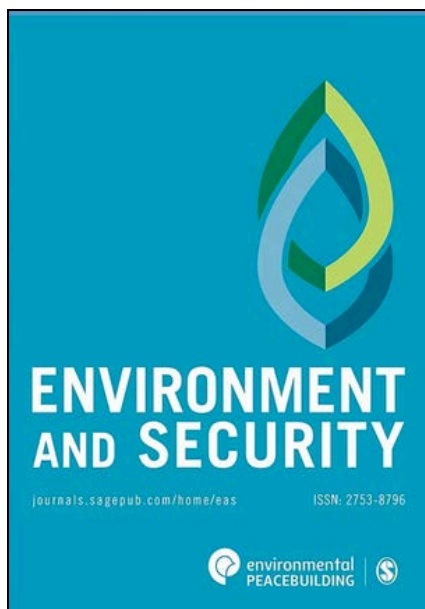
*Environment and Security* is the first peer-reviewed journal dedicated to understanding the linkages between environment, climate, security, conflict, and peace. Launched in 2023, it publishes innovative research and inspired debate among researchers, decisionmakers, and practitioners. The journal is committed to theoretical and methodological diversity. The journal is led by Dr. Ashok Swain (Editor and Chief). He is supported by five Associate Editors: Carl Bruch, Esq.; Dr. Tobias Ide (Murdoch University); Dr. Paivi Lujala; Dr. Richard Matthew; and Dr. Erika Weinthal. Dr. Tom Deligiannis is the book review editor.

Since the journal has grown since its launch, we wish to emphasize its role as a leading interdisciplinary platform for advancing scholarship and dialogue on environmental peacebuilding and security. The journal aims to bridge academic research and policy practice, making it relevant not only to scholars but also to practitioners and decision-makers working in these areas.

**We welcome conference participants to consider *Environment and Security* as a venue for their latest research.** The journal welcomes original research articles, policy-relevant analyses, review essays, and interdisciplinary contributions that explore the complex linkages between environmental change, climate risks, conflict, peacebuilding, and human security. The journal also invites proposals for special issues on emerging themes in environmental peacebuilding.

**We encourage attendees to connect directly with the journal's editorial team during the conference.** This could provide an opportunity for prospective authors to discuss manuscript ideas, publication fit, special issue concepts, and broader trends in the field.

See the list of the full editorial board here: <https://journals.sagepub.com/editorial-board/EAS>.



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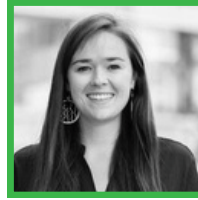
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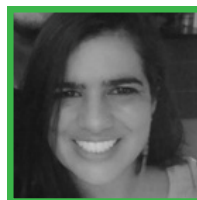
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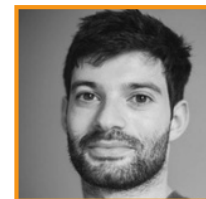
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## Conference Themes

Environmental peacebuilding brings together a wide range of issues at the intersection of environment, conflict, and peace. It provides an overarching conceptual and operational framework to improve understanding and practice.

The Fourth International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding features five key themes, as well as a sixth open theme. Panels, roundtables, workshops, trainings, presentations, and posters at the conference address these themes in multiple ways, and many address the intersection of two or more themes. In addition, other contributions extend beyond these themes to address other important issues in environmental peacebuilding, such as education, conceptual frameworks, the role of the private sector, and monitoring and evaluation.



### Extractivism, Emerging Technologies, and the Energy Transition

11 sessions with 26 presentations  
54 speakers from 20 countries

As the need to shift away from fossil fuels to address the climate crisis is increasingly acknowledged, global demand for critical minerals is on the rise. Driven by technological innovation and expanding green infrastructure, critical minerals are not only necessary for renewable energy, but also for artificial intelligence and digital technologies. Access to and use of these minerals are often contested and securitized. As a result, the Age of Intelligence and the green energy transition are exacerbating social tensions, injustice, and conflict. This theme comprises a range of issues, including contestation over critical minerals; the leveraging of critical minerals for security support; artificial intelligence, digital technologies, and renewable energy technologies (especially as driving the need for critical minerals); the human and environmental impacts of using these technologies; and pathways for a just energy transition.

9 sessions with 21 presentations  
45 speakers from 24 countries

### Environmental Change, Displacement, and Mobility



Environmental change, conflict, displacement and mobility, and conflict are frequently linked. The ability to access different resources, move freely, and make choices is shaped by the specific place and prevailing power dynamics. The Conference invites abstracts related to a wide range of topics, such as: climate change (including climate justice, the rights of climate migrants, and responsibility of states and other actors); urbanization and environmental peacebuilding; food and water security; droughts, wildfires, and other disasters; migration related to sea level rise; resilience; early warning systems; mobility and agency; migration with dignity; forced displacement; refugee camps and informal settlements; and relationships between migrant and host communities.



## Law, Power, and Decolonization

14 sessions with 34 presentations  
68 speakers from 33 countries

Statutes, customary law, and institutions hold great potential for supporting and sustaining peace. But for many populations around the world, law has also been a source of violence, furthering power imbalances and inequities. This theme is interested in the use – and limitations – of law for environmental peacebuilding. The Conference invites abstracts addressing topics such as: treaties, peace agreements, and agreements with First Nations/Indigenous Peoples; environment, human rights, and peace; the rule of law in conflict-affected settings; how policy shapes environmental peacebuilding; environmental justice; the roles of non-state actors; post-peace accord governance structures; legal pluralism; the origins, impact, and enforcement of colonial-era treaties; property rights; power dynamics; New Humanitarianism; transitional justice; Indigenous sovereignty; land, property, and access rights; legal recognition for Indigenous Peoples; legal protections for nature and non-human beings; regulation of natural resources; ecocide; and emerging legal concerns related to the use of AI, surveillance technologies, and climate engineering.

36 sessions with 41 presentations  
121 speakers from 44 countries

## Reimagining Environmental Peacebuilding



The field of environmental peacebuilding has grown rapidly in the last two decades, prompting discussions about its future directions. Questions about the relationship between environmental peacebuilding and the humanitarian, security, development, and environmental sectors are particularly timely to consider amidst the recent changes to funding, multilateral cooperation, and political priorities. As the field navigates these changes and uncertainties, the Conference will explore ways of reimagining the framing and practice in environmental peacebuilding, such as: visions of the future of environmental peacebuilding; why and how organizations engage in environmental peacebuilding; issues around communication, language, and framing; environmental peacebuilding in increasingly authoritarian contexts; protections for environmental defenders; localization of environmental peacebuilding; environmental diplomacy (including climate diplomacy and water diplomacy); intersectionality in the environmental peacebuilding ecosystem (humanitarian, security, political economy, etc.); monitoring, evaluating, and learning from environmental peacebuilding; opportunities and risks presented by artificial intelligence and digital technologies; and navigating anti-science dynamics. In addition to presentations, panels, and roundtables, the Conference envisions trainings and workshops on this topic.



## Conservation, Conflict, and Cooperation

18 sessions with 26 presentations  
71 speakers from 28 countries

Even amidst conflict related to natural resources, there is growing experience in considering conflict in conservation activities, as well as an enhanced emphasis on human-nature relations beyond resource use. The Conference will examine issues related to: the interactions between biodiversity and sustaining peace; forestry; militarized conservation; conflict-sensitive conservation; urbanization; land use and land grabbing; effects of carbon markets on forests and biodiversity; disconnects between human and non-human beings and their relationships to each other and to others (including human-wildlife conflict); Indigenous management of protected areas; the intrinsic value of Nature, fauna, and flora beyond their utility to humans; adaptive management; management of fisheries and other marine resources; and Arctic cooperation and the future of the Antarctic Treaty.

20 sessions with 24 presentations  
58 speakers from 26 countries

Open



Environmental peacebuilding is an expansive and quickly evolving field. While the Fourth International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding will highlight particular topics, all areas of scholarship, policy, and practice addressing the interactions between the environment, conflict, and peace are welcomed. Abstracts submitted under this intentionally broad theme might consider issues such as the environmental impacts of armed violence; economic dimensions of environmental peacebuilding; nature as an entry point for collaboration; post-conflict environmental recovery; benefits of reducing militarism or demilitarization; de-escalation strategies; degrowth strategies; and capacity-building for environmental peacebuilding; among others



# Path to Ottawa

The Path to Ottawa was an event series that ran from September 2025 through March 2026 in the lead up to the Fourth International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding. In collaborating with various stakeholders and organizations, the series brought peacebuilding practitioners from around the world together, fostering collaboration, learning, and action. These conversations highlighted the regional and ecosystem-specific environmental impacts of conflict, integrated various cultural perspectives including those from religious and Indigenous communities, and enabled stakeholders to forge partnerships and ideate strategies for enhancing peacebuilding initiatives globally.

Over the course of 7 months, the Path to Ottawa featured 23 trainings, workshops, panels, and roundtables: each addressing a unique aspect of environmental peacebuilding and yielding timely and innovative strategies to present environmental peacebuilding challenges.

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the Path to Ottawa. Your contributions continue to shape the field of environmental peacebuilding.

## Key Themes Explored in the Path to Ottawa

### Context-Specific Environmental Peacebuilding in Action

- Several events including, “Environmental Peacebuilding: New Perspectives in Colombia” and “Forest Conservation: From Conflict to Peace” explored the unique environmental peacebuilding challenges and opportunities in specific regions and ecosystems. These events highlighted how conflict has disproportionate effects in each community it impacts, and how strategies are most effective when adapted to the specific context that they are applied in.

### Integrating Community and Cultural Perspectives

- Voices that may not always be featured in mainstream discourse and decision-making in the field of environmental peacebuilding were highlighted in several Path to Ottawa events; including, “Environmental Peacebuilding on the Grassroot Level: United in Diversity” which highlighted the conflicts and strategies faced by Indigenous communities in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Bolivia, allowing speakers and participants to resonate across continents, discover where strategies differ, and share solutions. And “The Sulha Framework: Integrating Islamic Peacemaking Principles in Modern FDR Practice,” which discussed how culturally grounded conciliation can resolve decade-long land disputes within families and religious communities. Through these sessions, practitioners shared how identity and culture intersect with conflict and peacebuilding and collaborated on strategies for the future.





















### Legal Pluralism and Justice in Environmental Peacebuilding

- Analysis of current legal frameworks and policies, and implications for the future of environmental peacebuilding, also featured prominently in the series. “After COP30: Securing Peace in a Warming World” assessed how peace and security featured in policy, presidency and funding priorities, before, during, and after COP30 investigating the role of environmental peacebuilding in present political conversations and identifying opportunities to strengthen its integration in the future. “A Close look at the OTP-ICC Policy on Environmental Damage” illuminated practitioner reflections to one of those opportunities, the Policy on Addressing Environmental Damage through the Rome Statute. While other sessions, such as “Humanitarian-Led Climate and Environmental Action in Fragile, Conflict-Affected Contexts” explored other tools that can be utilized to continue to enhance environmental peacebuilding. These sessions illustrated how legal pluralism can enable diverse approaches to attaining justice in environmental peacebuilding.

# Virtual Day of the Conference

The Environmental Peacebuilding Association and the University of Ottawa co-hosted the Virtual Day of the Fourth International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding on **June 9, 2026**. This online event brought together practitioners, researchers, and academics from around the world to explore key themes in environmental peacebuilding. The Virtual Day also served as an inclusive global platform, welcoming participants who are unable to attend the in-person portion of the conference in Ottawa.

## Virtual Day Sessions

-  Environmental Peacebuilding and Communities
-  Water, Peace, and Conflict in the Sahel Region (IN FRENCH)
-  Blue Diplomacy and Transboundary Coral Reef Conservation: Case Studies and Lessons Learned for Safeguarding an Ecosystem under Devastating Impact of Global Climate Change and Local Hazards
-  Mobility Dimensions of Climate Change, Land Grabbing, and Interventions
-  Pre-Emptive Peace and Planetary Commons: Antarctica as a Laboratory for Governance before Crisis
-  Frontiers in Environmental Peacebuilding
-  Gendered Approaches to Environmental Peacebuilding
-  Navigating Conversations across Identities, Cultures, and Narratives
-  Crossing Borders with Environmental Peacebuilding: Challenges and Visions for West Africa
-  Water for Peace
-  Reimagining Environmental Peacebuilding Roundtable: Youth Perspectives and Intergenerational Dialogue [*EnPAX Young Professionals Interest Group*]
-  Climate Change, Disasters, Conflict, and Peace
-  Innovative Approaches for Environmental Peacebuilding
-  Mining, Conflict, and Conflict Sensitivity
-  Bridging Research and Practice of Climate Security in Somalia
-  Environmental Peacebuilding across Contexts, from Urban and Community Settings to Landscapes
-  Minerals Diplomacy: Can Extractive Industries Enable Peace in the Age of AI?
-  Project Peace with Nature, Empowering Former Colombian Guerrilla Fighters, Social Leaders, and Victims of the Conflict to Protect Biodiversity and Promote Environmental Peacebuilding (IN SPANISH)
-  Exploring Law, Power, and Decolonization of Environmental Peacebuilding
-  Militarism, Climate Justice, and Environmental Peacebuilding: Intersections and Imperatives

For the full Virtual Day agenda, please visit the EnPAX website at: <https://bit.ly/EnPAXVirtualDay>



# Agenda

Tuesday, 16 June

7:30 am – 8:00 am

**EnPAX Board Breakfast** (for Board of Directors)

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Check in at Registration Desk**

9:00 am – 10:30 am

**Training Sessions (Part 1)**



**Experiential Peacebuilding in Nature - Essentials of a Reflective Approach (Part 1)**

Room 408 [Enrollment required]

Faculty: **Flavio Bollag**, Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding (United States)  
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**George Biesmans**, Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding (Belgium)



**Environmental Peacebuilding and Environmental Reviews: Concepts, Approaches and Methods (Part 1)** [EnPAX Climate, Disasters, and Resilience Interest Group]

Room 308 [Enrollment required]

Faculty: **Charles Kelly**, Independent (United States)



**Designing Effective Survey Questions and Questionnaires: Overview (Part 1)**

Room 407 [Enrollment required]

Faculty: **Päivi Lujala**, University of Oulu (Finland)



**Mindfulness for Trauma Management and Conflict Resolution (MTMCR): A Novel Approach to Environmental Peacebuilding (Part 1)**

Room 410 [Enrollment required]

Faculty: **Kumanga Andrahennadi**, Centre for the Advanced Learning of Mindfulness (Sri Lanka)  
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**Rana Qaimari**, EcoPeace Middle East (Palestine)



**Writing Workshop for Early Career Researchers in Environmental Peacebuilding (Part 1)** [EnPAX Africa Interest Group]

Room 307 [Enrollment required]

Faculty: **Sarah Njeri**, African Leadership Centre and SOAS University of London (Kenya/United Kingdom)  
**Ken Conca**, American University (United States)



**Imagining Spaces of Care: A Story-Led Workshop of Displacement, Space, and Hope (Part 1)**

Room 309 [Enrollment required]

Faculty: **Eiman Elbanhawy**, University of Portsmouth (United Kingdom)

10:00 am – 12:30 pm **Paddle for Peace on the Kichi Sibi (Ottawa River)**  
[Enrollment required]

10:30 am – 11:00 am **Coffee Break**

11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Training Sessions (Part 2)**



**Experiential Peacebuilding in Nature – Essentials of a Reflective Approach (Part 2)**  
Room 408 [Enrollment required]

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Room 308 [Enrollment required]

Faculty: **Charles Kelly**, Independent (United States)



**Designing Effective Survey Questions and Questionnaires: Overview (Part 2)**  
Room 407 [Enrollment required]

Faculty: **Päivi Lujala**, University of Oulu (Finland)



**Mindfulness for Trauma Management and Conflict Resolution (MTMCR): A Novel Approach to Environmental Peacebuilding (Part 2)**  
Room 410 [Enrollment required]

Faculty: **Kumanga Andrahennadi**, Centre for the Advanced Learning of Mindfulness (Sri Lanka)  
**Daniel Weiner**, University of Connecticut (United States)  
**Rana Qaimari**, EcoPeace Middle East (Palestine)



**Writing Workshop for Early Career Researchers in Environmental Peacebuilding (Part 2)** [EnPAX Africa Interest Group]  
Room 307 [Enrollment required]

Faculty: **Sarah Njeri**, African Leadership Centre and SOAS University of London (Kenya/United Kingdom)  
**Ken Conca**, American University (United States)



**Imagining Spaces of Care: A Story-Led Workshop of Displacement, Space, and Hope (Part 2)**  
Room 309 [Enrollment required]

Faculty: **Eiman Elbanhawy**, University of Portsmouth (United Kingdom)

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **Lunch** (on your own)

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **EnPAX Board Working Lunch** (for Board of Directors)



1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Paddle for Peace on the Kichi Sibi (Ottawa River)**  
*[Enrollment required]*

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Workshops**



**Exploring the Appropriate Role of the Military in Environmental Peacebuilding: Identifying the Evidence, Gaps, Best Practices, and Priorities of Work**

*Room 410*

Chair: **Richard Marcantonio**, University of Notre Dame (United States)



**Building Conflict-Sensitive Organizations: A Peer-Support Space for Environmental Peacebuilding Practitioners**

*Room 230*

Chairs: **Heloise Heyer**, PeaceNexus (Switzerland)  
**Janet Edmond**, Conservation International (United States)  
With representatives from the African Wildlife Foundation, Global Green Growth Institute (Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, global), Global Youth Biodiversity Network, and World Wildlife Fund (Colombia, Myanmar, global)



**Enhancing Our Environmental Peacebuilding Practice**

*Room 307*

Chairs: **S. Ama Wray**, University of California, Irvine (United States)  
**Stephanie Martinez**, University of California, Irvine (United States)



**Adapting Survivor-Centered Tools for Environmental Displacement: Workshopping Freedom Lifemap for Refugee Protection**

*Room 440*

Chair: **Angela R. Robinson**, University of California, Irvine (United States)



**“Decolonization is Not a Metaphor”: Unsettling Environmental Peacebuilding through Anti-Colonial Approaches**

*Room 408*

Chairs: **Sol Santos**, Independent (Argentina/Switzerland)  
**Mohammad Khadim Habibzai**, War Child Canada (Afghanistan)  
**Ahmednoor Bashir**, The KESHO Alliance (Kenya)



**Transformative Approaches to Environmental Diplomacy**

*Room 407*

Chairs: **Laura Aumeer**, Conciliation Resources (United Kingdom)  
**Ambika Vishwanath**, Kuberneine Initiative (India)  
**Irtaza Muhammad**, Centre for Peace, Development and Reforms (Pakistan)



**Care in Action: From the Interpersonal to the Political in Environmental Peacebuilding**  
*[EnPax Gender Interest Group]*

*Room 309*

Chairs: **Maryruth Belsey Priebe**, EnPax Gender Interest Group/ axxelerate (Canada)  
**Natalia Jiménez Galindo**, EnPax Gender Interest Group (Colombia)

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm      **EnPax Membership Meeting**  
*Room 140 [Open to all, including EnPax members and non-members]*

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm      **Selected EnPax Interest Group Meetings**

Disasters, Resilience, and Climate Change Interest Group (*Room 307*)  
Education Interest Group (*Room 309*)  
Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Interest Group (*Room 407*)  
Urban Interest Group (*Room 410*)

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm      **Workshop**

 **EnPax Trax: Environmental Peacebuilding Songs "In the Round"**  
*Room 308*

Chairs:    **Austin Willacy**, ArtPeace: Earth (United States)  
          **Mawa Zacharia**, Playing for Change (South Sudan/Uganda)  
          **Jimmy Waltman**, Trinity Laban Conservatoire (United States/United Kingdom)  
          **Montreal Benesch**, Trans Research in Linguistics Lab, University of California Santa Barbara (United States)  
          **Jasmine Copty**, Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (Israel/Palestine)



## Wednesday, 17 June

8:00 am – 5:00 pm **Check in at Registration Desk**

9:00 am – 10:15 am **Session 1: Environmental Peacebuilding in an Increasingly Turbulent and Uncertain World**  
*Room 140*

*Land Acknowledgment and Algonquin Protocol Ceremony*  
**Claudette Commanda**, University of Ottawa (Algonquin/Canada)

**Erika Weinthal**, Environmental Peacebuilding Association (United States)  
**Josh Ramisch**, University of Ottawa (Canada)

**Marcel Labelle**, Birch Bark Canoes by Mahigan (Métis Nation/Canada)  
**Saila Ipirq-Procyk**, EnPAX Conference Fellow (Inuit/Canada)

10:15 am – 10:30 am **Group Photo**

10:30 am – 11:00 am **Coffee Break**

11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Session 2 (Breakouts)**



### **Reimagining Environmental Peacebuilding in Yemen: Insights from a Longitudinal Survey of Yemenis on Catalyzers of Peace and Conflict**

*Room 408*

Chair: **Caitlin Waddick**, Center for Advancement of Public Action, Bennington College (United States)

- *Environmental Migration Hypothesis in Yemen: Are Climate Refugees More Likely to Support Peacebuilding Initiatives?*, **Jeannine Valcour**, Institute for Environmental Diplomacy and Security (United States)
- *Prisms of Peace: Navigating Yemeni Perspectives on Water Security as a Pathway Toward Stability*, **Lindsey Bouzan**, Institute for Environmental Diplomacy and Security (United States)
- *Does Environmental Change Catalyze Peace or Conflict? Opportunities for Peacebuilding Action Discovered from Latent Class Analysis of a Survey of Yemenis*, **Asim Zia**, Institute for Environmental Diplomacy and Security (United States)



### **From Environmental Stress to Instability: Using Tools to Identify Early Warning Signals for Peacebuilding**

*Room 308*

Chair: **Alexandra Turgul**, Oregon State University (United States)

- *Tracing Indirect Links from Water Disturbance to Conflict Using the Pathways to Instability Framework*, **Penny Beames**, Global Water Security Center, University of Alabama (Canada)
- *Environmental Stress, Illicit Agriculture, and Peacebuilding Opportunities*, **Penelope Mitchell**, Global Water Security Center, University of Alabama (United States)
- *Communicating Intervention Points through the Lens of Critical Minerals and Agricultural Livelihoods for Peacebuilding in the Congo River Basin*, **Caily Schwartz**, Global Water Security Center, University of Alabama (United States)



## Investing in Peace through Intersectional and Localized Approaches to Women's Land Rights

Room 410

Chair: **Asha Kurien**, Christian Aid (United Kingdom)

- *Women's Land for Peace: Advancing Gender-Just Land Governance in Sierra Leone*, **Anita Kargbo**, Green Scenery (Sierra Leone)
- *Sowing Economies of Peace: Community-Led Pathways to Peace in Colombia*, **Nicolás Parra Sánchez**, Climalab (Colombia)
- *Rural Women as Catalysts for Sustainable Peace over Land in Haiti*, **Asha Kurien**, Christian Aid (United Kingdom)



## Environmental Peacebuilding in Myanmar

Room 230

Chair: **Carol Sivpey-Te**, PeaceNexus Foundation (Myanmar)

- *Moving Beyond Negative Peace and Working Towards Positive Peace: The Salween Peace Park as an Embodiment of Justice, Freedom, Equality, and Self-Determination for Karen Nation*, **Sheila Htoo**, Karen Environmental Social Action Network (Myanmar)
- *Just Energy Transitions and Environmental Peacebuilding amid Conflict and Rare Earth Mining in Kachin State*, **Zung Ting**, Kachin Natural Resource Concern Group (Myanmar)
- *Reimagining Environmental Peacebuilding in Myanmar*, **Jack Jenkins Hill**, University College London (United Kingdom)



## From Conflict to Justice: Integrating Environmental Issues into Peace Processes

Room 307

Chair: **Erin McCandless**, University of Johannesburg (South Africa)

- *Environmental Restoration in Peace Processes and Post-Conflict Recovery*, **Mary Hope Schwoebel**, Nova Southeastern University / University of Johannesburg (United States)
- *Evaluating Environmental Perspectives in Community Peace Agreements in Kenya: A Case Study of Fifteen Community Peace Agreements*, **Munini Mutuku**, National Cohesion and Integration Commission (Kenya)
- *Environmental Provisions in Contemporary Peace Agreements*, **Erin McCandless**, University of Johannesburg (South Africa)
- *Ecofeminist Approaches to Peacebuilding in Kenya*, **Samuel A. Nyanchoga**, Catholic University of Eastern Africa (Kenya)



## Hail Marys and Strange Bedfellows: Risk-Taking and the Future of Environmental Peacebuilding

Room 407

Chair: **Tracy Hart**, World Bank (United States)

Speakers: **Oli Brown**, Chatham House (United Kingdom)  
**Richard Matthew**, University of California, Irvine (United States)  
**Kady Seguin**, IMPACT (Canada)  
**Peter Schwartzstein**, (United States)



## Growing the WISEN (Wartime Incidents to Environment Database) for Environmental Peacebuilding (Workshop)

Room 440

Chairs: **Eoghan Darbyshire**, Conflict and Environment Observatory (United Kingdom)  
**Doug Weir**, Conflict and Environment Observatory (United Kingdom)

**Urban Environmental Peacebuilding: Improving Policy, Practice, and Understanding for Safer and More Resilient Cities** [EnPAX Urban Interest Group]

Room 309

Chairs: **Silvia Danielak**, George Mason University (United States)*Shaping Safer and Resilient Cities: Launch of a Policy Brief on Urban Climate Peace and Security*, **Matti Lehtonen**, United Nations Environment Programme/Climate Security Mechanism (Finland/United States)Discussants: **Laura E.R. Peters**, Oregon State University (United States)  
**Héctor Camilo Morales-Muñoz**, adelphi (Colombia/Germany)  
**Martha Bakwesegha**, Life & Peace Institute (Kenya)12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **Lunch (provided)**1:30 pm – 3:00 pm **Session 3 (Breakouts)****Water, the State, and Civil Society: Challenges and Prospects for Environmental Peacebuilding**

Room 410

Chair: **Ashok Swain**, Uppsala University (Sweden)

- *The Weaponization of Water by State and Non-State Actors in Syria's Civil War*, **Jeannie Sowers**, University of New Hampshire (United States)
- *Framing Gaza's Water Crisis Through the Israeli Occupation: Political Violence, Livelihoods, and Everyday Resistance*, **Ghadir Salame**, University of Ottawa (Canada)
- *The Gendered Devastation of Pakistan's Floods: Impacts on Women and Children*, **Imtiaz Ali**, University of Massachusetts-Boston (United States)
- *Transboundary Water Governance as a Catalyst for Peace*, **Yana Abu Taleb**, EcoPeace Middle East (Jordan) and **Rana Qaimari**, EcoPeace Middle East (Palestine)

**Peace Support without Peace Processes: How Track 2 Contributes to Trust-Building and Cooperation through Environmental Dialogue**

Room 309

Chair: **Albert Martinez**, European Institute of Peace (Spain)Speakers: **Nazanine Moshiri**, Berghof Foundation (Iran)  
**Lina Hillert**, HD Centre (Germany)  
**Hisham al-Omeisy**, European Institute of Peace (Yemen)**Transitional Justice and Environmental Harms** [EnPAX Transitional Justice Interest Group]

Room 308

Chair: **Roger Duthie**, International Centre for Transitional Justice (United States)Speakers: **Munini Mutuku**, National Cohesion and Integration Commission (Kenya)  
**Natalia Jiménez Galindo**, EnPAX Gender Interest Group (Colombia)



### Conflict-Sensitive Conservation: WWF's Journey from the Ground up

Room 307

Chair: **Hesta Groenewald**, PeaceNexus Foundation (Switzerland)

Speakers: **Alison Harley**, World Wildlife Fund International (United Kingdom)  
**Sandra Valenzuela**, World Wildlife Fund Colombia (Colombia)  
**Nelly Kadagi**, World Wildlife Fund US (Kenya/United States)  
**Preston Whitt**, World Wildlife Fund US (United States)  
**Amy Maling**, World Wildlife Fund Myanmar (Philippines)  
**Colleen Devlin**, World Wildlife Fund US (United States)  
**Natalia Chan**, Saferworld (United Kingdom)  
**Amanda Woomer**, Baobab Tree Consulting (United States)



### Operationalizing Conflict-Sensitive Natural Resource Management in Fragile Landscapes: Lessons from World Bank Pilots in the Sahel and a New Practitioner Toolkit

Room 230

Chair: **Tracy Hart**, World Bank (United States)

- *Defueling Conflict: Notes from the Field*, **Phoebe Spencer**, World Bank (United States)
- *Lessons from Three Conflict Sensitivity Pilots with Landscape Restoration Initiatives in the Sahel*, **Elise Doumergue**, World Bank (France)

Discussant: **Frederic Deycard**, The Carter Center (United States)



### Country-Level Conflict and Environmental Peacebuilding: Lessons and Opportunities (Workshop)

Room 440

Chair: **Charles Kelly**, Independent (United States)



### Powering Development: Securing a Just Transition amid Critical Mineral Mining

Room 407

Chair: **Claire Doyle**, Stimson Center (United States)

Speakers: **Latoya Abulu**, Mongabay (Canada)  
**Jamie Kneen**, MiningWatch Canada (Canada)  
**Jesse Ovidia**, University of Windsor (Canada)  
**Maria Ramos**, Oxfam (United States)  
**Emmanuel Umpula Nkumba**, AFREWATCH (Democratic Republic of the Congo)



### Cross-Pollinating Peacebuilding and Climate Practice

Room 408

Chair: **Clémentine Grillo**, Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (France)

- *Fragility and Peace in Climate-Affected Borderlands*, **Tasnia Prova**, University of Toronto (Bangladesh/Canada)
- *Minority Rights and Environmental Justice in Somalia*, **Ibrahim Hassan Mohamed**, Marginalized Communities Advocacy Network (Somalia)
- *Gender Inclusion in Environmental Protection: Advancing the Rights of Women and Girls in Climate-Affected Borderlands*, **Ibrahim Hassan Mohamed**, Marginalized Communities Advocacy Network (Somalia)
- *Peace Renewable Energy Credits (P-RECs): Innovative Financing for Renewable Energy and Peacebuilding Projects*, **Dave Mozersky**, Energy Peace Partners (United States)

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**Coffee Break**



3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

**Session 4: Creativity in Environmental Peacebuilding**  
*Room 140*Chair: **Richard Matthew**, University of California, Irvine (United States)Speakers: **Jake Groshong**, Playing for Change (United States)  
**Stephanie Babij**, EnPAX Arts Fellow (Canada)  
**Talon Bazille**, Wicahpi Olowan (United States)  
**Alec Glasser** (United States)

5:00 pm – 5:40 pm

**Session 5: Keynote Address**  
*Room 140*Chair: **Päivi Lujala**, University of Oulu (Finland)*Resources, Conflicts, and Healing: Reflections on Environmental Peacebuilding in a Fractured World*, **Philippe Le Billon**, University of British Columbia (Canada)In dialogue with: **Saila Ipirq-Procyk**, EnPAX Conference Fellow (Inuit/Canada)  
**Pinar Dinc**, Lund University (Turkey/Sweden)  
**Uche Okpara**, University of Greenwich (United Kingdom)**Connecting the Community**  
*Room 140*

5:40 pm – 6:00 pm

Facilitated by **Annika Erickson-Pearson**, ECCP Community of Practice (Switzerland)

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

**Environmental Peacebuilding Gala**  
*Tabaret Hall*Emcee: **Alec Crawford**, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Canada)*Award for Best Student Paper on Environmental Peacebuilding*“The Green in the Black Market: How Informal Extractors Reimagine Environmental Responsibility,” **Dengiyefa Angalapu**, Niger Delta University (Nigeria)*Award for Outstanding Early Career Contribution to Environmental Peacebuilding***Juliane Schillinger**, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre (Netherlands)  
**Rachel Weaver**, Duke University (United States)*Award for Impactful Practice in Environmental Peacebuilding***IMPACT***Award for Enhancing the Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge***Sarah Njeri**, African Leadership Centre and SOAS University of London (Kenya/United Kingdom)*Award for Service***Brooklyn Hildebrandt**, Sidley Austin LLP (United States)*Lifetime Achievement Award***Philippe Le Billon**, University of British Columbia (Canada)

## Thursday, 18 June

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

### Check in at Registration Desk

8:00 am – 8:45 am

### Selected EnPax Interest Group Meetings (open to all)

Digital and Technological Applications (DATA) Interest Group (*Room 307*)

Transitional Justice Interest Group (*Room 308*)

Young Professionals Interest Group (*Room 309*)



9:00 am – 10:30 am

### Session 6: The Future of Environmental Peacebuilding *Room 140*

Chair: **Carl Bruch**, Environmental Law Institute (United States)

Speakers: **Ashok Swain**, Uppsala University (Sweden)

**Joanne Lebert**, IMPACT (Canada)

**Juliane Schillinger**, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre (Netherlands)

**Kaveh Madani**, United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (Iran/Canada)

**Michelle Rebosio**, World Bank (United States)

10:30 am – 11:00 am

### Coffee Break

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

### Session 7 (Breakouts)



### Mineral Extraction, Insecurity, and Conflict

*Room 407*

Chair: **Lauren Herzer Risi**, Stimson Center (United States)

- *Governing Lithium, Fracturing Territory: The Failure of Environmental Cooperation in the Salar de Atacama, in Northern Chile*, **GINNO MARTINEZ**, University of Ottawa (Peru)
- *Extraction as Inheritance: Longue Durée, Militarized Mineral Access, and State Choice in the Sahel*, **LAURA KILBURY**, University of Massachusetts-Boston (United States)
- *In the Name of 'White Gold', People in the Salar are Bleeding: Lithium Mining and Conflict in the Indigenous Territories of Argentina's Puna*, **MARTA FURLAN**, Free the Slaves (Italy)
- *Critical Minerals in the Great Lakes: How the Geopolitics of 'Conflict Minerals' Undermines a Just Transition*, **CHRIS HUGGINS**, University of Ottawa (Canada)
- *Green Minerals and Armed Conflict*, **PÄIVI LUJALA**, University of Oulu (Finland)

Discussant: **Jojo Nem Singh**, University of Sussex (United Kingdom)



## Does Climate Change Create Conflicts? Exploring Case Studies, Data Evidence, and Local Solutions to the Climate-Conflict-Governance Nexus in the Sahel and West Africa (Workshop)

Room 307

Chairs: **Frederic Deycard**, The Carter Center (United States)  
**Boukary Sangare**, The Carter Center (Mali)  
**Dan Sanaren**, Sciences Po Paris (Slovenia)  
**Madeline Warman**, The Carter Center (United States)



## Amazonian Landscapes of Environment, Peace, and Security

Room 308

Chair: **Miguel Londoño**, Global Green Growth Institute (Colombia/Zambia)

- *Understanding Perspectives of Environmental Security in the Brazilian Amazon*, **Alice Taberner**, Universidade de São Paulo and King's College (Italy/Brazil)
- *From Illegality to Rights: Environmental Governance and Peacebuilding in the Colombian Amazon*, **Sandra Valenzuela**, World Wildlife Fund Colombia (Colombia)
- *Coca, Cattle, and the Making of Post-Conflict Landscapes in the Colombian Amazon*, **Maria Juliana Rubiano**, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (Colombia/United States)



## Environmental Peacebuilding in Context: Law, Knowledge, and Interdisciplinary Approaches

Room 408

Chair: **Britta Sjöstedt**, Lund University (Sweden)

Speakers: **Daniëlla Dam-de Jong**, Leiden University (Netherlands)  
**Anne Dienelt**, University of Hamburg (Germany)  
**Stavros Pantazopoulos**, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece)  
**Andrea Nardi**, Lund University (Argentina/Sweden)  
**Pinar Dinc**, Lund University (Turkey/Sweden)  
**Karen Hulme**, University of Essex (United Kingdom)  
**Doug Weir**, Conflict and Environment Observatory (United Kingdom)  
**Barbara Magalhães Teixeira**, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sweden)



## Horizons in Environmental Peacebuilding

Room 309

Chair: **Keith Krause**, Geneva Graduate Institute (Switzerland)

- *Professionalization or Constriction? Embedded Assumptions in Environmental Peacebuilding Toolkits*, **Erin Czelusniak**, Georgetown University (United States) and **Ken Conca**, American University (United States)
- *The Missing Middle: Parataxonomists as a Foundation for Peace*, **Natacha Merritt**, Compound Eyes Foundation (France/United States)
- *From Sovereignty to the Web of Life: Environmental Restorative Justice and Peacebuilding in the Antarctic Commons*, **Felicity Tepper**, Australian National University (Australia)
- *Pathways for Post-Conflict Environmental Recovery in Ukraine through Sustainable Development Lenses*, **Alexander Belyakov**, Independent (Ukraine/Canada)



### Artists at the Frontlines: Music as a Tool for Environmental Peacebuilding

Room 440

Chair: **Richard Matthew**, UC Irvine Glasser Center for Music & Social Change (United States)

Speakers: **Ááná Jyyrki Sáará-Máárjá/Saara-Maria Salonen**, Independent (Sápmi/Finland)  
**Talon Bazille**, Wicahpi Olowan (United States)  
**Jimmy Waltman**, Trinity Laban Conservatoire (United States/United Kingdom)  
**Mawa Zacharia**, Playing for Change (South Sudan/Uganda)  
**Jasmine Copty**, Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (Israel/Palestine)



### Funding Environmental Peacebuilding: What Does It Take?

Room 230

Chair: **Kelsey Coolidge**, Jubitz Family Foundation (United States)

Speakers: **Phoebe Spencer**, World Bank (United States)  
**Héloïse Heyer**, PeaceNexus Foundation (Switzerland)  
**Catherine Wong**, United Nations Development Programme & Climate Security Mechanism



### Stakeholders and Environmental Peacebuilding: Activists and Environmental Defenders

Room 410

Chair: **Zuzia Danielski**, IMPACT (Canada)

- *From the Ground Up: Grassroots Approaches to Environmental Peacebuilding*, **Martina Cocchi**, University of Milan (Italy)
- *On the Frontlines of Peace and the Planet: Protecting Women Environmental Peacebuilders under Threat*, **Tamara Bah**, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace, and Security (United States)
- *Developing a Collective Research Agenda to Support Women Environmental Defenders in Latin America*, **McKenzie Johnson**, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (United States)
- *A Park or the Countryside? The Materiality of Rural Life in La Macarena Park*, **Tim Stork**, Tilburg University (Netherlands)

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

**Lunch (provided)**

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

### From Presence to Power: Women Environmental Peacebuilders Connect (Networking Lunch)

*[EnPax Gender Interest Group]*

Room 105D

*[Enrollment required]*



2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**Session 8 (Breakouts)****Seeking Justice in Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining**

Room 410

Chair: **Mara Pusic**, Environmental Law Institute (United States)

- *The Impacts of ASM Formalization on Women: A Comparison between DRC and Rwanda*, **Allison Furniss**, Carleton University (Canada)
- *Her Security: Tackling Child Labor in ASM through a Gender Lens*, **Joanne Lebert**, IMPACT (Canada)
- *Where is Care in Environmental Peacebuilding? Analyzing Gendered Dynamics of Care in Anti-extractivism*, **Barbara Magalhães Teixeira**, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sweden)
- *The Green in the Black Market: How Informal Extractors Reimagine Environmental Responsibility*, **Dengiyefa Angalapu**, Niger Delta University (Nigeria)

**Understanding the Peace and Security Dimensions of Human-Environment Relations in East Africa**

Room 440

Chair: **Charly Facheux**, African Wildlife Foundation (Kenya)

- *Human-Wildlife Conflicts: The Case of Galana-Kulalu Ecosystem, Kenya*, **Philip Manyi Omenge**, Nyumba Foundation (Kenya)
- *The Aftermath of Tigray's Armed Conflict on Forested Ecosystems: Insights from Kafta Shiraro National Park, Northern Ethiopia*, **Yayo Mengesha**, Aksum University (Ethiopia)

**Advancing Environmental Peacebuilding through Ecocentric and Indigenous Conceptualizations**

Room 308

Chair: **Karen Hulme**, University of Essex (United Kingdom)

- *Relational Peace and More-Than-Human Agency: Rethinking Environmental Peacebuilding Guidelines and Training through the Transdisciplinary Project, EnviPeace*, **Juliana Krohn**, University of Graz and Austrian Center for Peace (Austria) and Astrid Holzinger, Austrian Center for Peace (Austria)
- *What Can Environmental Peacebuilding Learn from the Rights of Nature Movement?*, **Stephanie Martinez**, University of California, Irvine (United States)
- *What Does It Mean to be in Peace with Nature? Indigenous Relational Theory and Environmental Peacebuilding*, **Lena Dedyukina**, University of Ottawa (Canada)

Discussant: **Natalija Vojno**, Our Living Waters / Our Shared Futures (Canada)**From Local to National to Nature: Environmental Peacebuilding in Colombia**

Room 230

Chair: **Juha Siikamäki**, IUCN (Finland/United States)

- *Local Lessons for Environmental Peacebuilding: Campesino–Conservation Conflicts in Colombia*, **Beth Sua Carvajal**, World Wildlife Fund Colombia (Colombia)
- *Environmental Peacebuilding Policy in Colombia: Why Coordination among Climate, Peace, Security, and Environmental Sectors is Essential at the National Level*, **Héctor Camilo Morales-Muñoz**, adelphi (Colombia/Germany)
- *Progress in Recognizing Nature, Park Rangers, Protected Areas, and Territories as Victims of Armed Conflict, with Guarantees of Reparation and Non-repetition: A Call for Reconciliation and Environmental Peace for All*, **Gisela Paredes Leguizamón**, National Natural Parks of Colombia (Colombia)



### Conflict-Sensitive Conservation in Practice: A New Learning Resource (Workshop)

Room 407

Chairs: **Hesta Groenewald**, PeaceNexus Foundation (Switzerland)  
**Dodo Tshidinda**, African Wildlife Foundation (Democratic Republic of the Congo)  
**Alec Crawford**, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Canada)



### Taking Action into Their Own Hands: Lessons from Transboundary Community-Based Cooperation across the Middle East

Room 309

Chair: **Asaf Zohar**, Trent University (Canada)

Speakers: **Suleiman Halasah**, University of Oxford (Jordan)  
**Rina Kedem**, Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (Israel)  
**Peter Schwartzstein** (United States)



### Mine-ing What's Ours: Creative Peacebuilding Responses to Extractive Violence

Room 307

Chair: **Rami Khoucha**, MENA Youth Network (Algeria)

- *What Belongs to All: Grassroots Protests as More-Than-Human Reconciliation*, **Jesse Matas**, University of Manitoba (Canada)
- *The Common Heritage of Mankind? Socioenvironmental Impacts of Deep Seabed Mining*, **Becca Farnum**, Queen Mary University of London (United Kingdom)
- *Mining, Protest, and Indigenous Political Processes in Sápmi, the Sámi Homeland in the Arctic Circle of Fennoscandia*, **Ááná Jyyrki Sáárá-Máárjá/Saara-Maria Salonen**, Independent (Sápmi/Finland)
- *The 'Climate, Conflict, Corruption' Game – Helping Communities Identify, Understand, and Protest Environmental Crimes*, **Ria Das**, High Court of Delhi (India)
- *Digital Hydrohegemony: Technological Governance and the Reconfiguration of Power in Transboundary River Systems*, **Natosha Hoduski**, Indiana University (United States)



### Rethinking Green Foreign and Security Policy in an Age of Environmental and Political Crisis

Room 408

Chair: **Falguni Lalwani**, Heinrich Böll Foundation Thessaloniki (India)

- *An Intersectionality Foreign Policy Toolkit: Operationalizing Intersectionality in Party Platforms for Greens & Progressives*, **Falguni Lalwani**, Heinrich Böll Foundation Thessaloniki (India)
- *Aligning Feminist Foreign Policy and Green Foreign and Security Policy*, **Gunel Madadli**, Heinrich Böll Foundation (Azerbaijan)
- *The Day After War: Environmental Reconstruction and Green Foreign Security Policy*, **Francesca Fassbender**, Tel Aviv University (Germany/Italy)

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

**Coffee Break**

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm **Session 9 (Breakouts)****Aligning Peace and Climate Adaptation Efforts in Conflict-Affected Countries**

Room 407

Chair: **Catherine Wong**, United Nations Development Programme/Climate Security MechanismSpeakers: **Alec Crawford**, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Canada)  
**Nazanine Moshiri**, Berghof Foundation (Iran)  
**Sebastian Kratzer**, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (Germany)**Resource Extraction and Vulnerable Communities**

Room 308

Chair: **Bocar Thiam** (Guinea/United States)

- *Caring for Gold: Social Reproduction and the Gendering of Mining's Social Value*, **Doris Buss**, Carleton University (Canada)
- *When Extraction Speaks, Others Stay Silent: The Politics of Environmental Attention in the Niger Delta*, **Dengiyefa Angalapu**, Niger Delta University (Nigeria)
- *Post-Conflict Natural Resource Extraction in Liberia and Indonesia*, **Leslie Dwyer**, George Mason University (United States) and **Agnieszka Paczynska**, George Mason University (United States)
- *State, Mining Operators, and Local Populations in the Struggle for Control of Gold Mining in Manica, Mozambique*, **Joao Colaco**, Carleton University (Mozambique/Canada)
- *Gold, God, and Governance: The Sacred Politics of Gold Frontiers*, **Laura Kilbury**, University of Massachusetts-Boston (United States)

**Law for Environmental Peacebuilding [EnPAx Law Interest Group]**

Room 307

Chair: **Anne Dienelt**, University of Hamburg (Germany)

- *Legal Pluralism and Water Management in Afghanistan: Mirabs, Statutes, and the Islamic Emirate*, **Elizabeth Hessami**, Johns Hopkins University (United States)
- *Shaping Cooperation in Critical Raw Materials Governance through the Principle of Common Concern of Humankind*, **Daniëlla Dam-de Jong**, Leiden University (Netherlands)
- *Accountability for Wartime Environmental Damage in Ukraine*, **Stavros Pantazopoulos**, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece) and **Nataliia Hendel**, Institute of Information, Security and Law of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine (Ukraine)
- *Securing the Environment in War and Peace: Ecocide and the Future of Environmental Peacebuilding*, **Ievgeniia Kopytsia**, Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University (Ukraine)

**Climate Change, Community Governance, and Environmental Justice in Syria: Insights from the 3-year ECO-Syria Project**

Room 230

Chair: **Stacy D. VanDeveer**, University of Massachusetts-Boston (United States)

- *Justice from Below: Farmers' Perspectives on Environmental Justice in North and East Syria*, **Pinar Dinc**, Lund University (Turkey/Sweden)
- *Climate Variability and Landscape Change in North and East Syria: Implications for Displacement and Resilience*, **Purnendu Sardar**, Lund University (India)
- *Climate Variability, Rural Livelihoods, and Environmental Peacebuilding in North and East Syria*, **Lovisa Rosenquist Ohlsson**, Lund University (Sweden)
- *Experiments in Democratic Confederalism: The Rojava Case*, **Mo Hamza**, Lund University (Sweden)
- *Decolonial Peace and Agroecology in North and East Syria*, **Maria Andrea Nardi**, Lund University (Argentina/Sweden)

## Wellbeing, Resilience, and Humanitarian Approaches to Environmental Peacebuilding

Room 309

Chair: **Ruth Rhoads Allen**, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects (United States)

- *Is Gaza Strip Resilient Enough? Adaptive Reuse and Community Innovation for Urban Futures of Post-War Zones*, **Eiman Elbanhawy**, University of Portsmouth (United Kingdom)
- *The Humanitarian Reset: Challenges and Opportunities for Environmental Peacebuilding*, **Charles Kelly**, Independent (United States)
- *Unpacking the Role of Stress, Trust, and Hope in Environmental Crises*, **Sophie Bhalla**, MG360 Groundwater Research Institute (Canada)
- *Caring for the Caretakers: Staff Well-being as a Foundation for Environmental Peacebuilding*, **Yana Abu Taleb**, EcoPeace Middle East (Jordan)

## Remembering the Gift: Birchbark Canoes and Equitable Exchange around Turtle Island

Room 440

Chair: **Jesse Matas**, University of Manitoba (Canada)

Speakers: **Marcel Labelle**, Birch Bark Canoes by Mahigan (Métis Nation/Canada)  
**Camille Ben Malek**, Égides (Algeria/Canada)  
**Saila Ipirq-Procyk**, EnPAX Conference Fellow (Inuit/Canada)

## Launching the Glossary of Environmental Peacebuilding Terms: Insights from Environmental Peacebuilding Champions

Room 410

Chair: **Rachel Weaver**, Duke University (United States)

Speakers: **Alexander Belyakov**, Independent (Ukraine/Canada)  
**Janet Edmond**, Conservation International (United States)  
**Meryam El Bouhati**, University of Lille (France)  
**Faith Kathambi Mutegi**, Catholic University of Eastern Africa (Kenya)  
**Ann Le**, University of California, Irvine (United States)  
**Liliana Pimentel** (Brazil)

## Negotiating Conservation in the Midst of Armed Conflict

Room 408

Chair: **Elaine Lan Yin Hsiao**, Kent State University / IUCN CEESP Theme on Environment and Peace (United States)

Speakers: **Alison Harley**, World Wildlife Fund International (Myanmar)  
**Eoghan Darbyshire**, Conflict and Environment Observatory (United Kingdom)  
**Sushil Raj**, Wildlife Conservation Society  
**Mohammad Khadim Habibzai**, War Child Canada (Afghanistan)  
**Tim Stork**, Tilburg University (Netherlands)



5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

## Poster Session and Arts Exhibition

### Poster Session

- *Beyond Stabilization: The Environment as Key for Sustainable Peace in the Central African Republic*, **José Miguel Barbosa**, Faculty of Economics, University of Coimbra (Portugal)
- *Integrating Conflict Sensitivity and Peacebuilding into Climate Adaptation Project Design*, **Ariane Blouin**, University of Ottawa (Canada)
- *Environment and Conflict in Nigeria: Potential and Challenges*, **Godson Chukwuma Chikezie**, De Best Gift and Agro Solutions Limited (Nigeria)
- *Manufactured Doubt in Conflict Zones: Science Politicization and the Barriers to Environmental Peacebuilding*, **Jennifer da Rosa**, Goucher College (United States)
- *Gender, Peace, and Climate Change: Reviewing the WPS Agenda in an Era of Environmental Insecurity*, **Alonna Despain**, UNC Chapel Hill (United States)
- *Developing the Concept of Legal Perpetuities: An Expansion of the Scope of Perpetuity in Property and Environmental Law*, **Daphne Duruoha**, Carleton University (Canada)
- *L'eau comme levier de paix et de sécurité: enjeux juridiques et climatiques au Maroc*, **Halima Hatat**, Université Moulay Ismail (Morocco)
- *Policy and Practice on Peace and Security Dynamics of Climate-Related Urban Migration in the Horn of Africa*, **Caroline Katuma**, Life & Peace Institute (Kenya) and **Martha Bakwesegha**, Life & Peace Institute (Kenya)
- *Soundscapes of Peace: Reimagining Environmental Peacebuilding Through the Power of Music*, **Ann Le**, University of California, Irvine (United States), **Angela R. Robinson**, University of California, Irvine (United States), **Richard Matthew**, University of California, Irvine (United States), and **Anna Kamanzi**, University of California, Irvine (United States)
- *From Local Tensions to National Lessons: Environmental Insecurity and Governance Challenges in Ethiopia*, **Erestu Legese Beyene**, Federal University of Uberlandia (Ethiopia)
- *Environmental Governance in Artisanal Cobalt Mining: Balancing Sustainability and Economic Development in the Democratic Republic of Congo*, **Faustin Luhungu**, University of Ottawa (Canada)

## Arts Exhibition

The 2026 EnPax Conference Arts Exhibition was curated by **Becca Farnum**, Queen Mary University of London (United Kingdom) with support from the EnPax Arts Committee: **Annika Erickson-Pearson**, ECCP Community of Practice (Switzerland), **Jesse Matas**, University of Manitoba (Canada), and **Mara Pusic**, Environmental Law Institute (United States).

## Live Performances

Room 140

6:00 pm: Music and Mixed Media

*Layers of Obscurity's 11 +1* by **Tammy Sands**, Lightness of Being (United States) and **Jimmy Waltman**, Trinity Laban Conservatoire (United States/United Kingdom)

6:25 pm: Film Demo and Talkback

*1.5 Degrees of Peace* by **Kasha Sequoia Slavner**, The Global Sunrise Project (Canada)

6:45 pm: Spoken Word Poetry

*Anthropause! Wait-Where am I Going with This One?* by **Ruhama Solomon**, University of Denver (Ethiopia/United States)

6:55 pm: Ceramics Talk

*Hope is a Waking Dream* by **H. Şebnem Düzgün**, Colorado School of Mines (Turkey/United States)

7:05pm: Tap Choreography Reflection

*Dancing Deliberation* by **Stephanie Martinez**, University of California, Irvine (United States)

7:15pm: Documentary Screening and Talkback

*ÁHKUIN* by **Ááná Jyyrki Sáará-Máárjá/Saara-Maria Salonen**, Independent (Sápmi/Finland)

7:45pm: Musical Storytelling

*PeaceNotes* by **Austin Willacy**, ArtPeace: Earth (United States)

7:55pm: Community Sing

*(Re)Imagine* by **Jesse Matas**, University of Manitoba (Canada)

*In addition to Thursday evening's scheduled presentations, pop-up performances will take place throughout the conference during coffee and lunch breaks. All are invited to participate!*

## Participatory Artmaking

Lobby

Collaborative Panorama

*Environmental Peacebuilding through Our Eyes* facilitated by the **2026 EnPax Conference Fellows**

Community Painting

*Fourth International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding Mural* designed and facilitated by **Stephanie Babij**, 2026 EnPax Arts Fellow (Canada)

## Audiovisual Presentations

Room 309

- a selection of animated shorts, documentary shorts, music videos, and more
- see Arts pages of this brochure for details and contributors

## Gallery Exhibitions

on display throughout CRX

- a selection of paintings, photography collections, visual storymaps, and more
- see Arts pages of this brochure for details and contributors

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

**Reception**  
Lobby



Friday, 19 June

8:00 am – 8:45 am

### Selected EnPax Interest Group Meetings (open to all)

Africa Interest Group (Room 407)  
Law Interest Group (Room 408)  
Gender Interest Group (Room 410)  
Water Interest Group (Room 440)

9:00 am – 10:30 am

### Session 10 (Breakouts)



#### High-Impact Tech: Tool or Threat for Environmental Peacebuilding?

Room 440

Chair: **Daphne Duruoha**, Carleton University (Canada)

- *Unpacking the Justice Dimensions of High-Tech Trade Securitization: A Perspective on Integrating International Trade Justice with Just Energy Transition Imperatives*, **Pranusha Kulkarni**, Goa Institute of Management (India)
- *Localizing Environmental Peacebuilding: Leveraging the Power of Artistic Infrastructure for Digital Inclusion*, **Ann Le**, University of California, Irvine (United States) and **Jochen Schubert**, University of California, Irvine (United States)
- *Use of AI for Post-conflict EIAs: Exploring Needs, Risks, and Opportunities*, **Carl Bruch**, Environmental Law Institute (United States)



#### Operationalizing the Human Rights-Based Approach to Conservation and Its Links to Prevention and Peacebuilding

Room 407

Chair: **Sushil Raj**, Wildlife Conservation Society

Speakers: **Sebastian Kratzer**, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (Germany)  
**Ali Mohamed Adan**, Wayfinders Circle, Gabbra Peoples and Ababuro Culture Conservation and Development (Kenya)



#### Relations beyond Resources: Interspecies Peace and Intergenerational Justice

Room 308

Chair: **Breanna Riddick**, Climates of Resistance (United States)

- *Sounding Change: Whales, Environmental Activism, and Politics of Listening*, **Marie Comuzzo**, Brandeis University (Italy)
- *Environmental Peacebuilding through Territories of Life: Defense of Territory, Protected Zones, and Land Return*, **Elaine Lan Yin Hsiao**, Kent State University (United States)
- *Intergenerational Peace and Justice in the Marianas and Pacific*, **Kalāni Reyes**, Main Marianas Media and Research Consulting (Northern Marianas Islands)
- *Anthropause! Wait—Where am I Going with this One?* **Ruhama Solomon**, Josef Korbel School of Global and Public Affairs, University of Denver (Ethiopia/United States)




#### Land Ownership and Environmental Peacebuilding – Historical Roots and Present Opportunities from Kenya, India and the United Kingdom

Room 410

Chair: **Lina Hillert**, HD Centre (Germany)

Speakers: **Alan Channer**, Global EverGreening Alliance (United Kingdom)  
**Pia Sethi**, Centre for Ecology, Development and Research (India)  
**Joyita Ghose**, George Mason University (India)



### Building Skills, Building Peace: Best Practices for Capacity Development in Environmental Peacebuilding [EnPAX Education Interest Group]

Room 307

Speakers: **Robert Sakofski**, ProPeace (Germany)  
**Amanda Woomer**, Baobab Tree Consulting (United States)  
**Fola Thalya Deloris Therese**, Youths in Climate Action (Cameroon)




### Localizing Climate Governance in Fragile Settings

Room 408

Chair: **Rupak Chattopadhyay**, Forum of Federations (Canada)

Speakers: **Tabea Campbell Pauli**, Independent (Germany)  
**Tasnia Khandaker Prova**, University of Toronto (Bangladesh/Canada)  
**Laura Aumeer**, Conciliation Resources (United Kingdom)



### Stakeholders and Environmental Peacebuilding: Communities, Corporations, and Researchers

Room 309

Chair: **Okechukwu Daniel Ogbonnaya**, Global Green Growth Institute (Nigeria/Ethiopia)

- *When Peace Means Business: Corporate Authority and Environmental Conflict in Nigeria's Niger Delta*, **Nkasi Wodu**, University of Massachusetts-Boston (Nigeria)
- *Meaningful Benefits or Divisive Outcomes? Local Perspectives from Peru, Kenya, and Thailand on Benefit Sharing in PES and Nature-Based Carbon Projects*, **Dominique Schmid**, University of Bern (Switzerland)
- *Perceptions of Environmental Peacebuilding among Pakistani and Indian Scholars*, **Bilal Aslam**, University of Lahore (Pakistan)
- *Everyday Acts of Resistance: Reflexive Practices in Environmental Peacebuilding*, **Renata Fontoura**, University of Montreal (Brazil/Portugal) (IN FRENCH)



### Youth Catalyzing Youth: Youth-Led Spaces for Environmental Peacebuilding

Room 230

Chair: **Sudha Kottillil**, Global Youth Biodiversity Network (India)

- *Environmental Citizenship Training: An Opportunity for Youth Facing Socioecological Conflicts in Mexico*, **Alan Valdes**, Centro de Colaboracion Civica and EcoMaxei (Mexico)
- *Living in Harmony with Nature: Youth as Catalysts for Peace and Resilience*, **Shruthi Kottillil**, Global Youth Biodiversity Network (India)
- *Youth-Led Environmental Peacebuilding: Reflections from Organization of the Path to Ottawa and the Fourth Conference*, **Karishma Goswami**, Environmental Law Institute (United States)
- *Collaborative Visions of the Future: Conflict-Sensitive Lessons from the Balkan Youth Environmental Assembly and the Water Youth Network*, **Natalija Vojno**, Our Living Waters / Our Shared Futures (Canada)
- *Water, Youth, and Environmental Peacebuilding: A Diplomacy Perspective*, **Breck Flangan-Caldwell**, University of Wisconsin-Madison (United States)

10:30 am – 11:00 am **Coffee Break**

11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Session 11 (Breakouts)****Climate Change and Environmental Peacebuilding**

Room 410

Chair: **Tom Deligiannis**, Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada)

- *Rebel Environmental Governance: Climate Adaptation, Authority, and Peacebuilding in Conflict-Affected Contexts*, **Elisabeth Gilmore**, Carleton University (Canada)
- *Conceptualizing Environmental Peacebuilding's Response to Climate Change-Induced Loss and Damage*, **Elsa Barron**, Notre Dame University (United States)
- *Through their Lens: Climate Change, Human Trafficking, and Community-Driven Documentation in Bidibidi Refugee Camp, the Karamoja, and Kampala*, **Angela R. Robinson**, University of California, Irvine (United States)
- *Climate-Driven Migration and Land Use Conflicts in Rural Liberia: Evidence from Grand Gedeh County*, **Mohammed W. Bah**, University of California, Irvine (Liberia/United States)
- *Dispute Resolution as a Tool for Transboundary Adaptation*, **Joseph Siegel**, Haub School of Law at Pace University (United States)

**The Language of Peace: Linguistic Justice as a Challenge and Tool for Environmental Peacebuilding**

Room 408

Chair: **Montreal Benesch**, Trans Research in Linguistics Lab, UC Santa Barbara (United States)

Speakers: **Marcel Labelle**, Birch Bark Canoes by Mahigan (Métis Nation/Canada)  
**Rami Khoucha**, MENA Youth Network (Algeria)  
**Kalāni Reyes**, Main Marianas Media and Research Consulting (Northern Mariana Islands)  
**Sol Santos**, Independent (Argentina/Switzerland)

**A Humanitarian Exploration of Climate Security and Environmental Peacebuilding**

Room 407

Chair: **Juliane Schillinger**, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre (Netherlands)

Speakers: **Natasha Westheimer**, Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations (United States)  
**Kate Proctor**, Canadian Red Cross (Canada)  
**Jacopo Sarti**, Humanity and Inclusion (Canada)  
**Mohammad Khadim Habibzai**, War Child Canada (Afghanistan)  
**Jacob Yen Alier**, Konybaai Education Initiative (South Sudan/Uganda)  
**Anjali Vurden**, FemWise-Africa (Mauritius)

**Leveraging AI-Augmented Digital Technologies for Environmental Peacebuilding and Security** [EnPax Digital and Technological Applications (DATA) Interest Group]

Room 307

Chair: **Asim Zia**, Institute for Environmental Diplomacy and Security (United States)

Speakers: **Martyn Clark**, United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (Canada)  
**Hisham al-Omeisy**, European Institute of Peace (Yemen)  
**Jennine Valcour**, University of Vermont (United States)  
**Susan Sgorbati**, Bennington College (United States)



## The Intersection between Humanitarian Mine Action and Environmental Peacebuilding

Room 308

Chair: **Ellie Kinney**, Conflict and Environment Observatory (United Kingdom)(United Kingdom)

- *Basics of Humanitarian Mine Action and How It Intersects with Environmental Peacebuilding*, **Anna McKean**, Conflict and Environment Observatory (United Kingdom)
- *Mine Action Operator as Environmental Actor: Experience of Rolling Out Green Field Tool in Eight Countries*, **Kristin Holme Obrestad**, Norwegian People's Aid (Norway)
- *Integrating Mine Action and Environmental Restoration in Conflict-Affected Landscapes*, **Emily Chrystie**, HALO Trust (United Kingdom)
- *Understanding the Long-Term Environmental Impacts of Mine Action, Land Use Change in Cambodia*, **Sebastian Kasack**, Mines Advisory Group (United Kingdom)



## The Rise and Fall of Militarization in Environmental Contexts around the World

Room 230

Chair: **Carrie Hanks**, Environmental Peacebuilding Association (United States)

- *The Role of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in Fueling Violent Conflicts in 'Galamsey' Communities in Ghana*, **Dominic Offei**, University of Massachusetts-Boston (Ghana)
- *The Rise of Militarized Conservation in Corcovado National Park and La Amistad International Peace Park in Costa Rica: An Ecofeminist Perspective*, **Emily Kenward**, University for Peace (United States)
- *The Role of the Military in Environmental Security Operations and Environmental Peacebuilding*, **Richard Marcantonio**, University of Notre Dame (United States)
- *The Kenyan Environmental Soldier Program: Military Actors and Climate Mitigation*, **Esther van 't Veen**, Netherlands Defence Academy (Netherlands)



## Teaching for Environmental Peacebuilding: Ways of Knowing and Acting

[EnPax Education Interest Group]

Room 309

Chair: **Nancy Boyer**, University of Delaware (United States)

Speakers: **Philippe Le Billon**, University of British Columbia (Canada)  
**Elaine Hsiao**, Kent State University (United States)  
**Liliana Pimentel**, EnPax Water Interest Group (Brazil)  
**Tazhykan Shabdanova**, Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (Kyrgyzstan)



## Forests: Finances, Fighting, and Fragility [EnPax Forest Interest Group]

Room 440

Chair: **Alice Taberner**, Universidade de São Paulo and King's College (Italy/Brazil)

- *Criminalization of Tree Cutting: A Climate-Friendly Policy that Increases Insecurity*, **Lina Aburas Awadalla**, University of Ottawa (Canada)
- *Jurisdictional REDD+ as a Pathway to Low Emissions Development in Fragile, Conflict, and Violence-Affected States*, **Shaadee Ahmadnia**, Conservation International (United States)
- *Weapons, Forests, Land, and Rivers: How Armed Conflicts Drive Environmental Change in the Nigeria's Lake Chad Territory*, **Uche Okpara**, University of Greenwich (United Kingdom)
- *Greening the Sahel and Building Peace: The Peacebuilding Potential of the Great Green Wall Initiative*, **Chikaodili Orakwue**, University of Johannesburg (Nigeria)
- *Developing a Sustainable Forest Management Model for Bangsamoro Peacebuilding (Philippines)*, **Abdul-Jalil S. Umngan**, Bangsamoro Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (Philippines)



12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

**Lunch (provided)**

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

**Lunch with Environmental Peacebuilding Authors:  
Celebrating Books on Environmental Peacebuilding  
Published since the Third Conference***Room 105D [Enrollment required]*

- Authors:
- *Essential Concepts of Environmental Peacebuilding: An A-Z Guide* (Routledge 2026), ed. **Carl Bruch, Rachel Weaver, Richard Matthew, Erika Weinthal, and Larry Swatuk**
  - *Peace Infrastructures: How UN Peacekeeping Operations Build Roads, Bridges, and Solar Farms in the Pursuit of Sustainability* (MIT Press 2026), **Silvia Danielak**
  - *Defueling Conflict: Notes From the Field* (World Bank 2025), **Elise Doumergue, Shaadee Ahmadnia, Tracy Hart, Phoebe Spencer, and Amanda Woomer**
  - *Environmental Security: Approaches, Issues and Actors* (Routledge 2026, 2d ed.), ed. **Rita Floyd and Richard A. Matthew**
  - *The Environment in Conflict: Implications and Pathways* (Cambridge University Press 2026), **Richard A. Marcantonio**
  - *The Heat and the Fury: On the Frontlines of Climate Violence* (Island Press 2024), **Peter Schwartzstein**
  - *Business of the State: Why State Ownership Matters for Resource Governance* (Oxford University Press, 2024), **Jewellord T. Nem Singh**

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

**Selected EnPax Interest Group Meetings (open to all)**Monitoring and Evaluation Interest Group (*Room 230*)

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**Session 13 (Breakouts)****Reimagining Environmental Peacebuilding in Africa** [*EnPax Africa Interest Group*]  
*Room 309*

- Chair: **Sarah Njeri**, African Leadership Centre and SOAS University of London (Kenya/United Kingdom)
- *Natural Resources Management and Environmental Peacebuilding in Southern Africa: Critical Reflections on 30+ Years of Theory and Practice*, **Larry A. Swatuk**, Waterloo University (Canada)
  - *Mediating Inclusion in the (Un)just Energy Transition in Africa: A Case of South Africa's Green Hydrogen in Namaqualand and Kenya's Geothermal in Mt. Suswa*, **Daniel Salau Rogei**, Stellenbosch University (South Africa)
  - *Transboundary Environment Peacebuilding in East Africa and Beyond*, **Claudia D'Andrea**, Independent (South Africa)



## Law, Power, and Decolonization in Transboundary Water Conflict and Cooperation

Room 230

Chair: **Penny Beames**, Global Water Security Center, University of Alabama (Canada)

- *The Context and Design of Legal and Institutional Arrangements in Conflict and Cooperation over Transboundary Waters*, **Melissa McCracken**, The Fletcher School at Tufts University (United States)
- *The Role of Non-State Actors in Shaping Water Conflict and Cooperation in the Middle East*, **Alexandra Turgul**, Oregon State University (United States)
- *Facilitating Multiple Ways of Knowing in the Chewaucan Basin*, **Henry Pitts**, Oregon State University (United States)



## Embodying Environmental Justice: Collective Action and Community Resilience as Forms of Peacebuilding

Room 408

Chair: **Becca Farnum**, Queen Mary University of London (United Kingdom)

Speakers: **Austin Willacy**, ArtPeace:Earth (United States)  
**Jacob Yen Alier**, Konybaai Education Initiative (South Sudan/Uganda)  
**Anjali Vurden**, FemWise-Africa (Mauritius)  
**Breanna Riddick**, Climates of Resistance (United States)



## Mercury and Conflict Economies: Illegality, Livelihoods, and Environmental Risk in Small-Scale Gold Mining

Room 410

Chair: **Aviva Silburt**, Independent (Canada)

Speakers: **Sebnem Düzgün**, Colorado School of Mines (United States)  
**Kursad Avci**, Colorado School of Mines (United States)  
**Kady Seguin**, IMPACT (Canada)  
**Oscar Katho**, IMPACT (Democratic Republic of the Congo)



## Engaging Unnatural Disasters in Environmental Peacebuilding

Room 307

Chairs: **Juliane Schillinger**, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre (Netherlands)  
**Laura E.R. Peters**, Oregon State University (United States)

- *Disaster Risk Reduction through the Peacekeeper's Lens*, **Silvia Danielak**, George Mason University
- *Environmental Degradation as a Risk Multiplier: Interlinking Hazards, Conflict, and Health*, **Sarah Scales**, University of Nebraska (United States)
- *Gender-Responsive Disaster Risk Reduction in Nepal: Challenges and Opportunities for Environmental Peacebuilding*, **Riyaz Karki**, Hiroshima University (Japan)



## Youth-Led Roundtable for Action on Biodiversity, Conflict, and Peacebuilding

Room 308

Chair: **Sruthi Kottillil**, Global Youth Biodiversity Network (India)

Speakers: **Sudha Kottillil**, Global Youth Biodiversity Network (India)  
**Alan Valdes**, EcoMaxei (Mexico)  
**Dodo Tshidinda**, African Wildlife Foundation (Democratic Republic of the Congo)  
**George Biesmans**, Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding (Belgium)



### Avoiding Fish Wars

Room 407

Chair: **Kate Anania**, Institute for Accountable Ocean Governance/University of Ottawa (Canada)

Speakers: **Sarah Glaser**, World Wildlife Fund US (United States)  
**Melissa Marschke**, University of Ottawa (Canada)  
**Colleen Devlin**, World Wildlife Fund US (United States)



### Interrogating Environmental Peacebuilding Governance and Institutionalization

Room 440

Chair: **Dethie Soumare Ndiaye**, Global Green Growth Institute (Burkina Faso)

- *Environmental Peacebuilding Research and Practice in Governance 'Frontiers'*, **Stacy D. VanDeveer**, University of Massachusetts - Boston (United States)
- *Understanding Spillover Effects in Environmental Peacebuilding: Considering Lessons from Neofunctionalist Theory*, **Rika Althoff**, TU Dortmund University (Germany)
- *Conflict-Sensitive Green Growth: The Journey for Mainstreaming Peace and Conflict into the Delivery of the Global Green Growth Institute*, **Miguel Londoño**, Global Green Growth Institute (Colombia/Zambia)
- *Antarctica beyond Consensus: Governing the Commons before Breakdown*, **Andrew J. Kelly**, Impact Trust / Dark Matter Labs (Australia)

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

**Coffee Break**



4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

### Session 13: Carrying Environmental Peacebuilding Forward from Ottawa (to Nairobi and beyond)

Room 140

Open Session, facilitated by the **2026 EnPAx Conference Fellows**

Music! with **Jesse Matas** and **Austin Willacy**

**Lauren Herzer Risi**, Environmental Peacebuilding Association (United States)

**Chris Huggins**, University of Ottawa (Canada)

**Samuel A. Nyanchoga**, Catholic University of Eastern Africa (Kenya)

# Awards

EnPAX honors the outstanding contributions of the following individuals and organization to the environmental peacebuilding. EnPAX would like to recognize and thank the members of the Awards Committee for their care and expertise in considering, evaluating, and selecting the distinguished awardees.

## Award for Lifetime Achievement in Environmental Peacebuilding

*This award recognizes a recipient whose contributions over the whole of their career have fundamentally advanced and shaped the field of environmental peacebuilding.*

### Philippe Le Billon

Philippe Le Billon is an outstanding scholar whose research has fundamentally changed our understanding of the relationships between natural resources, conflict, and global environmental governance. His work has contributed extensively to understanding how commodities such as oil, diamonds, and timber shape development challenges and geopolitical tensions. Equally impressive is Philippe's commitment to bridging scholarship with real-world impact. His collaborations with international organizations, environmental defenders, and humanitarian groups reflect a career dedicated not only to analyzing injustice but also to actively addressing it. Before entering academia, he worked as a humanitarian and UN peacekeeper, bringing first-hand experience to his analyses of conflict and governance. Philippe is currently Professor at the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs and at the Department of Geography at the University of British Columbia.



## Award for Impactful Practice in Environmental Peacebuilding

*The award recognizes exceptional applied work of individuals and/or organizations in environmental peacebuilding.*

### IMPACT

IMPACT has long been at the forefront of research, advocacy, and action on the nexus of natural resources, governance, and conflict. For years, the organization has worked tirelessly to end the trade in conflict resources, empower local communities, and advance the practice of monitoring and evaluating environmental peacebuilding efforts. IMPACT's contributions have both strengthened the field of environmental peacebuilding and improved the lives and livelihoods of thousands. By shining a light on the links between natural resources, peace, and conflict, IMPACT has elevated global attention and discourse around many of the central challenges and opportunities in environmental peacebuilding.



## Award for Enhancing the Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Base

*The award recognizes contributions that have made a significant impact in the field of environmental peacebuilding.*

### Sarah Njeri

Sarah Njeri's body of work examines the impacts of land mines and underscores the urgent need for increased demining efforts. By exploring these issues through multiple lenses—peacebuilding, humanitarian, gender, and critical theory—her research has helped elevate mine action as a topic of academic inquiry. Her work, alongside her dedication to education and support for early career researchers, is inspiring the next generation of scholars and practitioners to engage in mine action research, elevating the importance of this critical field.





## Award for Outstanding Early Career Contribution to Environmental Peacebuilding

*This award recognizes the contributions of an individual at an early stage in their career who is advancing environmental peacebuilding through research, practice, or other means.*

### Juliane Schillinger

Juliane Schillinger's dissertation at the University of Twente examined the impacts of armed conflict on local water management systems in the Middle East. This research has not only shed new light on a central theme of environmental peacebuilding, but has also influenced policy discussions on humanitarian programming and law on the protection of water in armed conflict. She now applies her research results in her work as technical adviser on climate and conflict for the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre in the Netherlands, specializing in climate action and disaster risk reduction in fragile and conflict-affected settings, and building connections between humanitarian practice and environmental peacebuilding. She is a visiting researcher at the University of Twente and a research fellow at the Hague Humanitarian Studies Centre.



### Rachel Weaver

Rachel Weaver was a catalyst in the development of *Essential Concepts of Environmental Peacebuilding: An A-Z Guide*. This glossary of environmental peacebuilding terms builds bridges across disciplines, academics, and practitioners, and would not have materialized without her tireless commitment and hard work. The glossary advances mutual understanding, dialogue, and collaboration across disciplines, sectors, and borders. It is a first-of-its-kind reference work that consolidates and clarifies the diverse and rapidly evolving vocabulary of environmental peacebuilding. By helping to build a common language, it strengthens the foundation for research, policy, and practice in environmental peacebuilding. Rachel is currently an intern at the OSCE's Climate Change Unit, where she continues to work at the intersection of environment, conflict, and peace.



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## Award for Best Student Paper on Environmental Peacebuilding

*This award acknowledges meaningful work produced by undergraduate and/or graduate students in the field.*



### Dengiyefa Angalapu

Dengiyefa Angalapu is a Research Analyst with the Centre for Democracy and Development. He is a Political Scientist interested in research and teaching on development challenges in the global south, specifically focusing on issues around climate change and conflict, policing, crude oil-related violence, maritime security, terrorism, environmental politics, and sustainability. Dengiyefa has vast experience working as a researcher on violence in Nigeria's oil-rich Niger Delta, northcentral, northwest and northeast regions.

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## Award for Service

*This award recognizes valuable contributions of individuals to the mission and activities of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association.*

### Brooklyn Hildebrandt

Brooklyn Hildebrandt is an environmental lawyer whose support has been instrumental to establishing the Association, growing it, and ensuring its future growth and maturation. Brooklyn has served with the Association since before its 2018 incorporation, and her legal expertise in those early years was essential in developing and adopting the initial governance mechanisms. Brooklyn's steadfast commitment and service to the Association have allowed us to respond to challenging issues in an ever-changing environment and develop new practices and procedures as EnPAX continues to evolve and grow.

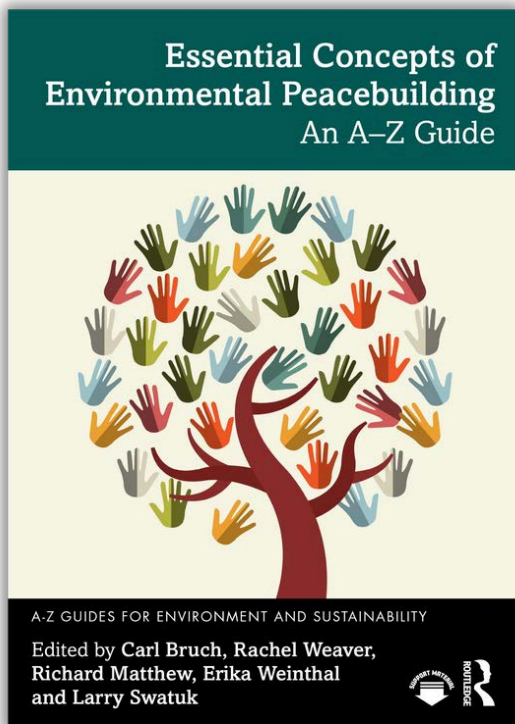


# Essential Concepts of Environmental Peacebuilding: An A-Z Guide (2026)

*Essential Concepts of Environmental Peacebuilding: An A-Z Guide* (Routledge 2026) is the first comprehensive reference work of its kind, bringing together 185 entries on the key concepts, frameworks, and institutions that define the field of environmental peacebuilding. The book will be published both in print and as open access in June 2026 with support from the Jubitz Family Foundation and the PeaceNexus Foundation.

The volume draws on the expertise of 229 contributors from across academia, policy, practice, and civil society, spanning disciplines, sectors, and geographies. It covers foundational ideas such as sustainable peace and conflict prevention alongside themes including climate security, gender, and decolonization. Each entry provides a clear definition and, where relevant, traces the concept's evolution and significance in environmental peacebuilding. All terms are translated into ten languages: Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, and Yoruba.

As a collective effort, this glossary represents more than a compilation of terms; it is a shared resource that advances mutual understanding, dialogue, and collaboration across disciplines, sectors, borders, and languages, strengthening the foundation for research, policy, and practice in environmental peacebuilding.



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# Environmental Peacebuilding Champions

The Environmental Peacebuilding Champions Program is a Path to Ottawa Initiative that brings together 23 glossary contributors to foster dialogue around environmental peacebuilding and build engagement around the forthcoming glossary of environmental peacebuilding terms, *Essential Concepts of Environmental Peacebuilding: An A-Z Guide*. Champions, representing diverse geographic regions, professional backgrounds, and perspectives, are hosting events in their communities and institutions in the lead-up to the Fourth International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding in Ottawa.

Through presentations, creative sessions, interactive workshops, and roundtables, Champions are bringing the themes and conversations of the glossary and conference to new audiences, reaching beyond the EnPAx community to practitioners, researchers, students, policymakers, and communities worldwide. Supported by the PeaceNexus Foundation, these events serve as a bridge between local communities and the global environmental peacebuilding community, while building momentum for dialogue and collaboration in Ottawa.

The 2026 Environmental Peacebuilding Champions are

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# The EnPAX Conference Fellows

The EnPAX Conference Fellows are a group of young leaders from around the world who have invested in a six-month program to develop their capacity for environmental peacebuilding. Supported by the PeaceNexus Foundation, the World Bank, and ArtPeace: Earth, the EnPAX Conference Fellows Program was designed to support professional development for under-resourced communities and bring diverse voices to spaces where they are under-represented. Building on their work during an intensive residential training, the Fellows will be speaking at various sessions, facilitating our final plenary, and publishing their conference reflections.

The Fellows Program was managed by Annika Erickson-Pearson and Becca Farnum with training support from Ileana Ávalos, Tracy Hart, Innocent Musore, Munini Mutuku, Lauren Risi, Austin Willacy, and Amanda Woome. They would like to extend their thanks to the Selection Committee, which included Camille Ben Malek, Janet Edmond, Tracy Hart, Sarah Njeri, and Maryline Njoroge.

As a cohort, the EnPAX Conference Fellows would like to acknowledge the 5,000+ young leaders who applied for this competitive program, and especially the selected finalists who became friends via the pre-conference online sessions but were unable to join us in Ottawa as a result of visa denials.

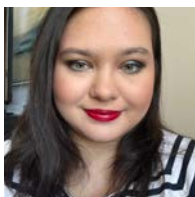


## Jacob Yen Alier (South Sudan)

Jacob Yen Alier fled his hometown in South Sudan following a near-abduction by militant forces when he was young. Ever since, he has lived in the Nyumanzi Refugee Settlement in northwestern Uganda. Jacob leads the Konybaai Education Initiative and Konybaai CleanFuture Project to improve life for displaced youth. Passionate about public health, Jacob is pursuing a Bachelor of Pharmacy at USIU-Africa.

## Ria Das (India)

Ria Das is a human rights lawyer at the Supreme Court of India specializing in anti-corruption, illegal detention, and juvenile justice as well as environmental crimes and the defense of environmental defenders. She holds advisory roles with the United Nations, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law, the Jane Goodall Institute, and the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia Law School.



## Saila Ipirq-Procyk (Canada)

Saila Ipirq-Procyk is an Indigenous environmentalist, painter, and health and safety professional from the Inuit community of Nunavut. As the founder of Northern Health and Safety, Saila manages a workshop project to create safer conditions for ice-based livelihoods in the Arctic Circle. The initiative serves as an example for the meaningful integration of Indigenous traditional knowledge and Western science.

## Rami Khoucha (Algeria)

Rami Khoucha is a forestry engineer who has increasingly encountered heightened land use conflict and the negative impacts of climate change on ecosystem resilience while at work. In response, Rami launched collaborative nature-based solutions and ecological stewardship campaigns, combining community engagement with field research and geospatial analysis to holistically address socioenvironmental issues.





### Faith Kathambi Mutegi (Kenya)

Faith Mutegi is a peace and conflict journalist who has documented famine, gang violence, and resource conflict across Kenya. She also covers environmental policy events like Africa Climate Week and supports communications for organizations working on public health and sustainable development. Faith’s photography has been exhibited around the world as part of the Nature Footprints collection.

### Maria Juliana Rubiano-Lizarazo (Colombia)

Juliana is a social scientist studying illicit economies, organized crime, and their socioecological impacts in the Amazon. She has worked with research institutes and international organizations and is now a PhD Candidate at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, conducting participatory mapping and geospatial research in collaboration with environmental and land defenders across Colombia and Brazil.



### Jean Rousselet Saint-Firmin (Haïti)

Jean is a trained agronomist passionate about emotional wellbeing and planetary health. He leads a community dialogue series in Petit-Goâve reducing stigma around mental health and works to address marine pollution. A U.S. Department of State exchange alumnus, Jean has served as curator of the Global Shapers Community of Port-au-Prince and regularly represents Haïti at international youth events.

### Maddi Schink (United States)

In 2023, Maddi completed a Watson Fellowship exploring the mental health impacts of climate change in Portugal, Thailand, Argentina, Brazil, and Kenya. She was then gaining experience with resource mediation at the Meridian Institute before the US’s shifting federal funding landscape led to the organization’s premature shutdown. Maddi is now studying environmental conflict resolution at the University of Denver.

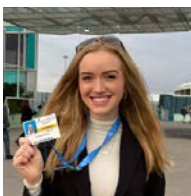


### Fola Thalya (Cameroon)

Fola Thalya is on a mission to provide learning opportunities for children who have experienced violence and displacement. As the Founder of Youths in Climate Action, Thalya has implemented a weekly participatory learning program to explore climate resilience, wildlife protection, and sustainable resource use in Cameroon. In her professional time, Thalya develops data-driven digital communications for NGOs.

### Anjali Vurden (Mauritius)

Anjali Vurden promotes youth engagement and gender equality in decision-making, integrating grassroots realities and regional platforms to enhance peace & security. She chairs the Good Governance & Human Rights Working Group of the EU-Mauritius Youth Sounding Board, is a member of FemWise-Africa, and was Youth Advisor to the UN Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children.



### Rachel Weaver (United States)

Rachel Weaver is a wildlife biologist by training who has seen technical interventions fail when they don’t take into account the sociopolitical dimensions of conservation. She now works to advance conflict-sensitive conservation approaches through research, writing, and advocacy. Rachel served as coordinator for *Essential Concepts of Environmental Peacebuilding: An A-Z Guide* and is now interning with OSCE.

# The 2026 EnPax Conference Arts Exhibition

The EnPax Arts Initiative explores creative approaches to environmental peacebuilding, celebrating the power of art to connect, impact, and teach. Over the past year, the initiative has commissioned several pieces specifically for Ottawa exploring the interactions between nature, peace, and conflict.

The 2026 Arts Exhibition reflects all five conference themes, sharing stories from Fennoscandia to Vanuatu through a wide variety of mediums — including documentary, song, sculpture, and dance. Attendees are encouraged to explore the installations throughout the conference venue, many of which are interactive. Thursday evening will feature live performances and artist meet-and-greets.

For the first time, EnPax has published a full-length book of art from the Conference Arts Exhibition. “(Re)Imagine” presents the work of more than twenty artists and is available for purchase at-cost.

A virtual gallery inspired by the conference is publicly accessible online: [artpeace.earth/reimagine](http://artpeace.earth/reimagine).

## Audiovisual Presentations



### *1.5 Degrees of Peace*

feature documentary by **Kasha Sequoia Slavner**, The Global Sunrise Project (Canada)

### *ÁHKUIN*

documentary short produced by **Ááná Jyyrki Sáará-Máárjá**, Independent (Sápmi/Finland)

### *And Here Is War, Yet Again*

animated short by **Richard Akim**, Bidi Bidi Media Lab (Uganda/South Sudan) and **German Andino**, Bidi Bidi Media Lab (Honduras)

### *El Héroe Senegalés*

animated short by **German Andino**, Bidi Bidi Media Lab (Honduras) and **Mouhammed Diouf**, Bilbao Media Lab (Senegal/Spain)

### *Highlights from the Salam Music Program*

training and performance clips by **Mawa Zaharia**, Playing for Change (South Sudan/Uganda)

### *When Nature Stopped Talking*

dance performance by **Brendon Pantaon**, **Martin Cumatang**, and **Ino Pantaon**, Higaonon Tradition Bearers with **Emmanuelle Andaya**, Nature Footprints (The Philippines)



### *Dancing Deliberation*

dance performance by **Stephanie Martinez**, University of California, Irvine (United States)

### *Return Me to the Sea*

music video by **Emma Zinha Morgan-Bennett**, Zinha Productions LLC (United Kingdom) with **Jesse Matas**, University of Manitoba (Canada) and **Austin Willacy**, ArtPeace: Earth (United States)



### *An Anthem for Peace with Nature*

music video by the **Jerusalem Youth Chorus** with ArtPeace: Earth, the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, and EcoPeace Middle East

### *Cù Lao Chàm: Island of Life*

documentary short by **James Borton**, Independent Artist (United States) with **Dave and Kathy Monk**, Brave New Pictures, Inc. (United States)

### *The World's Conductor*

ecological song by **Austin Willacy**, ArtPeace: Earth (United States) and **Becca Farnum**, Queen Mary University of London (United Kingdom)



## Gallery Exhibitions



### *Hope is a Waking Dream*

ceramic sculpture and digital video by **H. Şebnem Düzgün**,  
Colorado School of Mines (Turkey/United States)

### *Mapping CARE: Community Alternatives to Resource Exploitation*

visual storymap by **Emile Birindwa, Janvier Biringanine, Rospide Byabele, Arthur Lukogo, Grace Lukogo, Justin Masimango, Patrice Mumbere**, and **Isaac Ntabala**, Resili'Art (DRC)  
and **Becca Farnum**, Queen Mary University of London (United Kingdom)

### *Outgrown*

painting by **Natosha Hoduski**, Indiana University (United States)

### *What Do You Really Know About Artisanal Mining?*

photography collection curated by **Zuzia Danielski**, IMPACT (Canada)



### *Character Cards: A Gender-Responsive, People-Centered Training Tool*

climate security portraits by **Raramai Campbell** and **Salma Kadry**,  
Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT (Denmark)

### *Climate Adaptation and Community Resilience in Kenya*

photoessay by **Faith Kathambi Mutegi**, Catholic University of Eastern Africa (Kenya)

### *Refugee Archipelago*

graphic reportage by **German Andino**, Bidi Bidi Media Lab (Honduras)  
and **Justin Kiersky**, Interstitial Media (United States)

### *Through Their Lens: Climate Change, Human Trafficking, and Community-Driven Documentation in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement*

photography collection curated by **Angela R. Robinson**, University of California, Irvine  
(United States)



### *The Gift: Birchbark Canoes*

interactive display by **Joanne Labelle**, Birch Bark Canoes by Mahigan (Métis Nation/Canada)  
and **Marcel Labelle**, Birch Bark Canoes by Mahigan (Métis Nation/Canada)

### *Indigenous Trails and the Pinesi Paddle*

interactive display by the **Kichi Sibi Mikânsan Institute** (Canada)

### *Voices from the Pacific: UNEP Champions of the Earth Award for Climate Justice*

photoessay by **Natalia Mroz**, United Nations Environment Programme (Australia)



### *Fig & Ishka*

illustrated stories by **Lynn Finnegan**, Independent (Ireland)

### *The Roots of Peace*

pencil renderings by **Emile Birindwa, Rospid Bulonza, Josué Kalegamire, Arthur Lukogo**,  
and **Isaac Ntabala**, Resili'Art (Democratic Republic of the Congo)



### *The Climate, Conflict, Corruption Game*

creative teaching tool by **Ria Das**, High Court of Delhi (India)

### *In Search of Common Ground: Sea Eagles in Scotland's Highlands*

photoessay by **Mirali Shukla**, IUCN (United Kingdom)

### *Layers of Obscurity's 11+1*

mixed media visual contemplations by **Tammy Sands**, Lightness of Being (United States)

### *Nature Footprints*

multimedia collection curated by **Lynn Finnegan**, Independent (Ireland)

### *Peace Plants*

botanical illustrations and stories by ArtPeace: Earth with **Rachel Lin**, Visual Artist (Canada)

# 2025–2026 EnPAX Arts Fellow: Stephanie Babij

Sponsored by the Nelson S. Talbott Foundation with additional support from ArtPeace: Earth.

**The EnPAX Arts Fellowship advances the use of art, media, and creative content to inform, inspire, and facilitate engagement with diverse themes in environmental peacebuilding.**

The 2025-2026 EnPAX Arts Fellow is Stephanie Babij, a visual artist specializing in community-engaged murals as well as acrylic painting, digital illustration, wood-burned art, and printmaking.

Steph has both Ojibwe and Ukrainian heritage, offering her a unique perspective on conflict, identity, and colonial histories. Originally from Sudbury and a member of Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation, Steph now makes her home on Unceded Algonquin Territory in Ottawa.

Having grown up in urban spaces, Stephanie spent much of her life separated from collective and Land-based Indigenous teachings; today, she uses art as a tool for making her way back to community, culture, and Nature.

As a muralist, Stephanie calls on people to build just, peaceful relationships with the Land, encouraging dialogues about global climate justice and living ethically with all of creation.



As part of her EnPAX Arts Fellowship, Steph will share her work during Wednesday’s plenary on “Creativity in Environmental Peacebuilding”. She will also facilitate community painting sessions, empowering conference attendees to collaboratively create the *Law, Power, and Decolonialization* segment of a five-panel mural.

Stephanie’s design for the *Reimagining Environmental Peacebuilding* panel (digital preview excerpted to the left) “envisions peacebuilding as an interconnected ecosystem shaped by the subtle form of a woman emerging from the land, symbolizing a nurturing force that links environmental, humanitarian, and development efforts.”

“Above her, purple tones blend into a cosmic sky, offering perspective and reminding us of our small place in the universe. Across the Land, people working together to grow food embody teamwork and intersectionality as foundations of environmental peacebuilding. A family paddling a canoe along a winding river represents reliance on Water, the passage of time, and the transfer of knowledge between generations — echoing themes of water diplomacy and resilience amid anti-science pressures. Together, these elements present a holistic, community-rooted vision guided by cooperation, humility, and respect for the Living World.”



## “Hope is a Waking Dream” by H. Şebnem Düzgün



Extractive industries create a troubling legacy, prioritizing technical and economic considerations over social and environmental impacts. Meaningful incorporation of these dimensions into mineral extraction requires a deep understanding of interdependencies, but our knowledge of these complex systems of systems remains inadequate.

This knowledge gap has contributed to resource conflicts, community tensions around mining operations, and vicious cycles of environmental injustice.

In the context of the climate crisis and the accelerating extraction of critical minerals, *Hope is a Waking Dream* interprets hope not as passive optimism, but as an active practice. The title draws on Aristotle, calling for scientific advancement through systems thinking while innovating extractive operations to prevent conflict and build peace.

Composed of a hand-built ceramic sculpture paired with a one-minute AI-generated video, this installation presents the paradox of our technological moment: AI and data science are effective tools in advancing our understanding of human and environmental systems, yet AI itself depends on the green energy transition ... which, in turn, depends on critical mineral extraction. This cyclical interdependence is mirrored as art and technology, ancient craft and emerging innovation, become bound together in the pursuit of justice.

*Hope is a Waking Dream* asserts that the combined power of human ingenuity, scientific precision, and innovation remains our most potent resource for forging a truly equitable and sustainable energy future.

The sculpture locates political, social, and environmental sciences at the center of today’s energy transition.

- Its **Spines** represent the sharp, contentious nature of extractive conflicts: tensions between communities and mining operations, environmental impacts, and social injustices. These pointed elements emphasize that the path to a just energy transition is fraught with conflict that must be confronted, not ignored.
- Its **Dense Base**, with hundreds of individual elements forming intricate patterns and textures, represents the deep scientific insights and systems thinking required to resolve these issues. This complexity calls for innovation in the practice of extractives, using science to avoid repeating the environmental and social injustices of the past and to facilitate post-conflict recovery in affected communities.
- Its **Perforated Canopy** opens outward, allowing light to pass through, symbolizing the possibility of reconciliation and inclusive governance. It reflects the need for transparency and dialogue, which will be essential to effective governance in energy transitions, and calls for us to welcome diverse voices into decision-making, demonstrating how openness can prevent violence and build lasting peace.

See more of Şebnem’s work: [sebnemceramicart.com](http://sebnemceramicart.com)



Environmental Change, Displacement, and Mobility Artistic Spotlight

## Salam Music Program by Playing For Change

The Bidi Bidi refugee settlement in Northern Uganda is one of the largest refugee camps in Africa. Most of its population are youth under 18 with limited or no access to education, the internet, cultural activities, or job opportunities. Many of them are from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Somalia, and South Sudan, and Sudan.

In 2021, the Playing For Change Foundation partnered with SINA Loketa — a local NGO equipping young refugees with the skills needed to launch or support a social enterprise — to bring music and arts education to Bidi Bidi. They now welcome more than 200 students to their creative and cultural classes every week.



SINA Loketa was founded by Mawa Zacharia. “In 2016, heavy war occurred in my home country, and thousands of civilians lost their property and lives. I lost my father, leaving me and my family in an uncertain future. We ran into the bush to hide from the bullets and spent 68 days there. Our situation became worse in the bush, where there was no food, too much insecurity, and no medication. We decided to leave everything behind. My sister, her 5 children, my mother, my 4 young cousins, my brothers, and I fled to Uganda as refugees to get a safe place. Upon our arrival in Bidi Bidi, we were settled in Zone 2 of the refugee settlement. We initially had basic help from the UNHCR and the Ugandan government, but life became harder for us in the camp due to limited support, a lack of access to job opportunities, poor healthcare, limited food supplies, and a different education system.”



In September 2017, Mawa received training from the Social Innovation Academy in Uganda. He has since helped develop projects for eco-shoes, an agrofarm, and the Bidi Bidi Performing Arts Center (left). Abraham Mbokate, a young refugee from South Sudan who found his way to Bidibidi after being imprisoned by rebels for a year, has learned to play the piano, guitar, and bass through the Salam Music Project. **“Music has really changed my life ... it is what is keeping me alive.”**

Learn more about the project: [playingforchange.org/salam-music-program](https://playingforchange.org/salam-music-program)



# “The Gift” by Mahigan



artwork by Leah Dorian (Métis Artist, Prince Albert Saskatchewan), featured by the Kichi Sibi Mikânsan Institute

In 2007, CBC Television named the Canoe as one of the 7 Wonders of Canada. The country celebrates National Canoe Day on 26 June.

For some, the canoe is a symbol of the country’s incredible waterways and celebrates a spirit of exploration.

But historically, the canoe has also been used as a tool of colonialism, exploitation, and the dismissal of Indigenous sovereignty. The “ship and canoe” visual metaphor of *Kaswentha* (the Two Row Wampum Treaty) underscores the importance of mutual respect and the freedom of movement — which have all too often been ignored by European settlers and their descendants.

Over the past year, a Métis elder, a singer-songwriter of settler ancestry, a recent migrant from Algeria, and an Inuit researcher have been uncovering the complex history of birch bark canoes in Turtle Island (North America) to inform a song about intercultural exchange, colonial power relations, and prospects for sustainable peace.

The project was inspired by Mahigan (also known as Marcel Labelle), a proud Algonquin and Métis husband, father, and grandfather. Marcel grew up in Mattawa and spent most of his childhood on the trap line, learning how to live with and from the forest. Today, he and his wife Joanne live in a log cabin they built themselves.

As an Aboriginal Awareness speaker and senior artist recognized by the Ontario Arts Council, Marcel shares Anishinaabae knowledge through birch bark canoe building. He has been part of *Paddle for Peace* projects with the Circle of All Nations, a global eco-peace community founded by Indigenous Elder William Commanda.

Marcel reflects: “When my French ancestors came here over 400 years ago, they met my Anishinaabe ancestors, and the canoe is the gift that they shared. For hundreds of years, we worked well together. It was only around Confederation that things started going not so well. We want to bring the Gift back, to remind people that **we have worked well together, and we can do it again ... we just need to remember the Gift.**”



Marcel Labelle paddling one of his birchbark canoes, named *The Gift*. Photograph by the Mattawa Museum.

**Paddle for peace with Marcel and *The Gift* team: [artpeace.earth/the-gift](http://artpeace.earth/the-gift)**



## Reimagining Environmental Peacebuilding Artistic Spotlight

# “Fig & Ishka” by Lynn Finnegan

*Fig & Ishka* is an illustrated story about friendship, deep ecology, and how to show up to our current ecological and social crises without jumping ship to complacency, cynicism, or despair.

Fig, a young woman, struggles not to succumb to bitterness, and is on the brink of giving up on systems change. Ishka, a deer, helps her feel part of things: the ecosystem, the land, and the wider community working towards a sustainable, equitable future.

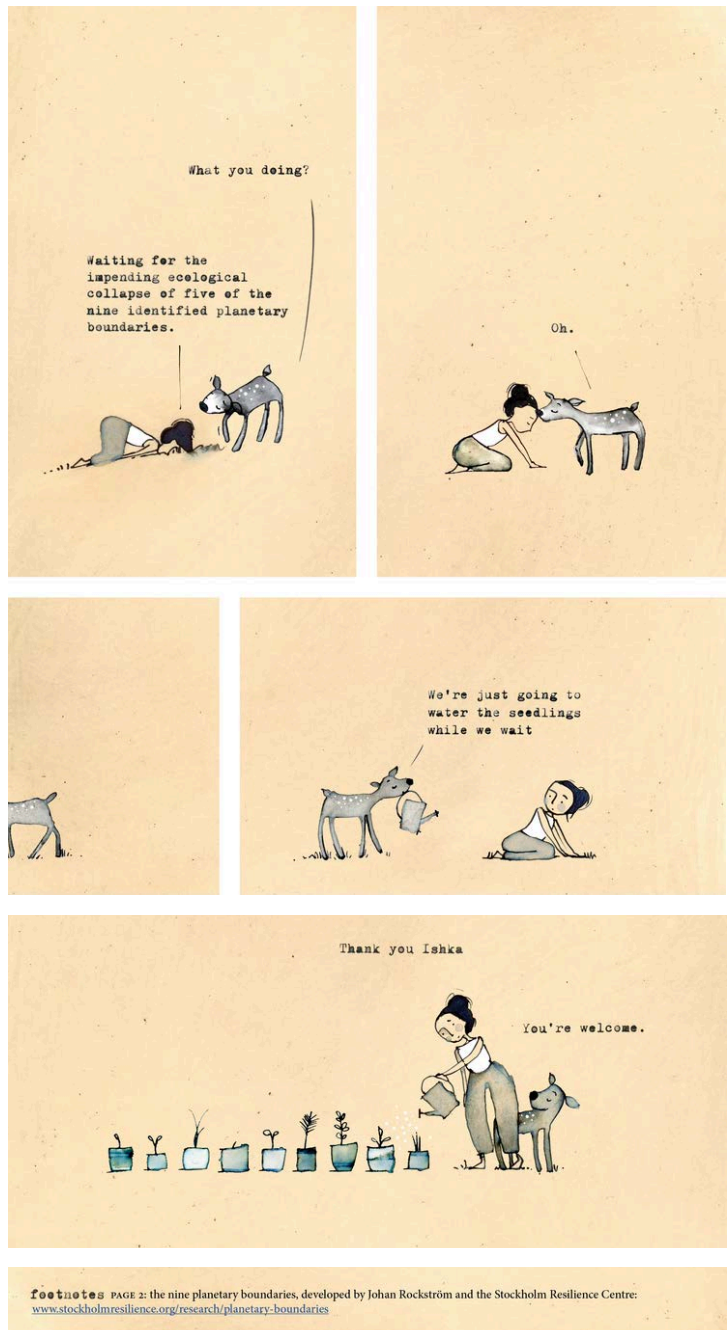
The series is, at its heart, an exploration of how we heal our relationships with the earth and each other — the most fundamental form of environmental peacebuilding, necessary to all others.

*Fig & Ishka* draws on knowledge from the climate and biodiversity movement, conflict transformation and non-violence, and ecosystems thinkers such as Joanna Macy and Thích Nhất Hạnh.

Their interspecies friendship is rooted in decolonisation and a pedagogical approach that requires a dissolving of unhelpful boundaries. Ishka teaches Fig how to challenge many of the artificial boundaries in her Western mind, including the seemingly irreconcilable difference between personal change and systems change.

Fig and Ishka live, grow, swim, hike, and seed save in a remote corner of Ireland, engaging with Gaelic language lessons, learning from Buddhist teachings, and unpacking global policy jargon. As the story evolves, Ishka’s teachings profoundly affect how Fig shows up in, and interacts with, the world.

Illustrations are created with tea, ink, water and Lynn’s dad’s old typewriter.



Join Fig & Ishka on more adventures: [www.lynnfinnegan.ie/fig-ishka](http://www.lynnfinnegan.ie/fig-ishka)



## Conservation, Conflict, and Cooperation Artistic Spotlight

# “An Anthem for Peace with Nature”

**Nature knows no borders, and music is a universal art.** This first-of-its-kind project empowered young changemakers from Israel & Palestine to compose a multi-lingual anthem reflecting on the environment’s role in daily life, systemic violence, conflict resolution, and sustainable futures in the Middle East.

In 2025, EnPAX presented the ninth Al-Moumin Award for Thought Leadership in Environmental Peacebuilding to Nada Majdalani, EcoPeace Middle East (Palestine); Yana Abu Taleb, EcoPeace Middle East (Jordan); Gidon Bromberg, EcoPeace Middle East (Israel); and Tareq Abu Hamed, the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (Israel) for their ongoing work addressing complex environmental challenges through trust-building, dialogue, cooperation, and collective action among communities in Palestine, Jordan, and Israel. In response, the EnPAX Arts Initiative launched a special project in partnership with the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, EcoPeace Middle East, and the Jerusalem Youth Chorus.



The Jerusalem Youth Chorus (JYC) is an Israeli-Palestinian music and dialogue project raising the voices of young leaders from East and West Jerusalem to the global stages of America’s Got Talent, TED, and beyond.

Through the co-creation of music and the sharing of stories, JYC empowers young artists to speak and sing their truths in their communities, and to inspire others from around the world. Amidst ongoing violence in the Middle East, choristers support each other, creating a “Frontline of Hope.”

**“We know we don’t have the power to single-handedly stop war, but we also know that the reason war continues is because people think there is no alternative. We are the different way.”**

In May 2026, Becca Farnum and Austin Willacy travelled to Israel and Palestine to spend time with students, staff, and supporters at the Arava Institute, EcoPeace Middle East, and the JYC. Through song, dialogue, and reflection, the groups explored how music, art, and creativity can support environmental peacebuilding and education: internally as a tool for facilitation, and externally as a vehicle for communication.

Building on a series of community conversations, the groups collaboratively created “An Anthem for Peace with Nature” — a music video highlighting conservation, conflict, and cooperation in the region. The anthem will have its global debut at the Fourth International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding.

**Hear more from the Jerusalem Youth Chorus: [jerusalem youth chorus.org](http://jerusalem youth chorus.org)**





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Over the past seven years, we have increased our conflict sensitivity support to environmental partners, through small grants and organisational accompaniment. We believe greater attention to conflict and peace dynamics can help deepen both environmental and social impacts, particularly in complex settings.

We also support collective spaces that help organisations share, learn and collaborate across sectors, such as the Environmental Peacebuilding Association (EnPAX) and the Environment, Climate, Conflict and Peace Community of Practice (ECCP).

### CONFLICT SENSITIVITY IN CONSERVATION PRINCIPLES & PRACTICE



In October 2025, we launched a new online course on Conflict-Sensitive Conservation together with the IUCN Academy. The course was developed in partnership with leading conservation and environmental practitioners.



# DEFUELING CONFLICT

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Natural resources and their management can either fuel fragility and conflict or serve as critical instruments for promoting peace and long-term development



This publication moves from theory to practice and offers hands-on tools and practical lessons to help practitioners integrate fragility and conflict considerations into natural resource management initiatives - from design through evaluation.

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environment, climate, conflict, and peace

Members of the ECCP Community recognize the ongoing violence of colonialism not only through Land dispossession and atrocities against the Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island, but also via the active policing of borders and enforced restrictions to the freedom of movement.


*What follows is a list of environmental peacebuilders who were unable to attend this conference in person as a result of visa denials and/or financial constraints:* Georges Franck Ondoua Akoa, Mathani Shaban Mohamed Ahmed, Dorice Habwe Andetse, Ebrahim Dbwan, Trizah Nairotia Eyanae, Mohamed Jama Farah, Jaime Gongora, Serge Hategekimana, Karina M. Higa, Jean Baptiste Ishimwe, Abiriga Jackson, Cornelius Patrick Labella, Ramanuj Mitra, Hassan Norain, Nada Suliman Mercy Yaa Nyarko, Dancan Erick Okoth, Bridget Osakwe, and Celestine Procter.



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photograph of Tanguibe community leader Kodulei by ArtPeace: Earth affiliated artist Faith Kathambi Mutegi



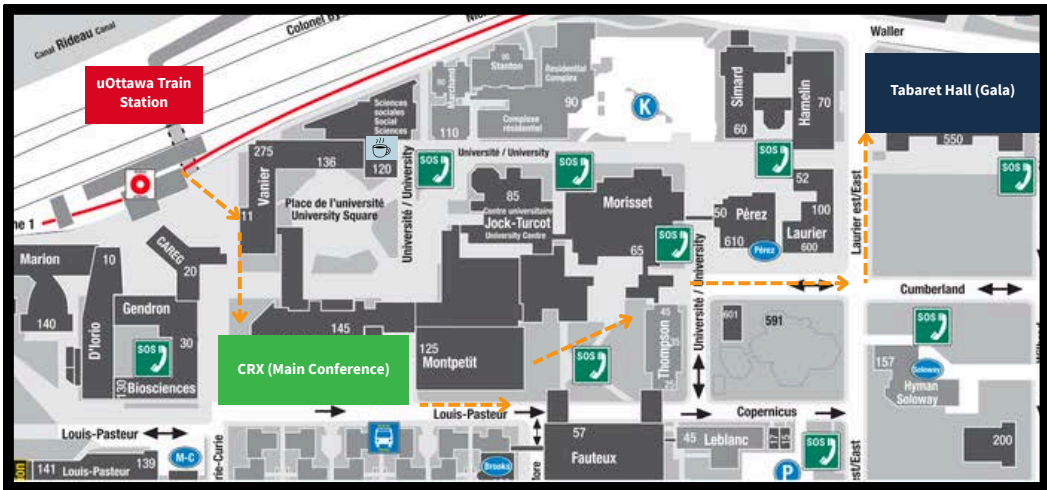


# Map

The venue of the Fourth Conference will be **University of Ottawa's Learning Crossroads (CRX)**, located at 100 Louis-Pasteur Private, Ottawa, ON K1N 6N5.

The University's main campus is conveniently located along the Line 1 Train. The venue is a 5-minute walk from the **uOttawa train station (O-Train stop)**.

The Gala venue, **Tabaret Hall**, is a 8-minute walk (600m) from CRX.



Scan the QR Code here to map your route to uOttawa on **public transit**:



# Learning Crossroads (CRX) Floorplan

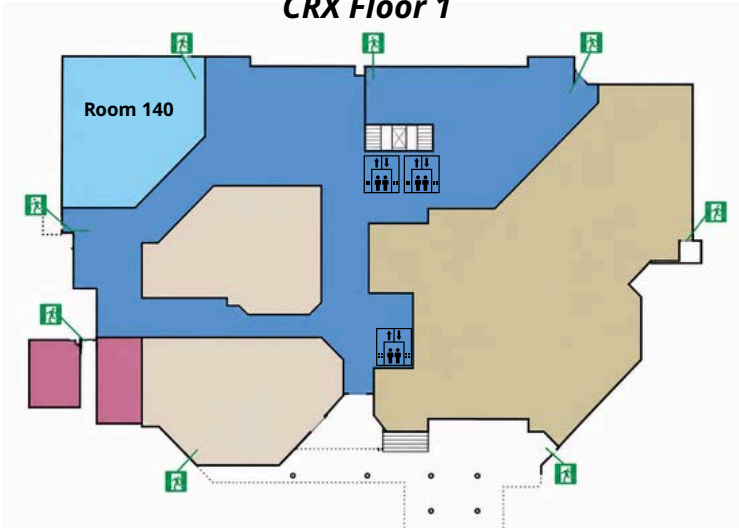
Throughout the Conference, we will utilize spaces on the four floors of CRX. Sessions will primarily be located on the third and fourth floors.

The reception desk will be located by the east doors facing Louis-Pasteur PVT on the ground floor. Art areas are located in the main lobby, 2nd (middle lobby), 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floor lobbies (east side).

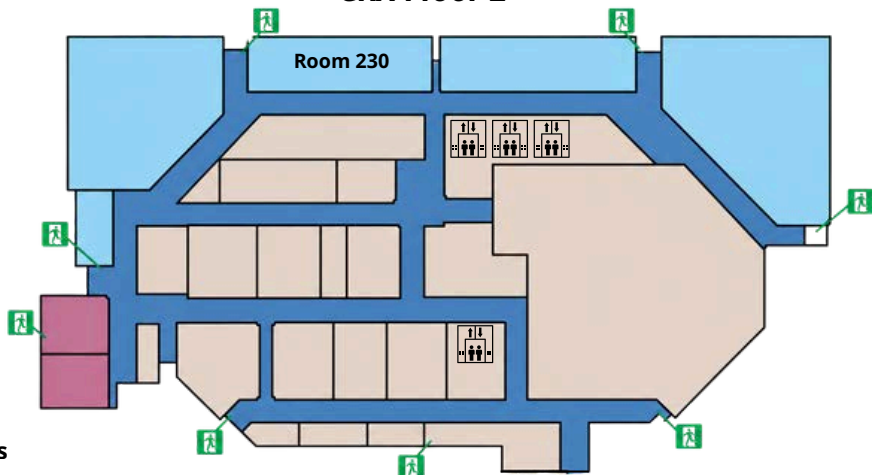
For additional information about CRX, including detailed maps, and information on accessibility, please visit: <https://bit.ly/CRXInfo> or scan the QR code below:



**CRX Floor 1**



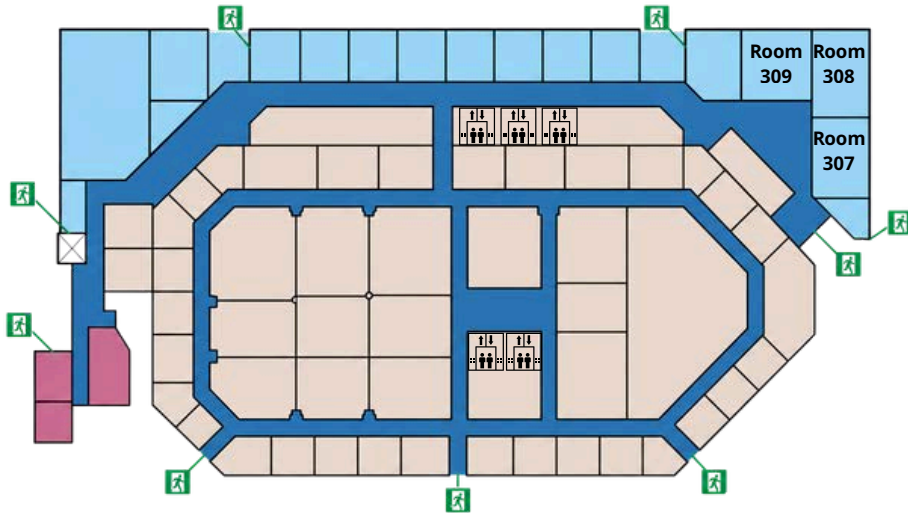
**CRX Floor 2**



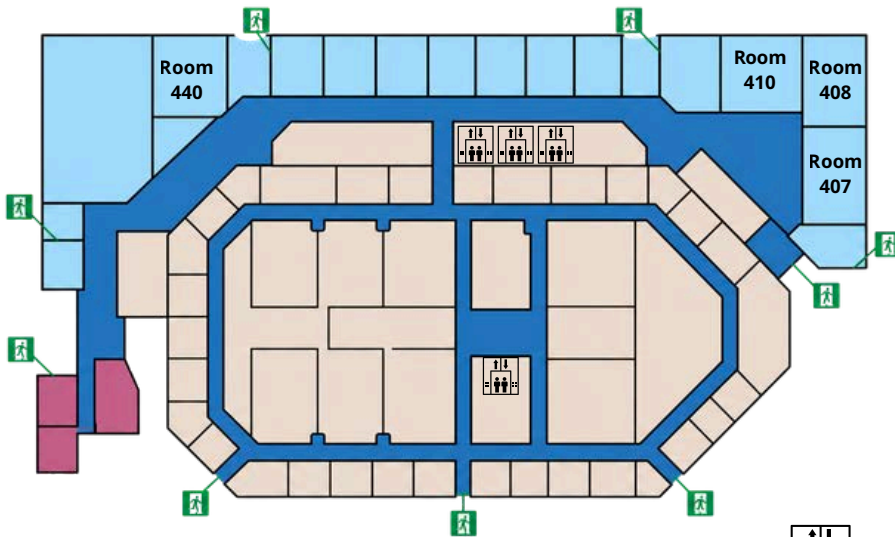


# Learning Crossroads (CRX) Floorplan

### CRX Floor 3



### CRX Floor 4



Elevators

# Logistics

## Accessibility

Participants were asked before the conference whether they needed any particular accommodations, and the Organizing Committee has sought to make accommodations accordingly. If you have other needs that are not yet met, please let the conference organizers know as soon as possible. If any needs arise during the conference, please stop by the registration desk.

## Anti-Discrimination Policy

The Environmental Peacebuilding Association is committed to providing a safe environment so that everyone is free from discrimination on any grounds and from harassment, including sexual harassment, in Association forums and events. The Association enforces a zero-tolerance policy for any form of discrimination or harassment in Association-sanctioned activities, treats all incidents seriously, and promptly investigates all allegations of discrimination or harassment. All complaints of discrimination or harassment will be taken seriously and treated with respect and in confidence. The Association's Anti-Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Policy is available at <https://environmentalpeacebuilding.org/association/key-documents/>.

If you believe you have been subject to discrimination, harassment, or retaliation and would like to take action, you may choose to do any or all of the following:

- o Report incidents to the Environmental Peacebuilding Association at [incidents@environmentalpeacebuilding.org](mailto:incidents@environmentalpeacebuilding.org). NOTE: Every effort will be taken to maintain confidentiality, although confidentiality cannot be guaranteed.
- o **For emergencies or to report a crime, call 911.**

## AV

Each room has a computer from which the powerpoint presentations are controlled, and that computer has a sheet explaining how to operate the computer and which number to dial in case of emergency. Each session also has a member of the Conference Secretariat who can assist with technical and other issues. Speakers should bring their powerpoint presentations on a USB drive or provide it to the chair in advance.

## Badges

Conference participants will be issued access badges upon checking in. Please be sure to keep this badge visible on your person while in the venue and at the gala. Participants will need their badges to enter the Environmental Peacebuilding Gala at Tabaret Hall.

## Interpretation

Zoom offers a built-in AI feature that automatically detects and translates spoken language in real-time with captions in 46 languages.

To utilize this feature, please join your session's Zoom meeting link using your laptop or mobile device. There will be a QR code provided your room with the session link. Once in the Zoom webinar, please follow the below instructions:

- Click on captions
- Toggle "Translation" on
- Click captions again or the gear icon at the top right of the captions box.
- Select the language being spoken for "Speaking Language" and select the language you speak for "Caption Language." The caption language is the one that really matters most.

## Liability

EnPAX, the Conference Organizing Committee, and the University of Ottawa will not be responsible for medical expenses, accidents, losses, or other unexpected damage to person or property belonging to conference participants, either during or as a result of the Conference and during all tours and events. Participants are strongly advised to arrange their own insurance for health and accident, lost luggage, and trip cancellation.



## Meals

Food and beverage are provided to registered Conference participants as indicated on the agenda.

For more information about nearby dining options please scan the QR code:



## Meeting Spaces

One of the most important and impactful dimensions of the conference is the ability to connect with others. There are numerous informal meeting spaces throughout the venue. If you would like a little privacy and/or quiet, you may reserve either CRX 324 (15-19 June) or CRX 327 (16-19 June). There will be sign-up sheets outside of each room. If you know in advance that you will need a space, you may reserve a room by contacting the Conference Secretariat at [conference@environmentalpeacebuilding.org](mailto:conference@environmentalpeacebuilding.org). You may also consider meeting outside or in the beautiful atrium of the Faculty of Social Sciences Building nearby (it is close to a coffee shop!).

## WiFi Connection

Please follow the following instructions to connect to the University of Ottawa’s Public WiFi:

We encourage participants to **bring reusable water bottles!**

- On your device, go to your Wi-Fi settings and select the uoPublic network.
- Enter your name and email address. Tick the box to accept the Terms of use. Click the “Connect” button.
- On the connection details screen, select the “Connect” button.

## Need Help?

**We encourage participants to download the uOttawa safety app – SecurUO.** Available on iOS and Android. This enables people to contact protection services. This is intended as a complement, rather than an alternative to the contacts provided for the Environmental Peacebuilding Association below. See: <https://www.uottawa.ca/campus-life/are-you-ready/alertuo/securo>, for more details.

### In life-threatening emergencies, call 911.

What?	Person	Contact
<b>IT/AV Problem</b>	Ask the member of the Conference Secretariat in your room; if they are difficult to find, check at the registration desk.	--
<b>Schedule Questions</b>	For questions or changes, contact the registration desk.	conference@environmentalpeacebuilding.org
<b>Security / First Aid / Other (Non-Urgent)</b>	uOttawa Protection Services	613-562-5499
<b>Conference Organization</b>	Organizing Committee	conference@environmentalpeacebuilding.org

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