

WORKSHOP ON RIGHTS OF NATURE

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**SPEAK4
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Date: Monday, 19th of June 2023 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm

Location: RCC Landhaus, Herrmannsdorf 3, 86256, Glonn

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Objective: To bring together students and academics working on the rights of nature or that are interested in learning more about this expanding legal discourse and practice employed in different geographies. The workshop will further the discussion regarding the possibilities of the rights of nature, the obstacles, and critics through literature and experiences from different countries. This workshop aims to continue with the dialogue initiated at the Rachel Carson Center, in 2017, by Anna Leah Tabios Hillebrecht and María Valeria Berros.

Specifically, we want to ask how the debate over rights of nature has evolved since the publication of the RCC on the topic. Specifically, the following perspectives and questions will be addressed:

- Theoretical, logistical, social, and legal challenges for granting nature rights and their implementation.
- The challenges regarding the expansion of the rights of nature framework into different jurisdictions.
- Engagement with the different critical points of view regarding the rights of nature.

Schedule

2:00	Arriving to the Landhaus, introduction and welcome
2:15	Introduction to the rights of nature by a legal practitioner
2:30	Guided discussion
5:00	Social hour and aperitif
6:00	Return to Munich

Suggested readings:

- Hillebrecht, A. L. T. (Ed.). (2017). Can nature have rights?: legal and political insights. Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society.

<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/perspectives/2017/6/can-nature-have-rights-legal-and-political-insights>

- Berros, M. V. (2021). Challenges for the implementation of the rights of nature: Ecuador and Bolivia as the first instances of an expanding movement. *Latin American Perspectives*, 48(3), 192-205.
- Gilbert, J., Macpherson, E., Jones, E., & Dehm, J. (2023). The Rights of Nature as a Legal Response to the Global Environmental Crisis? A critical review of international law's 'greening' agenda. *Netherlands Yearbook of International Law 2021: A Greener International Law—International Legal Responses to the Global Environmental Crisis*, 47-74. https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-94-6265-587-4_3