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**Modernizing International Environmental Law: Honoring the Work of Professor Edith Brown Weiss**

November 19, 2019 Georgetown University Law Center, Gewirz 12

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**12:30 Introductory Remarks**

**Sam Ruddy**, Georgetown Environmental Law Review Editor-In-Chief

**James Feinerman**, Associate Dean for Graduate and International Programs, Georgetown Law

**Arnold Kreilhuber**, Acting Director, Law Division, UN Environment Programme (via video)

**Tony Oposa,** Law of Nature Foundation (via video)

**12:40 Panel 1: Accountability in International Institutions**

**Chair: Peter Lallas,** Global Environment Facility

**David Hunter**, American University, Washington College of Law. "Expanding the Theory and Practice of Accountability Under International Law"

**1:40 Panel 2: Applying & Extending Intergenerational Equity**

**Chair: Melissa Blue Sky,** Center for International Environmental Law

**Steph Tai,** University of Wisconsin Law. "In Fairness to Future Generations of Eaters" (via Skype)

**Kirk Talbott,** Environmental Law Institute. "EBW as Pathfinder: Strengthening Property Rights and Community Based Resource Governance for Indigenous Peoples Worldwide”

**Lydia Slobodian**, International Union for Conservation of Nature Environmental Law Center. "Defending the Future: Intergenerational Equity as a Legally Enforceable Right”

**3:10 Coffee and Snack Break**

**3:30 Panel 3: Reconceptualizing International Environmental Law**

**Chair: TBC**

**Dan Magraw**, Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies. *"Fifty Shades of Green"*

**Jutta Brunnée,** University of Toronto Law. *"Structural Challenges: International Environmental Law and Climate Change"*

**Carl Bruch,** Environmental Law Institute. *"Greenish, but with More Dimensions: New Horizons in International Environmental Law”*

**5:00 Reflections on Sustainable Development in a Kaleidoscopic World**

**Edith Brown Weiss,** Professor, Georgetown University Law Center

**5:15 Closing Remarks**

**Carl Bruch**, Environmental Law Institute

**5:30 Reception**

**Speaker Biographies**

**Peter Lallas, Global Environment Facility**

Peter Lallas joined the Secretariat of the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) in 2014 as Advisor to the GEF CEO, and he is also GEF’s Conflict Resolution Commissioner. Previously, he served as Executive Secretary of the World Bank Inspection Panel; Director and Senior Attorney of the International Environmental Law Office of the U.S. EPA; and Visiting Expert (for two years) at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome. Earlier in his career, Peter worked on land use and environmental law in California, on environmental issues in the European Commission in Brussels, and in a Brussels practice in international and European Community law.

Peter has a JD from Harvard Law School and a BA in Economics from Stanford University. He has taught several courses in international environmental policy and law, and authored and co-authored a number of publications in these and related fields.

**David Hunter**, **American University, Washington College of Law. *"Expanding the Theory and Practice of Accountability Under International Law"***

David Hunter is Professor of Law American University's Washington College of Law, where he researches and teaches international and comparative environmental law. Prof. Hunter was formerly Executive Director of the Center for International Environmental Law, Executive Director of WaterWatch of Oregon and an associate at the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. He has consulted on the development of environmental and social standards and associated accountability mechanisms at several international development finance organization He currently serves on the Boards of Directors of the Accountability Counsel, the Center for International Environmental Law, the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide-US, and the Project on Government Oversight (chair). He is a Member Scholar of the Center for Progressive Reform, and member of the International Finance Corporation’s Compliance Advisor/Ombudsman’s Strategic Advisors Group. He graduated Harvard Law School (JD, 1986) and the University of Michigan (B.A., 1983). Mr. Hunter is author/editor of many articles and books on international environmental law and associated topics.

**Melissa Blue Sky,** **Center for International Environmental Law**

Melissa Blue Sky is a Senior Attorney in CIEL’s People, Land, and Resources Program. Melissa’s practice focuses on avoiding and reducing impacts of development activities on forests and land. Her work incorporates a range of national and international legal and policy instruments to reduce illegal logging and conversion of forested lands for agriculture.

Melissa received her J.D. from American University Washington College of Law. She also holds a B.A. in Human Ecology from College of the Atlantic and an LL.M. in Law in Development from the University of Warwick. Melissa has worked with NGOs in the United States, Europe, and Latin America on a wide range of environmental law and policy issues.

**Steph Tai,** **University of Wisconsin Law. *"In Fairness to Future Generations of Eaters" (via Skype)***

Professor Steph Tai's scholarly research examines the interactions between environmental and health sciences and administrative law. Professor Tai was an adjunct law professor at Georgetown from 2002-2005 and a visiting professor at Washington and Lee University School of Law during the 2005-06 academic year. Professor Tai has worked at the University of Wisconsin School of Law since 2006. Teaching interests include administrative law, environmental law, food systems law, environmental justice, risk regulation, contracts (especially private governance and supply chains!), and comparative Asian environmental law. Professor Tai has also served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Ronald Lee Gilman on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Professor Tai then worked as an appellate attorney in the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, briefing and arguing cases involving a range of issues, from the protection of endangered cave species in Texas to the issuance of dredge and fill permits under the Clean Water Act. From 2013-2014, Professor Tai served as a U.S. Supreme Court Fellow as a researcher in the Federal Judicial Center. Professor Tai received their J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, Ph.D. from Tufts University, and B.S. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Kirk Talbott,** **Environmental Law Institute. *“EBW as Pathfinder: Strengthening Property Rights and Community Based Resource Management for Indigenous Peoples Worldwide”***

Kirk Talbott’s career spans over 30 years in international law and development, environment and human rights. He earned a BA from Yale and a JD and MSFS from Georgetown University. After joining the DC Bar, Kirk spent a decade at the World Resources Institute, concentrating on natural resources management in Africa and Asia. This led to senior positions at The Nature Conservancy, Conservation International, and a satellite radio non-profit enterprise, First Voice International. Kirk recently served as Senior Advisor for the World Bank and African government’s Partnership for Skills in Applied Sciences, Engineering and Technology (PASET) and the Rights and Resources Initiative.

As a Visiting Scholar at the Environmental Law Institute since 2010, Talbott has concentrated on environmental security in Myanmar and Southeast Asia. He has published several articles and conducted research and training including leading a workshop on property rights and resource management for Parliamentarians from Myanmar funded by the National Endowment for Democracy and International Republican Institute. He currently advises a range of organizations including the Tenure Facility and Omidyar Network on good governance and property rights.

**Lydia Slobodian**, **International Union for Conservation of Nature Environmental Law Center. *"Defending the Future: Intergenerational Equity as a Legally Enforceable Right”***

Lydia Slobodian is a Senior Legal Officer at the IUCN Environmental Law Centre, responsible for a portfolio covering biodiversity conservation, genetic resources and technologies, marine and coastal issues and climate change. Current projects include improving legal frameworks for mangrove conservation, developing innovative financing approaches for protected and conserved areas, supporting negotiation of an international instrument on marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction and assessing governance challenges posed by synthetic biology. She holds an MA and MPhil from the University of Cambridge and a JD from Georgetown University Law Centre.

**Dan Magraw**, **Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies. *"Fifty Shades of Green"***

Daniel Magraw is an international lawyer with experience in international law, institutions, processes and policies, particularly relating to environmental protection, dispute settlement, investment and human rights, including climate change and environmental justice. He is Professorial Lecturer and Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and President Emeritus of the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL). Professor Magraw teaches international environmental law and policy at SAIS, as well as human rights and environment at the University of Miami School of Law. He has worked in government, nongovernmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations, business, and academia, in the U.S. and abroad.

Magraw serves as a consultant to the United Nations regarding environment, human rights and investment. He served on the National Academies of Sciences Committees on Genetically Engineered Crops and on Biologic Confinement of Genetically Engineered Organisms. He is on the boards of directors/trustees of Lightbridge Corporation (a publicly traded nuclear energy company), The Endocrine Disrupter Exchange (TEDX, an NGO focusing on endocrine-disrupting chemicals), and the Universal Rights Group (a human rights think tank in Geneva, of which he is a co-founder). He is co-chair of Human Rights Watch’s Advisory Committee on Environment and Human Rights and a member of the Advisory Committee to the Law Library of Congress. Magraw chaired the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of International Law Task Forces on Magna Carta and on Carta de Foresta (Charter of the Forest) and was a member of the United Kingdom’s Magna Carta 800th Commemoration Committee.

Magraw was the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency’s International Environmental Law Office (1992-2001) and Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator of EPA’s Office of International Activities (2001). He was a member of the U.S. government’s Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee (TEPAC) during the Administrations of George W. Bush and Barrack Obama (2002-2011), and co-chaired the White House assessment of the regulation of genetically engineered organisms (2000). He has served on many U.S. delegations to international negotiations and other meetings, often as a lead negotiator.

Magraw was Chair of the ABA Section of International Law (2000-2001) and has served in other leadership capacities in the ABA and other professional organizations. He has taught at the Universities of California, Berkeley, and Colorado and at Georgetown University Law Center. He has authored many books and articles, lectured widely, and won local, national and international awards, including the Elizabeth Haub Prize, the world’s premier environmental law award, presented in Stockholm by the Speaker of the Swedish Parliament.

Magraw practiced international and civil liberties law at Covington & Burling in Washington, DC, where he also worked for six months doing poverty law at the Neighborhood Legal Service Program (1978-1983). Among other counseling work, he was Counsel for India in the Kishenganga Arbitration over water in Kashmir brought by Pakistan under the Indus Waters Treaty (2011-13).

**Jutta Brunnée,** **University of Toronto Law. *"Structural Challenges: International Environmental Law and Climate Change"***

Jutta Brunnée is Professor of Law and Metcalf Chair in Environmental Law, University of Toronto, where she previously served as Associate Dean of Law, Graduate (2010-2014) and Interim Dean (2014). She has published extensively in the areas of public international law, international environmental law and international legal theory. She is co-author of International Climate Change Law (OUP 2017), which was awarded the American Society of International Law’s 2018 Certificate of Merit “in a specialized area of international law” and was recently translated into Korean, and of Legitimacy and Legality in International Law: An Interactional Account (CUP 2010), which was awarded the American Society of International Law’s 2011 Certificate of Merit “for preeminent contribution to creative scholarship.” Her current research agenda extends the interactional account to explore the role of international legality and legal practices in mediating between stability and change in international law. Jutta Brunnée served on the Board of Editors of the American Journal of International Law (2006-2016) and was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2013, and Associate of the Institut de Droit International in 2017. In January 2019, she delivered a course on “Procedure and Substance in International Environmental Law” at the Hague Academy of International Law.

**Carl Bruch,** **Environmental Law Institute. *"Greenish, but with More Dimensions: New Horizons in International Environmental Law”***

Carl Bruch is the Director of International Programs at the Environmental Law Institute (ELI). A recognized authority on environmental governance, he has helped dozens of countries throughout Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe strengthen their environmental laws, institutions, and practices. His work focuses on environmental peacebuilding (especially after conflict), environmental governance, adaptation, and environmental emergencies. He has provided technical and legal assistance, built capacity, and conducted research across Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, and Eastern Europe, including many conflict-affected and disaster-affected countries. He has edited more than 10 books, authored more than 80 journal articles and book chapters, and produced numerous reports.