RIGHTS OF NATURE: Opening the Academic Debate in the European Legal Context

MONDAY & TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14-15 2019
TOULOUSE (FRANCE)

Toulouse 1 Capitole University (Auditorium MS001)

PRESENTED BY THE TOULOUSE 1 CAPITOLE UNIVERSITY (IEJUC) & THE SWEDISH UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
## Rights of Nature Conference - Day 1

**Monday, October 14**

### Morning

**9:00**  Welcoming coffee

**9:30**  Welcoming remarks: Corinne Mascala, President of the Toulouse 1 Capitole University & Matthieu Poumarède, Director of the Institut juridique de l'urbanisme, de la construction et de l'environnement (IEJUC)

**10:00**  **JULIEN BÉTAILLE**  
Associate Professor of Law, Toulouse 1 Capitole University  
**Introduction: Does the legal protection of nature needs the “rights of nature”?**

**10:30**  **GUILLAUME CHAPRON**  
Associate Professor of Ecology at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences  
**Legal rights of nature from the perspective of ecology**

### First session  
**Rights of Nature’s origins and theory**

**Chairperson:** Julien Bétaille, Associate Professor of Law, Toulouse 1 Capitole University

**11:00**  **DELPHINE MISONNE**  
Professor of Law at the Saint-Louis University (Brussels)  
**Christopher Stone’s influence on European legal scholars**

**11:30**  **OLIVIER CLERC**  
Associate Professor of Law at the University of Artois (France)  
**The Environmental Law critic through Ecocentric ethics**

**12:00**  **PIERRE BRUNET**  
Professor of Law at the University of Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne  
**Navigating the Rights of Nature Turn: Legal, Moral, and Political Issues**

**12:30**  Debate with the audience

**13:00**  Lunch break

### Second session  
**Rights of Nature around the globe and its practical implementation**

**Chairperson:** Delphine Misonne, Professor of Law at the Saint-Louis University (Brussels)

**14:30**  **GONZALO SOZZO**  
Professor of Law at the National University of the Littoral (Argentina)  
**Rights of Nature and Environmental Constitutionalism in South America**

**15:00**  **LOÏC PEYEN**  
Associate Professor at the Toulouse 1 Capitole University  
**Rights of Nature in the Pacific Region: considerations from the New Caledonian Case**

**15:30**  **JAN DARPO**  
Professor of Law at the Uppsala University  
**Access to Environmental Justice in the European Union: do we need Rights of Nature?**

**16:00**  Debate with the audience
Third session

**Chairperson:** Guillaume Chapron, Associate Professor of Ecology at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

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Fourth session

**Chairperson:** Michel Prieur, Emeritus Professor of Law at the University of Limoges, Chair of the International Center for Comparative Environmental Law (CIDÇCE)

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RIGHTS OF NATURE CONFERENCE

Practical information

Conference venue:
Auditorium MS001, Manufacture des tabacs,
21 allées de Brienne, 31000 Toulouse (France)
Metro & Airport bus station: Compans Caffarelli

Further information about the conference:
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Registration: iejuc@ut-capitole.fr
- Academics: 150 euros
- UT1 staff: free
- Professionals: 200 euros
- Auditors: 150 euros
- Students: free
- Members of the Société française pour le droit de l'environnement: 50 euros

From the Metro & Airport bus station (Compans Caffarelli) to the Manufacture des tabacs

Conference organisers

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