

Global Ecological Integrity, Human Rights, and Human Responsibilities: Intersections Between International Law and Public Health

URBINO, ITALY: June 27- July 1, 2003

A conference

co-organized by Laura Westra, Colin L. Soskolne, and William (Bill) E. Rees

FINAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM (June 27 update)

dated May 16, 2003

Convene in Florence, via del Proconsolo 12, near the Duomo,

by no later than noon;

then, proceed by bus to Urbino at 1 p.m. sharp (projected cost, about €12)

▶ June 27

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Reception and light dinner at Albergo Italia - all conference participants. Evening free

NOTE: All meetings are at the University of Urbino, unless indicated otherwise

▶ June 28

Plenary Session 1

9:00 a.m. – Noon

“The Earth Charter: Linkages to Public Health and the Law”

Chair

Klaus Bosselmann (NEW ZEALAND)

– Speakers:

09:00 – 09:15 a.m.

- **Introductions by Laura Westra**

09:15 – 09:30 a.m.

- **Welcome by the Mayor of Urbino, The Hon. Doctor Massimo Galluzzi**

09:30 – 10:00 a.m.

- **Brendan Mackey** (AUSTRALIA) “The Earth Charter and Ecological Integrity”

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

- **Ron Engel** (USA) “A New Covenant for Global Democracy: The Size of the Task Before Us”

Break

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

– Speakers:

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

- **Laura Westra** (CANADA) “Integrity, Health and Supranational Governance”

11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

- **Judge Amedeo Postiglione** (Supreme Court – Rome, ITALY) “Environment and International Justice”

11:45 – Noon

– General Discussion

Lunch

Noon – 2 p.m.

◀ June 28

2:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Chair

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

2:30 – 2:40 p.m.

2:40 – 3:00 p.m.

3:00 – 3:20 p.m.

Break

3:20 – 3:35 p.m.

3:35 – 3:55 p.m.

3:55 – 4:15 p.m.

Break

4:15 – 4:30 p.m.

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Chair

4:30 – 4:55 p.m.

4:55 – 5:20 p.m.

Break

5:20 – 5:30 p.m.

5:30 – 5:55 p.m.

5:55 – 6:20 p.m.

6:20 – 6:30 p.m.

Plenary Session 2

“Science & Sustainability: Concepts and Cases”

Laura Westra (CANADA)

– **Keynote Speaker: James Karr** (USA) “Measuring What Matters; Counting What Counts: A Global Citizen’s Perspective”

– **Discussion**

– **Speaker:**

- **Janos Toth** (HUNGARY) “The Social Aspects of an Environmental Catastrophe”

– **Speaker:**

- **Eva Cudlinova** (CZECH REPUBLIC) “Voluntary Agreements as Examples of Taking Responsibility for Environmental Pollution”

Plenary Session 3

“Public Health and the Environment”

William Rees (CANADA)

– **Speakers:**

- **Colin Soskolne** (CANADA) “Public Health and Human Rights: The Right to Healthy Indoor Air”
- **Maud Huynen & Pim Martens** (THE NETHERLANDS) “Future Health: The Health Dimension in Global Scenarios”

– **Speakers:**

- **Valerie Brown** (AUSTRALIA) “The Sustainability Dialogue, Public Health, and the Construction of Knowledge”
- **Kerstin Mechlem** (FAO, ITALY) “The Right to Food: Recent Developments”

– **General Discussion**

▶ **June 29**

10:00 – 11:50 a.m.

Chair

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

11:30 – 11:50 a.m.

Plenary Session 4

“Human Rights and the Law”

Don Brown (USA)

– Speakers:

- **William Rees** (CANADA) “Toward Sustainability with Justice: Can Cultural Mutation Override Biological Evolution?”
- **Klaus Bosselmann** (NEW ZEALAND) “Human Rights and the Environment: A Circular Affair. The Case for an Ecological Approach”

– General Discussion

Lunch, then Chartered Bus for an optional visit to Assisi for the afternoon & dinner (?)

▶ **June 30**

09:30 – 12:05 p.m.

Chair

09:30 – 09:55 a.m.

09:55 – 10:20 a.m.

Break

10:20 – 10:35 a.m.

10:35 – 11:00 a.m.

11:00 – 11:25 a.m.

11:25 – 11:50 a.m.

11:50 – 12:05 p.m.

Plenary Session 5

“Globalization, Water and the Law”

Colin Soskolne (CANADA)

– Speakers:

- **Joseph Dellapenna** (USA) “A Human Right to Water: An Ethical Position or a Realizable Goal”
- **Ruana Rajapakse** (SRI LANKA) “Water as a Human Right: Legal, Social and Economic Implications”

– Speakers:

- **Emma Witbooi** (SOUTH AFRICA) “Environmental Justice in South Africa: Legislative Attempts to Balance Equitable Access to Adequate Safe Water with Sustainable Use of the Nation’s Water Resources”
- **Jack Manno** (USA) “Engineering, Biology, Integrity, Thanksgiving and Original Instructions: Modes of Reasoning in the Management of Canada/US/Mohawk Boundary Waters”
- **David Manuel-Navarrete, Dan Dolderman, James Kay** (CANADA) “People and Their Involvement in the Ecological Integrity Dialogue”

– General Discussion

12:05 – 2:00 p.m.

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Lunch followed by

Tour of Urbino with Guide.

◀ June 30

4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Chair

4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Break

5:00 – 5:10 p.m.

5:10 – 5:30 p.m.

5:30 – 5:50 p.m.

5:50 – 6:10 p.m.

6:10 – 6:30 p.m.

Plenary Session 6

“Sustainability, Public Policy and the Law”

James Karr (USA)

– Speakers:

- **Roberto Bertollini** (WHO, EURO) “Related Goals of the WHO”
- **Konrad Ott** (GERMANY) “Strong Sustainability and Environmental Policy in Germany”

– Speakers:

- **Richard Westra** (SOUTH KOREA) “What is the ‘Value’ of the Human-Life World? A Japanese Approach to Ecological Integrity”
- **Dire Tladi** (SOUTH AFRICA) “Human Rights, the Environment and Sustainable Development: A South African Response”
- **Cesidio Parissi** (AUSTRALIA) “Paradigm Shifts in Sustainability Governance - Looking to the Future”

– General Discussion

▶ July 1

09:30 – Noon

Chair

09:30 – 10:00 a.m.

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 – 10:40 a.m.

10:40 – 11:10 a.m.

11:10 – 11:40 a.m.

11:40 – Noon

Lunch

Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Plenary Session 7

“Global Rights and Responsibilities”

Jack Manno (USA)

– Speakers:

- **Don Brown** (USA) “What is Next After KYOTO? What and When is required of Nations to limit their Emissions of Greenhouse Gasses Based upon “Equity” to “Prevent Dangerous Interference with the Climate System”
- **Giulio De Leo & M. Gatto** (ITALY) “The Socio-Environmental Costs and Benefits of the Kyoto Protocol”

– Speakers:

- **Helmut Burkhardt** (CANADA) “A Full Spectrum Integrity Index of Nations”
- **Prue Taylor** (NEW ZEALAND) “The Earth Charter: Leading the Ethical Debate on Biotechnology”

– General Discussion

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Plenary Session 8

“Global Rights and Responsibilities” (cont.)

Helmut Burkhardt (CANADA)

– Speakers:

- **Heiner Benking** (GERMANY) “Environmental Ethics and Governance”
- **Louis Kotze** (SOUTH AFRICA) “The Constitutional Court’s Contribution to Sustainable Development in South Africa: Constitutional Interpretation and Adjudication in Matters of Sustainable Development”

– Speakers:

- **Philippe Crabbé** (CANADA) “Community-level adaptation to climate change”
- General Discussion

Plenary Session 9

“Sustainability and Global Ethics”

Ron Engel (USA)

– Speaker:

- **Nigel Dower** (UNITED KINGDOM) “The Earth Charter – A Global Ethic for Development”

– Speakers :

- **Brunetto Chiarelli** (ITALY) “The Atlas Project for CO₂ Reduction in the Mediterranean Region”
- **Imre Lázár** (HUNGARY) “Geopathology: Narratives of Geopathic Radiation”

Concluding Panel – General Remarks by Westra [on Goodland], Soskolne, Burkhardt and Brown