

# Reconsidering Legal Subjectivity In and Through the Anthropocene

International Conference organized by the Research Network Law in the Anthropocene ([“Recht im Anthropozän”](#))

27–28 November 2025, Goethe University Frankfurt

Location 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. → [Normative Orders Building](#) | Room EG.01

Location 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. → [Guesthouse Frauenlobstraße 1](#) | Villa Cahn

**Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025** (→ Normative Orders Building)

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11.00-11.30

Welcome & Introduction

11.30-13.00

Panel I. Trans/Local Knowledge Production: Indigenous Ecologies and Traveling Legal Theories

- 11.30-12.15 Rights of Nature – Traveling Theories and Critical (Legal) Knowledge Production in Catastrophic Times (**Anette Mehlhorn**, MPI for Social Anthropology)
- 12.15-13.00 At the Crossroads of the Anthropocene and Abya Yala: Extractivism, Energy Transitions, and Indigenous Ecologies (**Verónica Zuccarelli Freire**, MPI of Geoanthropology)

13.00-14.00

*Lunch Break*

14.00-15.30

Panel II. Challenging Legal Subjectivity? Waves and Fungi

- 14.00-14.45 Do Waves Have Rights? On Energetic Processes and the Law (**Andrea Mühlebach**, University of Bremen)
- 14.45-15.30 Beyond Trees and Rivers: Fungi and the Future of Rights of Nature (**Anna-Julia Saiger**, University of Freiburg)

15.30-16.00

*Coffee Break*

16.00-17.30

Panel III. Stretching Legal Subjectivity: Extended Relationality and Distributed Subjectivity

- 16.00-16.45 Distributed Subjectivity? How the Law in the Anthropocene Stretches the Concept of Legal Subjectivity (**Michael Kalis**, IKEM Institute for climate protection, energy and mobility & University of Greifswald)
- 16.45-17.30 From Eco-Colonialists to Cosmic Persons? – Thoughts on (Post-)Human Legal Subjectivity (**Berit Völzmann**, Humboldt University Berlin)

17.30-18.00

*Coffee Break*

18.00-19.00

Roundtable: Reconsidering Legal Subjectivity In and Through the Anthropocene

19.30

*Dinner*

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9.00-10.30

Panel IV. Rituals, Deity and the Hindu Joint Family: Neglected Perspectives on Legal Subjectivity

- 09.00-09.45 Deity as Juristic Person and the Hindu Joint Family as Corporate Entity: Legal Subjectivity and Innovations in Post-Colonial India (**Anindita Chakrabarti**, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur)
- 09.45-10.30 Rituals as Rights' Infrastructure: Legal Subjectivity, Cosmopolitics, and Environmental Protection in Mongolia's Sacred Mountains (**Bayar Dashpurev**, MPI for Social Anthropology)

10.30-11.00

*Coffee Break*

11.00-12.30

Panel V. Who is In-/Excluded? Addressees of Legal Subjectivity

- 11.00-11.45 In the Shadow of the Symbol – How Does the Discourse on the Expansion of Legal Subjectivity Engage with Global Trends of Rights Deprivation? (**Katrin Höffler, Jan-Ulrich Dittmer & Felix Butz**, Humboldt University Berlin)
- 11.45-12.30 Law Beyond the Living: Future Generations (**Ana-Marija Rus**, University of Ljubljana)

12.30-13.30

*Lunch Break*

13.30-15.00

Panel VI. Imaginaries and Futures: Between Dystopia and Improbable Utopia

- 13.30-14.15 Dystopia as Method: On the Legal Objectivation of Subjectivity in the Anthropocene (**Ana Oliveira**, University of Coimbra)
- 14.15-15.00 Legal Subject Formation in the Anthropocene (**Thomas Scheffer**, Goethe University Frankfurt)

15.00-15.30

*Coffee Break*

15.30-16.00

Summary & Final Discussion

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