



**LINKS BETWEEN  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION &  
JUSTICE**

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## 2018 Annual ELA National Conference & Student Conference

26 SEPTEMBER 2018 STUDENT CONFERENCE & JUTA DINNER

27 SEPTEMBER 2018 ELA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AGM

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There is a growing recognition that we have entered the Anthropocene, a time in which “planetary systems are on the brink of human-induced ecological disaster that could change life on Earth as we know it” (Kotzé, 2017). The scientific realities of the Anthropocene include “unprecedented and irreversible rates of human-induced biodiversity loss, exponential increases in per-capita resource consumption, and global climate change” (Craig and Benson, 2013). These realities are set to exacerbate a range of existing injustices, including social injustice, environmental injustice, climate injustice, inter-species injustice, and inter-generational injustice, all of which are arguably interconnected.

The collapse of Earth systems as planetary limits are exceeded due to, amongst other things, climate change, will significantly hinder the potential to fulfill human rights or ensure ecological integrity and protect nature as having intrinsic value independent of human beings. It is accordingly important to consider the links between environmental protection, through environmental law, and justice. Questions about justice force us to consider, amongst other things,

- who benefits from environmental damage,
- who is harmed thereby, and
- who is responsible for the protection of the environment and remedying harm caused over centuries.

The potentially devastating impacts of the collapse of Earth systems offer those engaged in environmental governance an opportunity to critically evaluate and, where necessary, re-visit environmental law so as to pursue effective responses.

#### **National conference sub-themes:**

Environmental justice | Climate justice | Social justice | Economical justice  
Environmental protection and enforcement | Recent developments in South African law (legislation and case law) | Environmental governance (public and private) | Other

For the **2018 ELA Annual Student Conference** we invite students in the fields of environment and resource law and management to present their current research reflecting on the theme of the links between environmental protection and justice. Interested participants are invited to submit an abstract of 150-200 words in relation to their research on the 2018 conference theme.

Abstract submissions: [enviro.association.sa@gmail.com](mailto:enviro.association.sa@gmail.com)

#### **ALL ABSTRACTS TO INDICATE:**

- Annual national OR student conference
- Relevant sub-theme (in the case of annual national conference)
- Name of presenter
- Area of study (in the case of student conference)
- Affiliation
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- Paper title
- 150-200 words abstract