

Side Event | November 13 | Ukrainian Pavilion

Reshaping Ecocide: From Conflict and Climate Frontlines to Global Momentum for Change

Hosts	Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine Linköping University CSPR IKEM Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University EOPE
When	13 November, 15.00–16.30
Format	One-hour moderated panel discussion, 30 min Q&A

About

This side event will explore the ongoing development of ecocide law in the context of global environmental crises, including ongoing conflicts and climate change. Leading experts and advocates will discuss legal, political, and societal pathways to strengthen accountability for environmental destruction, particularly for ecocide. The event aims to highlight emerging strategies, share lessons from international efforts of Stop Ecocide Foundation, and mobilize global momentum for making ecocide an internationally recognized crime. While climate policy often focuses on mitigation and adaptation, preventing severe environmental harm remains a major gap in international law.

Hosted at the Ukrainian Pavilion, this session will explore how ecocide is being reshaped within national contexts, and why its recognition could be transformative for climate justice, post-conflict recovery and global security. This discussion links legal ecocide innovation with on-the-ground realities, from the Amazon to Ukraine, where environmental destruction intersects with human rights, the rights of nature, resilience and security – bridging both wartime and peacetime ecocide. In addition, the panel will highlight Ukraine’s emerging leadership in framing wartime ecocide.

Key Themes:

- National approaches to implementing ecocide legislation and legal innovation.
- War-related ecocide in Ukraine and its implications for international legal order
- National approaches to implementing ecocide legislation and global legal innovation
- Bridging wartime and peacetime ecocide: case of Ukraine, Brazil and Fiji
- Pathways toward recognition of ecocide as an international crime
- Climate justice, post-conflict recovery, and global security implications of recognizing ecocide.

Guiding Questions:

- How can war-related environmental destruction in Ukraine inform the international legal recognition of ecocide?
- How can ecocide be meaningfully integrated into climate policy, international law, and post-conflict recovery agendas? What practical pathways exist?
- What are the main challenges and opportunities in criminalizing large-scale environmental destruction in both peacetime and wartime?
- What lessons can be drawn from different national contexts, such as Ukraine, Brazil, and Fiji, in implementing ecocide legislation and promoting accountability for the wartime and peacetime ecocide?

Speakers

- **Oleh Bondarenko**, Head of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Environmental Policy and Nature Management (Ukraine)
- **Jojo Mehta**, Co-Founder and CEO, Stop Ecocide International (Netherlands)
- **Dr. Rinata Kazak**, Linköping University, Department of Thematic Studies – Environmental Change/CSPR (Sweden)
- **Arpana Pratap**, Director Blue Economy, Pacific Island Development Forum (Fiji)
- **Monica Schüldt**, Co-Founder Ecocide Law Alliance (Sweden) – online
- **Dr. Djalma Alvarez Brochado Neto**, Unichristus University (Brazil) – online

Moderator

- **Dr. Ievgeniia Kopytsia**, MSCA4Ukraine/Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University (Ukraine)/University of Genoa (Italy)/IKEM (Germany)

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