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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

SEPTEMBER 2 AND 3 MUCEM, MARSEILLE

The Normandy Chair for Peace, the International Council of Environmental Law and the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law organized an international colloquium on environmental law prior to the IUCN World Conservation Congress. This high-level symposium was held on September 2 and 3 at the MUCEM auditorium in Marseille, in order to highlight the work and proposals made by all the partners during the World Congress and to establish close partnerships with the work carried out by the Normandy Chair for Peace, in particular on the rights of future generations, the rights of nature and indigenous peoples, and legal indicators to measure the effectiveness of environmental law.

SECOND DAY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PEACE WITH NATURE



3 SEPTEMBER - MARSEILLE - MUCEM

The second day of the International Symposium on Peace with Nature opened with the theme «**Renewing the foundations of rights in harmony with nature and the rights of future generations**». Then, an international panel spoke about **GOOD STORIES** and the harmonization of law with the natural systems of the Earth, followed by **the exposition of the limits of international action in the field of the environment** through the question of «Why are States reluctant to recognize «rights»?». In the afternoon, the first panelists addressed the theme of a response to **the existential risks of the Earth**. The next panel focused on **defenders of nature**, especially those who have lost their lives in defense of their rights, nature, and the land they live on. Finally, this International Symposium on Peace with Nature ended with a **video message of peace** with **ANTONIO OPOSA**, complemented by the message of hope of **PROF. EMILIE GAILLARD**.

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FIRST DAY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PEACE WITH NATURE

SEPTEMBER 2 - MARSEILLE - MUCEM

The conference opened with a presentation by the organizers and members of the Normandy Chair of Excellence for Peace. The first panel focused on **ecological law and ethical foundations**. The second panel entitled «**Artificial intelligence: giving nature its autonomy and stewardship**» then began with a presentation of technological developments benefiting the environment. Then the third panel spoke about **legal indicators and the measurement of environmental duties** and the last panel of the morning spoke about the interest of supporting the need for an **advisory opinion** from the **International Court of Justice** to pronounce on **climate justice** through the lens of human rights. In the afternoon, the role of the environment in transitional justice processes in Colombia was discussed, showing us that, too often forgotten, the environment can also be the cause of conflicts, but also and above all be a victim of them. **The ecological paradigm should therefore be integrated into transitional justice** processes according to the Normandy Chair for Peace. The second panel of the afternoon addressed **the issue of forest sanctuary and the link with indigenous peoples**. Then, an explanation linking food sovereignty and biodiversity protection took place. Then, there was a presentation of the artistic project consisting of making the «**voice of nature**» resound through music with the musician **AMOS CHIYA**, representative for music and culture of ICEL. We were able to listen to his beautiful piece «**Voice of the Sea**» mixing piano notes and whale songs in perfect harmony. To conclude the first day, **H. E. DONALD KANIARU**, ICEL Representative in Nairobi, commemorated the jurists behind the intergenerational achievements of the 1972 **Stockholm Declaration on the Human Environment**, the 1982 UN Charter



for Nature, the 1992 Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and the 2002 Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development, and recalled the rich legacy of Mr. **WOLFGANG E. BURHENNE**.

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IUCN CONGRESS



03 - 11 SEPTEMBER, MARSEILLE PRESS CONFERENCE LEGAL ACTIONS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

■ On September 4th, the Normandy Chair for Peace was present during the entire IUCN congress, one of the main presentations was the press conference for the book : **Legal Actions for Future Generations**, first volume published in the Chair's collection by Peter Lang, co-edited by **ÉMILIE GAILLARD**, HDR Lecturer, Sciences-po Rennes and general coordinator of the Normandy Chair for Peace, ARENES (UMR 6051) and **PROF. DAVID FORMAN**, Director of the Environmental Law Program, **WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON**, School of Law, University of Hawaii at Mānoa. During this press conference, **NICK BRYNER**, as host, presented the various legal studies and programs of the World Commission on Environmental Law, followed by the presentation of **PROF. EMILIE GAILLARD** and **PROF. DAVID FORMAN**. Finally, Ms. **SHIRLEEN CHIN** presented the international campaign **Stop Ecocide International** and its mission.

■ On September 04, **EMILIE GAILLARD** was in charge of an official event entitled «**THE FUTURE OF CONSERVATION: TRANSGENERATIONAL APPROACHES TO ETHICS, RIGHTS AND DUTIES**» which brought together the following panelists - Judge **ANTONIO BENJAMIN** (Magistrate of the High Court of Brazil and President of the IUCN World Commission for the Environment) for the opening and synthesis of the event - Dr. **VICTOR TAFUR** (Chair, ICEL and WCEL member) and Prof. **NICK BRYNER** (Associate Professor, Louisiana State University) as moderators

- Prof. **KLAUS BOSSELMANN** (Professor of Law, Director of the New Zealand Centre for Environmental Law at the University of Auckland): on transgenerational ethics

- Prof. **CHRISTINA VOIGT** (Professor of International Environmental Law at the University of Oslo, Norway) on ethics and climate change law

- and **EMILIE GAILLARD** (member of ICEL, WCEL also on the transgenerational approach of human/fundamental rights and duties

The panel convinced the novel, inspiring and mobilizing approach of the transgenerational approach to law and **ANTONIO BENJAMIN** particularly congratulated the panelists and the organizer of the event.

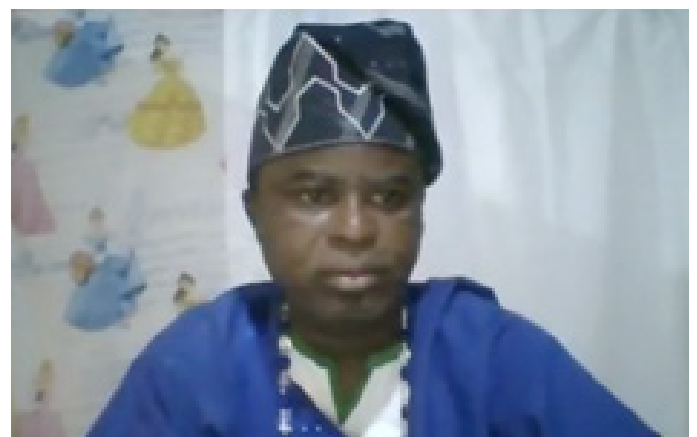
■ Finally, on September 10, **PROF. ROBINSON** and **EMILIE GAILLARD** participated in a press conference in support of the international recognition of the crime of ecocide.

MEETING - SANCTUARISATION OF FOREST FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

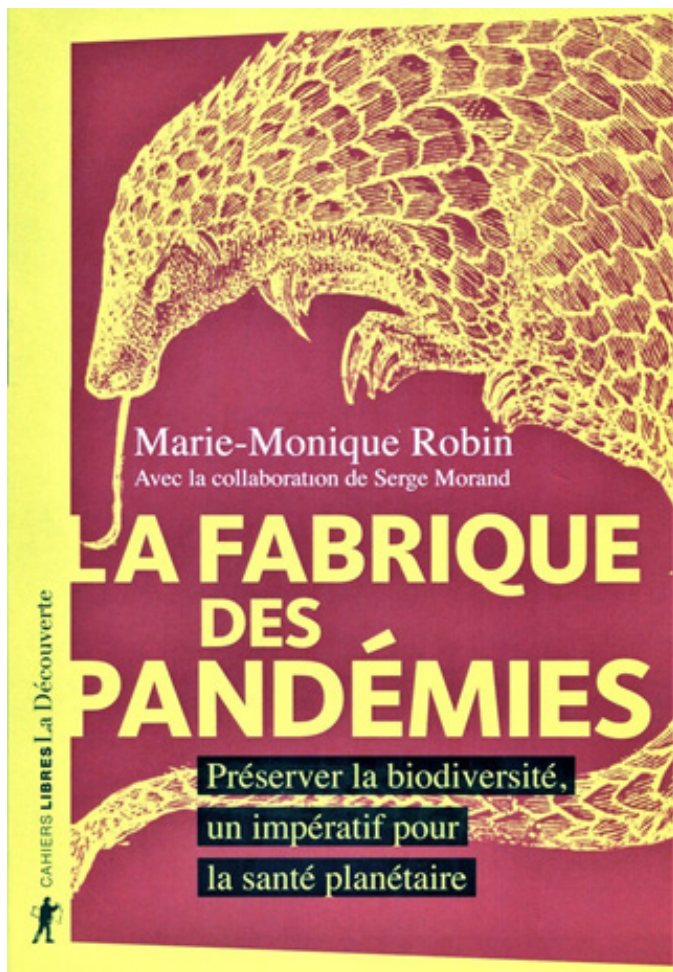


In a growing context of legal recognition and judicial defense of the rights of nature and the rights of future generations, a session was organized by the Normandy Chair for Peace on September 6, in collaboration with the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL), the NGO Amazon Planet, ELP and Oceania-Hawai'i examined the different proposals of indigenous peoples to implement forest sanctuarization.

The following speakers participated in the session: **TOM BRUCE GOLDTOOTH**, Indigenous Knowledge Holder with Indigenous Environmental Network Land of Synchronicity USA; **ESMERALDA DE BELGIQUE** Honorary Ambassador WWF Belgium; **MIRIAN CISNEROS**, Indigenous Leader of Ecuador; M. **MINDAHI BASTIDA**, Indigenous Leader of Mexico; **APPOLINAIRE OUSSOU LIO**, President of the Board of Directors, Groupe de Recherche et d'Action pour le Bien-Être au Bénin; **GERT PETER BRUCH**, President Amazon Planet, **DAVID FORMAN** and **EMILIE GAILLARD** for the Normandy Chair for Peace Representatives of Indigenous Peoples and their allies around the world who are establishing historic Declarations and Protocols to protect Mother Earth. The Chair is especially grateful to the Hawaii Pavilion for its warm welcome and support throughout the IUCN World Congress.



CONFERENCE - "THE FACTORY OF PANDEMICS - PRESERVING BIODIVERSITY, AN IMPERATIVE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH"



On Wednesday, September 15, the Normandy Chair for Peace organized a conference with **MARIE-MONIQUE ROBIN**, journalist, director and writer, to discuss her latest publication: **La Fabrique des pandémies**, published by La Découverte. This conference focused on a work that mobilized numerous works and unpublished interviews with more than sixty researchers from around the world. By providing a global and systemic vision, accessible to all, **MARIE-MONIQUE ROBIN** contributes to identifying the main causes of pandemics. The conclusion is clear: the destruction of ecosystems through deforestation, urbanization, industrial agriculture and economic globalization directly threatens planetary health. This destruction is at the origin of «zoonoses», transmitted by animals to humans: from Ebola to covid-19, they are part of the «new emerging diseases» that are multiplying, through mechanisms clearly explained in this book.

This meeting, co-organized by **ÉMILIE GAILLARD** and **MICHELLE DOBRE**, took place in the DEMOLOMBE amphitheater of the Caen Law Faculty. Since then, this book has received the prize of the Book of Scientific and Environmental Research at the Lunexplore Festival.

CINEMA MEETING SCREENING OF "TERRA LIBRE"



Within the framework of the research axis on indigenous peoples and its collaboration with the NGO Planète Amazone, a projection of the documentary **Tierra Libre** by **GERT-PETER BRUCH** took place in the amphitheatre of the MRSH on September 27. This film gives an account of the struggle led for three decades by indigenous peoples in the defense of their rights up to the highest international levels.

The screening was followed by a meeting with the director, **GERT-PETER BRUCH**, the **CACIQUE NINAWA** - representative of the Hui Kui people of Brazil and **EMILIE GAILLARD**.



INTERVIEW MON QUOTIDIEN IS DEFORESTATION* A "CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY"?



The Coordinator of the Normandy Chair for Peace, **ÉMILIE GAILLARD**, was interviewed on September 28, by *Mon Quotidien*, about the issue of deforestation as a crime against humanity. She was able to share her vision as a jurist and clarify concepts such as: fundamental rights, crimes against humanity and its relation to the current situation in Brazil (America), where the Amazon forest is destroyed to install crops.

To learn more, visit:

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NORMANDY PEACE FORUM

As part of the 4th edition of the Normandy Peace Forum this year, the Normandy Region has chosen to place peace education, awareness of geopolitical issues and the transmission of memory at the heart of its project. For this, the Region relies on a high level of scientific expertise, developed within a pole of academic competence on the issues of peace through the projects of the Normandy Chair for Peace, a device supported by the Region that combines excellence and openness to civil society.

The Chair project was officially launched during the 2nd edition of the Normandy World Forum for Peace, on June 5, 2019, in the presence of **PIERRE DENISE**, President of the University of Caen, **ANTOINE PETIT**, President of the CNRS and **HERVÉ MORIN**, President of the Normandy Region. A true three-way partnership between the Normandy Region, the University

of Caen and the CNRS, the Normandy Chair of Excellence for Peace is designed to bring together international researchers, to knowledge around the themes developed during the World Forum each year and thus this year the Chair has been present throughout the event in a stand dedicated to presenting this pilot project which is part of a exchange approach with the scientific world and to

promote the influence of Normandy through research and scientific diplomacy on issues related to the rights of future generations, particularly in the face of climate change and the importance of making peace with the earth.



In addition, the book «*Legal Actions for Future Generations*», the first volume of the Chair's collection with **PETER LANG** Editions, was sold at the ephemeral bookstore. There was an active participation of the general coordinator of the Chair, **ÉMILIE GAILLARD**, and of **LAURA DUARTE** who held the Chair's stand at the Forum during both days. Other members of the Chair, such as **CACIQUE NINAWA** chief of the Huni Kuí people who live in Acre, a state in the Brazilian Amazon, and **GERT PETER BRUCH** were present. Healer and activist for the rights of indigenous peoples, he presides over the Huni Kuí Federation, also called Kaxinawa, «True People» in the plenary «Peace is everyone's business», along with representatives of NGOs and global youth on Friday, October 01. Alongside **GERT PETER BRUCH**, they spoke at the Ouest France pavilion and exchanged several times with the Normandy high school students. **ÉMILIE GAILLARD** spoke at the debate on international justice held on Friday, October 1, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to outline ways to reinvent multilateralism in the world of tomorrow, by involving civil society more in the governance of peace. Interventions that bring to life the heart of the Chair's projects to protect the environment, the human condition, humanity and Nature.

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