

Event with Polly Higgins
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*New legal sanctions on global environmental damage?
A dialogue on the proposal for a law on Ecocide*

Increasingly ambitious sustainability targets are set up internationally. Yet, a fundamental flaw in global governance remains: the lack of international enforcement mechanisms to hold to account the persons responsible for transnational environmental damage and the associated human rights violations.

Polly Higgins – Chairwoman of the Eradicating Ecocide Global Initiative, will speak about the substance of a proposed law on ecocide and join a conversation with **Pål Wrangé** – Professor of International Law at Stockholm University and Director of the Stockholm Center for International Law and Justice, on the merit of the proposal compared to alternative paths to concrete enforcement mechanisms. **Johan Kuylénstierna** – Executive Director of the Stockholm Environment Institute, will moderate the dialogue.

As articulated by the Eradicating Ecocide Global Initiative, a law of Ecocide can be put in place at top level, as an international crime, over and above all other laws – to prevent mass damage, destruction to or loss of ecosystems. That would mean amending the Rome Statute and requires a Member State to table the issue to the United Nations.

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Programme

- 13:00 **Opening and welcome**
Rasmus Larsen, Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute
- 13:05 **Ecocide – what do we propose?**
Polly Higgins, Chairwoman of the Eradicating Ecocide Global Initiative
- 13:30 **Examining the pros and cons of a law on ecocide**
Conversation with Pål Wrangé, Professor of International Law at Stockholm University and Director of the Stockholm Center for International Law and Justice.
Moderated by Johan Kuylénstierna, Executive Director, Stockholm Environment Institute
- 14:00 **Questions** from the audience
- 14:30 **Close of the seminar**

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