



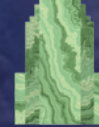
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Workshop Speaker Bios

Sarah Capes

Sarah Capes is a third-year PhD candidate undertaking interdisciplinary research at the University of London's School of Advanced Study, supervised from within the Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the Institute for Languages, Cultures and Societies and the Institute of Commonwealth Studies. She holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish and Latin American Studies, a master's in philosophy, and a PGCE in Modern Foreign Languages. As both teacher and student, she focuses on real-world issues of social and global injustice. Her current research examines the conceptualisation of Indigenous peoples' perspectives in international environmental politics.

Jérémie Gilbert

Jérémie Gilbert is Professor of Social and Ecological Justice at the University of Southampton (UK). His main area of research is on international human rights law, and he has extensively published on the rights of Indigenous peoples, looking in particular at their right to land and natural resources. As a legal advocate, he has worked with several Indigenous communities to support their fight to ensure the respect of the fundamental rights to land and territories. He has recently led the establishment of the Interdisciplinary Network on the Rights of Nature, he is a board member of the Peoples Planet Project an organisation assisting indigenous communities in their battle against deforestation through documentaries and participatory films; as well as a proactive member of Clean Trade an organisation advocating against corrupted exploitation of natural resources, and a member of the Global Alliance on the Rights of Nature academic Hub, as well as strategic legal advisor for Lawyers for Nature.

Dr Adriana Giunta

Dr Adriana Giunta is a Visiting Research Fellow at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law working on a funding proposal on Defining Environmental Rights under International law, and towards the publication of her monograph on Indigenous Peoples' Environmental Rights under International Law. Her research on environmental rights - Giunta A., 'Looking Back to Move Forward: The Status of Environmental Rights under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples' [2019] IJHR Vol. 23 (1-2), <https://doi.org/10.1080/13642987.2019.1572874> - was cited among other scholars by the UN Environment Programme's second report on Environmental Rule of Law: Tracking Progress and Charting Future Direction in 2023.

In June 2019, Adriana was invited to Geneva by the former UN Special Rapporteur Boyd and the UNEP together with another 29 experts at a closed-door invitation-only meeting of experts to discuss the potential development of a new environmental right, which was adopted in Resolution 48/13 in October 2021, by the UN Human Rights Council. Previously, she was invited to contribute with new knowledge in the field, and the UNEP's work and book, with the chapter - 'Can an Ecocentric Approach Open New Frontiers for a Legally Binding International Environmental Right? A Study of Norway's Environmental Constitutional Right', published in *New Frontiers in Global Environmental Constitutionalism*, 2017.

She is an academic, activist and advocate. She has taught and researched human rights, indigenous peoples, climate change, the environment and international law, as a Lecturer at the University of London and Brunel University London, and as a Visiting Fellow and Research Fellow at the NIEM/Arctic Centre at the University of Lapland in Finland. She has worked for NGOs, including Amnesty International and the Equal Rights Trust. She holds a PhD in Indigenous Peoples' Environmental Rights under International Law, an LL.M in International Human Rights Law and a B.A. in Law and Human Rights.

Dr Kanika Godara

Dr Kanika Godara is an Assistant Professor at the School of Liberal Education at Galgotias University. She pursued her honours in English at Miranda House, University of Delhi, a Master's in English from Panjab University, and completed her doctoral degree at The Central University of Haryana. Her PhD topic is titled "Theorizing Anthropocene and Climate Fiction: A Study of Selected Literary Works." She is an avid reader and has a keen eye for detail and research. She has an ongoing project with Springer, where she is currently a Section Editor of the upcoming "Encyclopaedia of the Anthropocene". Her areas of interest include Cultural Studies, Environmental Humanities, and Anthropocene.



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Daniel Kobei

Daniel Kobei is an esteemed Founder and Executive Director of the Ogiek Peoples Development Program (OPDP), where he has dedicated the past 20 years to empowering Indigenous communities. His extensive experience includes networking with Indigenous organizations globally, facilitating collaboration and advocacy on critical issues. As a representative of Indigenous peoples (IP) at the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Daniel underscores the vital integration of traditional knowledge in biodiversity conservation efforts. An expert in land policies affecting marginalized societies, he has played a crucial role in advancing the Ogiek community's land rights. His leadership was instrumental in achieving the landmark ruling by the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights on May 26, 2017, which affirmed the Ogiek's ancestral land rights in the Mau Forest. The subsequent reparation judgement on June 23, 2022, further solidified this victory. He has advocated for the rights of Ogiek and other IPs in Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII) in New York and on Expert Mechanism on right of IPs (EMRIP) in Geneva.

Kalyani Madavi

Kalyani Madavi is an independent researcher and a first-generation law student at National Law University, Mumbai. She belongs to the Gond Adivasi community. In a professional capacity, she mentors students from historically marginalized communities and has led over 20 online career guidance sessions for Adivasi youth with the Gondola community group. She also spearheads the Adivasi Women's Health Support Nationwide initiative, conducting over 10 sessions on women's health in collaboration with the Gondola community (central India) and Dhumkudiya Muddha, Ranchi. An Intellectual Property Rights enthusiast, she is passionate about safeguarding Indigenous knowledge and cultural expression. Her research interests include Adivasi rights, law, and environmental justice.

Ojot Miru Ojulu

Ojot Miru Ojulu is a PhD holder in Peace Studies with a research focus on Minorities and Indigenous Peoples Rights from the University of Bradford in the UK. He has over 20 years of hands-on experience as a local human rights defender in Ethiopia, a researcher with ACCORD in South Africa, and Assistant General Secretary for International Affairs and Human Rights for the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva. He is a former Minority Fellow of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Currently, he works for the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) as its East Africa Regional Representative, based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and a member of the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples representing Africa.

Deirdre Osborne

Deirdre Osborne PhD HonFRSL, FRSA, SFHEA is Emerita Professor of Literature and Drama in English (Goldsmiths). Co-founder of the MA Black British Literature, (2015-24), her research spans late-Victorian to contemporary literatures. Her series, 'BLAK** to Black' with the Royal Society of Literature brings First Nations and Black British writers and artists together, exploring connections across continents in cultural and social justice. Publications include: editor, Cambridge Companion to British Black and Asian Literature (1945-2010) (2016), co-author This is the Canon: Decolonise Your Bookshelf in Fifty Books (2021).

Deborah Delgado Pugley

Deborah Delgado Pugley is the 2024-2025 Cogut Visiting Professor at Brown University and Associate Professor of Sociology at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. She is also a Visiting Scholar at KU Leuven and a research associate for the Andes Amazon Program at the Field Museum in Chicago. Her research, grounded in fieldwork in Peru, Bolivia, and Brazil, explores environmental and climate policies, Indigenous movements, human rights, and gender. She teaches courses on social theory, politics in Panamazonia, and environmental policies in Latin America. Delgado Pugley co-authored *En un ambiente tóxico. Ser madres después de un derrame de petróleo* (CLACSO, 2020), addressing the challenges faced by Kukama women in Loreto, Peru, after an oil spill. She has over a decade of experience in UNFCCC discussions and collaborates with Indigenous organizations and international agencies such as the World Bank, Green Climate Fund, FAO and UNDP. She is working on a book titled *Panamazonia, Indigenous Peoples and Multilateral Climate Politics*. Delgado Pugley holds a Ph.D. in International Development from the Catholic University of Louvain and in Sociology from the EHESS Paris School of Social Sciences.



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Sonya Rahaman

Sonya is a PhD researcher at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London. The focus of her PhD research is on Indigenous women's leadership in the context of gold mining in Guyana, particularly how they address and respond to the challenges faced in this area and how leadership impacts self-determination and empowerment of Indigenous women and their communities. She has also worked as a Legal Consultant at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in the areas of Justice for Children, Access to Justice for All and eLearning. Sonya is a non-practising barrister with an LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex.'

Bodhi Ramteke

Bodhi Ramteke is a researcher and lawyer from India, currently pursuing a Master's in Human Rights Policy and Practice as an Erasmus Mundus Scholar across multiple universities in Europe and the UK. With over four years of experience, he has been actively engaged in grassroots advocacy for Dalits and Adivasis, focusing on research, litigation, and policy reform through his organization, Policy and Law Network, based in Gadchiroli, Central India. Previously, he worked as a Research Associate at the Supreme Court of India's Center for Research and Planning, contributing to legal research and policy development. He also assisted in the Caste Consultation Project of the Australian Human Rights Commission, examining caste-based discrimination in Australia. Bodhi has written extensively on Dalit and Adivasi rights and is the author of the book *Nyay (Justice)*.

Hirok Jyoti Ray

Hirok Jyoti Ray is from the indigenous community called Koch Rajbanshi of Assam, India and holds a PhD from the Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament (CIPOD), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

Jameela Joy Reyes

Joy Reyes is a climate justice lawyer. She is currently a Policy Officer at the London School of Economics Grantham Research Institute working on climate law and evidence. She is also the Technical Advisor of the Klima Center of Manila Observatory and a Staff Lawyer at the Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center (Friends of the Earth Philippines). She has co-written articles on climate governance, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) processes particularly loss and damage and climate justice, and the intersections between environmental and human rights. She obtained her Psychology and Political Science degrees from the Ateneo de Manila University, her Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Philippines, and her MSc with Distinction in Global Environment, Politics and Society at the University of Edinburgh.

Dorcas Taylor

Dorcas Taylor is in the first year of a PhD in Human Rights with the Human Rights Consortium at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, School of Advanced Studies, University of London, where she previously obtained her MA in Human Rights. Her current research explores the role of emotion in the cultural rights of Indigenous peoples. She has over 30 years' experience in the UK's cultural sector and, most recently, has focused on developing decolonial practices within museums, notably addressing Britain's colonial links with the Bambuti people – the Indigenous inhabitants of the Ituri Forest in the Democratic Republic of Congo, as well as devising strategies that work towards dismantling structural discrimination in the UK museums sector. As part of her research in Cultural Rights, she has undertaken independent research for the Special Rapporteur in the field of Cultural Rights, for their thematic report on Cultural Rights and Sustainable Development.

Kaeden Watts

Kaeden Watts (he/him) is a New Zealand-based Indigenous rights advocate from the Māori tribes of Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Maniapoto, and Ngāi Tūhoe, with a focus on climate change, health, human rights, and Indigenous sovereignty. He is an experienced policy advocate and campaigner both domestically and internationally through the United Nation Human Rights Working Group and International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change. He currently serves as the climate change implementation lead for the New Zealand Ministry of Health, adapting the health system and advancing public health interventions to address the impacts of climate change.