



# OECD Conference on Environmental Justice

Agenda and speaker biographies

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## OECD Conference on Environmental Justice

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English, French and Spanish

### Background

Environmental justice is about the linkages between environmental and socioeconomic outcomes, as well as the importance of addressing the environmental and health disparities. While the concept defies universal definition, it seeks to redress an array of recurring challenges faced by various communities and groups. These challenges include disproportionate exposure to environmental hazards, unequal access to environmental amenities and concerns about the distributional implications of environmental policies. There are also common challenges in advancing procedural aspects of environmental justice, including removing barriers to access to environmental information, participation in decision-making processes and legal recourse.

### Conference overview

The conference provides a unique opportunity to bring together a diverse set of perspectives on environmental justice for an international exchange of knowledge. The conference will include a series of presentations and interactive panel discussions. Day 1 of the conference will unpack the concept of environmental justice and its key dimensions. Day 2 of the conference will explore how environmental justice is pursued across countries, focusing on the forward-looking agenda for addressing persisting and emerging environmental justice issues as countries engage in accelerated efforts towards the transition to a clean economy.

### Objectives

- **Convene** an international dialogue among policymakers, experts and a range of communities across countries;
- **Explore** the common challenges, lessons learned and best practices in identifying, assessing and addressing environmental justice concerns;
- **Identify** the knowledge gaps and policy priorities to inform the future work on environmental justice at the OECD.

# Conference Agenda

## Day 1 (afternoon)

### 14:00 – 14:45 Opening session: Introduction to environmental justice

There is mounting evidence documenting inequitable environmental outcomes depending on socioeconomic and individual characteristics across space and over time. This session traces the origin and the evolution of environmental justice, introducing its key conceptual pillars and substantive issues.

#### Guiding questions

- What is environmental justice? How has the concept evolved across countries and over time?
- What are the substantive environmental justice issues today?
- How might it apply more broadly outside of a single country's experience?

**Chair | Jo Tyndall**, Director, Environment Directorate, OECD

**Speaker | David Schlosberg**, Erkkko Visiting Professor, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, Finland; Director, Sydney Environment Institute, University of Sydney, Australia

**Speaker | Paige Weber**, Assistant Professor, University of California, Berkeley, United States

**Speaker | Shardul Agrawala**, Head, Environment and Economy Integration Division, Environment Directorate, OECD

### 14:45 – 16:00 Unpacking inequitable distribution of environmental hazards and amenities

Environmental justice highlights how different levels of environmental quality contribute to the health and wellbeing of some groups, while constituting a source of risk to the welfare of others. Research has extended beyond the conventional focus on distribution of environmental hazards and risks, with findings suggesting environmental amenities are also unevenly available across communities. This session explores the underlying causes of inequitable distribution of exposure and health impacts from environmental hazards and amenities, as well as the methodologies and tools used to identify the distinct vulnerabilities.

#### Guiding questions

- What are the main drivers of inequitable exposure and health inequities to environmental hazards and unequal access to environmental amenities?
- What are some of the approaches, tools, methodologies and data used to assess these inequities? What are their pros and cons and some of the research and data gaps?
- What approaches have been successful (or not) in rectifying these inequities?

**Chair | Kumi Kitamori**, Deputy Director, Environment Directorate, OECD

**Speaker | Jon Fairburn**, Emeritus Professor, Staffordshire University, United Kingdom

**Speaker | Jong-Tae Lee**, Professor, School of Health Policy and Management, College of Health Sciences, Korea University, Korea

**Speaker | Sacoby Wilson**, Professor, Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health, University of Maryland, United States

**Speaker | Fiona Macleod**, FICHEM, Chair – Loss Prevention Bulletin Editorial Panel, United Kingdom

**Speaker | Isabelle Anguelovski**, Director, Barcelona Laboratory for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability, Spain

### 16:00 – 16:15 Coffee

## 16:15 – 17:30 Understanding the distribution of the costs and benefits environmental policy

While environmental policy may generate net benefits to society, it is also critical to consider how the benefits and costs of environmental policy are distributed. This session discusses the distributive consequences of environmental policy and how they manifest in practice. It discusses the latest evidence and identifies the key considerations for rectifying the inequitable distribution, while ensuring policy retains economic efficiency and environmental effectiveness.

### Guiding questions

- What challenges are faced when evaluating the distribution of the costs and benefits of policies?
- What does the available evidence tell us about the distribution of costs and benefits of environmental policy from an environmental justice perspective? What are the research and data gaps?

**Chair | Stephen White**, European Commission; Chair, OECD Working Party on Integrating Environmental and Economic Policies

**Speaker | Joseph Shapiro**, Associate Professor, University of California, Berkeley, United States

**Speaker | Mathilde Viennot**, Project Manager on Fair Transition, France Stratégie, Office of the Prime Minister, France

**Speaker | Amanda Monforton**, Director, Policy Development, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Canada

**Speaker | Manisha Anantharaman**, Assistant Professor, Sciences Po, France

## 17:30 – 18:30 Facilitating access to information, participation and legal recourse

Better understanding of the barriers to access to information, participation and legal recourse are important in both identifying the causes of inequities and advancing environmental justice. This session explores the procedural aspects of environmental justice and the institutional and legal mechanisms that have been deployed to facilitate meaningful engagement with the affected communities.

### Guiding questions

- What are the barriers to enabling access to information, participation and legal recourse without inadvertently compounding the existing inequities and vulnerabilities?
- How have countries improved access to information, facilitated legal recourse and operationalised meaningful engagement?
- What constitutes meaningful engagement from community perspectives?

**Chair | Mathilde Mesnard**, Deputy Director, OECD Environment Directorate

**Speaker | Emily Barritt**, Senior Lecturer in Environmental Law, King's College London, United Kingdom; Visiting Professor, École de Droit, Sciences Po, France

**Speaker | Gloria Amparo Rodríguez**, Magistrate, Special Jurisdiction for Peace, Colombia

**Speaker | Anahera Nin**, Member of OECD Youthwise (OECD's Youth Advisory Board consisting of members aged 18-30) from New Zealand

## 18:30 – 19:50 Reception

## Day 2 (morning)

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee and light breakfast

### 9:00 – 11:00 National approaches to environmental justice

Environmental justice has gained prominence in policy agenda across countries in recent years. Reflecting diverse concerns and policy priorities, countries take varying approaches to identifying, assessing and addressing environmental justice concerns. This session brings together the policy and initiatives that have been implemented and aims to draw lessons from their experiences.

#### Guiding questions

- How is environmental justice understood and advanced across countries? How do the concepts of vulnerability and susceptibility inform environmental justice?
- What worked well, and are the lessons transferrable to other contexts?
- What can be learnt from a cross-country analysis of approaches to environmental justice?
- How can the OECD advance the agenda for environmental justice?

**Chair | Kumi Kitamori**, Deputy Director, Environment Directorate, OECD

**Speaker | Karim Marshall**, Senior Adviser, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States

**Speaker | Dominique Hervé Espejo**, Professor of Environmental Law, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile

**Speaker | Peter Lukey**, Chief Director, Environment Knowledge and Information, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, South Africa

**Speaker | Franziska Wolff**, Head, Division for Sustainability and Social Aspects of Environmental Policy, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany

### 11:00 – 12:20 Frontiers of research and action on environmental justice amidst growing urgency of transformative environmental policy

As the need for transformative environmental policy grows, consideration of potential environmental justice implications is likely to acquire a new importance in the coming years. This session explores the forward-looking aspect of environmental justice, examining how countries can address both persisting and emerging environmental justice issues as they seek the transition to a clean economy.

#### Guiding questions

- What can be done better to tackle persisting and emerging environmental justice issues?
- As the scale and urgency of environmental policy grows, how can countries promote equitable processes and outcomes?
- What are the key equity considerations of environmental policy for the labour market and households?
- What are the frontiers for economic and policy research to support this agenda?

**Chair | Shardul Agrawala**, Head, Environment and Economy Integration Division, Environment Directorate, OECD

**Expert round table | Ann Wolverton**, Senior Research Economist, National Center for Environmental Economics, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States

**Francesco Vona**, Professor of Economics, University of Milan, Italy

**Stephen White**, European Commission; Chair, OECD Working Party on Integrating Environmental and Economic Policies

Open discussion with conference participants

12:20 – 12:30 Conference closing

## Discover our speakers



**Jo Tyndall**

Director, Environment Directorate, OECD

Since 15 September 2022, Jo Tyndall is Director, Environment Directorate at the OECD, overseeing the implementation of the Directorate's programme of work, covering a broad range of environmental issues, including: green growth; climate change; biodiversity; quality of ecosystems; eco-innovation; circular economy; and, resource productivity. Tyndall was New Zealand High Commissioner (Ambassador) to Singapore from February 2019 to September 2022. Prior to that, Tyndall served as New Zealand's Climate Change Ambassador, commencing this role in June 2010. From 2016 to December 2018, she also co-chaired the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's (UNFCCC) Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA). As Climate Change Ambassador, she was head of delegation to the United Nations climate negotiations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



**David Schlosberg**

Erkko Visiting Professor, Helsinki Collegium  
for Advanced Studies

Director, Sydney Environment Institute, University  
of Sydney

David Schlosberg is Director of the Sydney Environment Institute and Professor of Environmental Politics at the University of Sydney and currently the Erkko Visiting Professor of Studies in Contemporary Society at the Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies. Schlosberg's main theoretical interests are in environmental politics, environmental movements and political theory, in particular the intersection of the three with his groundbreaking work on environmental, ecological and multispecies justice. His other work focuses on climate justice, climate adaptation and resilience, and environmental movements and the practices of everyday life. Professor Schlosberg's more applied work, with a range of government and civil society partners, includes justice in adaptation and resilience planning, community-based food movements and policy and community-based responses to climate disasters. Schlosberg is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences of Australia.

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### **Paige Weber**

Assistant Professor, University of California, Berkeley

Paige Weber is an Assistant Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, in the Energy and Resources Group, a Faculty Affiliate at the Energy Institute at Haas and a Fellow of the CESifo Research Network. A primary goal of Weber's research is to understand the determinants and solutions to environmental inequality. Empirical applications of her work include energy and electricity markets, fossil-fuel suppliers, renewable energy, climate change policy and local air quality. Weber has professional experiences in the electricity industry, government and non-governmental research organizations. She holds a Master's and a Ph.D. in environmental economics from Yale and a BA from the University of California, Berkeley.



### **Shardul Agrawala**

Head, Environment and Economy Integration Division, Environment Directorate, OECD

Shardul Agrawala is Head of the Environment and Economy Integration Division at the OECD Environment Directorate where he leads the work on environment-economy modelling, empirical analysis, plastics and circular economy, and trade and environment. Agrawala is currently leading the work on Environmental Justice and the next OECD Environmental Outlook. He has previously led flagship publications including the Global Plastics Outlook and the Global Materials Resources Outlook. At the OECD since 2002, he has previously served as Senior Advisor to the OECD Secretary General, Senior Economist Climate Change, and Co-ordinator of New Approaches to Economic Challenges (NAEC). He received his PhD from Princeton University, and has previously held research positions at Princeton, Columbia and Harvard universities. He has also served as a Coordinating Lead Author (CLA) for the Fourth and Fifth Assessment Reports of Working Groups II and III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

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**Kumi Kitamori**

Deputy Director, Environment Directorate, OECD

Since September 2022, Kumi Kitamori supports the Director in overseeing the work of the Environment Directorate, which provides relevant and timely information, analysis and advice to support governments in identifying and implementing the environmental policies needed to support a cleaner, more resource-efficient and low-carbon green growth path, in coordination with other directorates. As Head of Green Growth & Global Relations Division since 2015, Kitamori oversees the mainstreaming of green growth in the work of various policy committees of the OECD and in member and partner countries. Prior to this, Kitamori worked in the OECD Environment Directorate on various issues. Prior to joining the OECD in 2000, Kitamori was at the World Bank where she worked extensively in South and Southeast Asia on urban and environmental infrastructure projects. Kitamori holds BA and MSc in development and economics from New York University and London School of Economics.



**Jon Fairburn**

Emeritus Professor, Staffordshire University

Jon Fairburn is active in teaching, research, bid writing and public engagement. Fairburn has extensive experience of creating work experience opportunities for students with businesses, charities and other organisations. Fairburn has incorporated credited work experience into geography and tourism degrees as well as the MSc Digital Marketing Management. Fairburn has carried out research for many UK government agencies including the Environment Agency, Health and Safety Executive, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, Medical Research Council. Internationally Fairburn has worked on or lead several EU projects as well as work for the World Health Organisation. His research interests center around environmental justice, environmental inequalities and health.



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### **Jong-Tae Lee**

Professor, School of Health Policy and Management, College of Health Sciences, Korea University

Jong-Tae Lee, a Professor at the College of Health Sciences, Korea University, is a leading expert in environmental epidemiology with over 30 years of experience. Lee's research focuses on health risk assessments and epidemiological methodologies related to air pollution, climate change and the built environment, with a particular emphasis on health inequalities. Professor Lee collaborates with the Korean government, international organizations such as the African Development Bank and academic institutions like Yale University on various projects. He also works with civil society partners on environmental justice initiatives. Professor Lee serves as the Director of the Research Center for Health Risk of Particulate Matters and the Director of the Multidisciplinary Research Center for Public Health in Complex Systems. Lee is also a member of the Environmental Health Board of the Ministry of Environment in Korea.



### **Sacoby Wilson**

Professor, Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health, University of Maryland

Dr. Sacoby Wilson is a Professor with the Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health and Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the University of Maryland, College Park School of Public Health where directs the Center for Community Engagement, Environmental Justice and Health (CEEJH). Dr. Wilson has over 25 years of experience as environmental health scientist in the areas of exposure science, environmental justice, environmental health disparities, community-based participatory research, water quality analysis, air pollution studies, built environment, industrial animal production, climate change, community resiliency and sustainability. Wilson works primarily in partnership with community-based organizations to study and address environmental justice and health issues and translate research to action. Wilson is Director of the Mid-Atlantic Climate Action Hub (MATCH), Co-Director of the US EPA Region III Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center (TCTAC) and a member of the US EPA's Science Advisory Board.

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### **Fiona Macleod**

FIChemE, Chair – Loss Prevention Bulletin  
Editorial Panel

Fiona Macleod is a chartered engineer with over 40 years of experience in the Power, Pharmaceutical and Chemical industries. Macleod is a graduate of Cambridge University with a master's degree in chemical engineering and has worked in production, maintenance, construction, demolition and land remediation. Macleod's work with multinational corporations took her across Europe, Brazil and China. After discovering the state of the former Union Carbide factory in Bhopal, India, Macleod joined the panel of the Loss Prevention Bulletin (LPB) of the Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE) to draw attention to its unremediated condition and the ongoing suffering of the local population. Recently retired from her last senior role as Managing Director of Lynemouth Power Station, Macleod now works as an independent consultant, teaching process safety at Sheffield University and writing fiction under her married name of Fiona Erskine.



### **Isabelle Anguelovski**

Director, Barcelona Laboratory for Urban  
Environmental Justice and Sustainability

Isabelle Anguelovski is an ICREA Research Professor, a Principal Investigator and Head of the Gender, Diversity, and Wellbeing Committee at ICTA-UAB. Anguelovski also currently coordinates the BCNUEJ lab. Anguelovski studies how urban environmental injustice is materialised and contested. Currently, her focus is on four main research areas: 1) The politics of the green city as a growing global planning orthodoxy; 2) The social and racial manifestations and impacts of green gentrification for historically marginalized residents; 3) Urban planning for health and wellbeing, with a focus on health equity and justice; and 4) Justice and inclusivity in climate adaptation planning, including distributional and procedural insecurities produced by adaptation plans, interventions and land use configurations and regulations. Anguelovski has a Bachelor's Degree (Political Studies, Science Po Lille), a Master's (International Development, Université de Paris 1 Sorbonne), Graduate Certificate (Nonprofit Management, Harvard University), and a PhD (Urban Studies and Planning, MIT).

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### **Stephen White**

European Commission; Chair, OECD Working Party on Integrating Environmental and Economic Policies

Stephen White is an economist working in the Strategy, Digitalization, Better Regulation and Economic Analysis Unit at the Directorate General for Environment of the European Commission. White has a first degree in Economics from the University of Edinburgh, and a Masters in Environmental and Resource Economics from University College London. White first worked as an economist for the UK Civil Service on housing issues, securitisation of debt, forecasting higher education expenditure and then on water issues including the setting of tariffs. In 2001, White was one of the authors of the first guidelines on how to do Impact Assessment at the European Commission. White currently co-ordinates Better Regulation activities of environmental policy: meaning ex-post evaluations and ex-ante Impact Assessments as part of the European Commission's ambitious approach.



### **Joseph Shapiro**

Associate Professor, University of California, Berkeley

Joseph S. Shapiro is Associate Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, in Agricultural & Resource Economics and the Department of Economics, Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research and Research Associate at the Energy Institute at Haas. His research studies two general questions: (1) How do globalization and the environment interact, including through trade, foreign investment, and international environmental and energy policy? (2) What have been the effectiveness, efficiency, and equity of environmental and energy policies over the last half century? Shapiro studies climate change, air pollution, clean energy, renewable and exhaustible natural resources, and especially water pollution. Shapiro's work links environmental and energy economics to the study of international trade, public finance and health. Shapiro holds a Ph.D. in economics from MIT, Master's degrees from Oxford and LSE and a BA from Stanford.

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### **Mathilde Viennot**

Project Manager on Fair Transition, France  
Stratégie, Office of the French Prime Minister

Mathilde Viennot graduated from the École Normale Supérieure, the Paris School of Economics and the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. Viennot defended her thesis on financial crises, accumulation of public debt and sovereign defaults in 2017 under the supervision of Daniel Cohen. After working as an economist in the insurance sector, Mathilde Viennot joined France Stratégie – a think tank attached to the French Prime Minister, in 2019. Viennot has written several papers on our social protection system sustainability, ecological planning and environmental inequality. Since 2023, Viennot has been in charge of the social and societal challenges of environmental transition. Viennot contributed to the Pisani-Ferry and Mahfouz report, “The economic impacts of climate action” and in particular to the thematic reports on damage and adaptation, sustainability and distributional issues. Since 2023, Viennot has also been Deputy CEO and co-founder of the Institut Avant-garde.



### **Amanda Monforton**

Director, Policy Development, Environment  
and Climate Change Canada

Amanda Monforton is Algonquin from Pikwakanagan First Nation, and the Director of Policy Development within the Strategic Policy Branch of Environment and Climate Change Canada where she leads on emerging policy development, including Environmental Justice and Gender-based Analysis Plus.

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### **Manisha Anantharaman**

Assistant Professor, Sciences Po

Manisha Anantharaman is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Center de Sociologie des Organisations, Sciences Po and Associate Fellow in the Environment and Society Program at Chatham House, Royal Institute of International Affairs. Her interdisciplinary research explores inequality in ecological transitions through ethnographic and participatory methods. She has published two books connecting environmental justice, sustainability, and development: “Recycling Class: The contradictions of inclusion in urban sustainability” (MIT Press, 2024) and a co-edited volume, “The Circular Economy and the Global South” (Routledge, UK, 2019). She completed her PhD at the University of California Berkeley’s Department of Environmental Science Policy and Management (2015).



### **Mathilde Mesnard**

Deputy Director, Environment Directorate,  
OECD

Since December 2022, Mathilde Mesnard is Deputy Director for the Environment Directorate and OECD Co-ordinator for Climate and Green Finance. She supervises work on climate and green finance and investment, as well as on environment and economic integration. Previously, Mesnard served several posts at the OECD, including as OECD Deputy Deputy Finance for the G7 and G20 and acting Director for Financial and Enterprise Affairs (2021 - 2022), Deputy Director of the OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs (2016 - 2022) co-ordinator of the New Approaches to Economic Challenges (NAEC) Initiative (2013-2016) and as a core member of the Corporate Affairs Division of DAF (2001 - 2009) where she led and contributed to a number of projects on corporate governance in South-East Europe, the Russian Federation, Asia and China. Mesnard has a degree in Philosophy, a Master’s Degree in Finance from the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris and an MBA from Drexel University. She received her PhD in Economics from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales.

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### **Emily Barritt**

Senior Lecturer in Environmental Law,  
King's College London

Dr. Emily Barritt is Senior Lecturer in Environmental Law and Co-Director of the Transnational Law Institute. Barritt holds fellowships at the Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Governance at the University of Cambridge and the School of Law, Sciences Po. She is the author of the first monograph on the UNECE Aarhus Convention and has been cited by the Advocate General in recent jurisprudence from the Court of Justice of the European Union. Barritt's research covers environmental justice, democracy, stewardship, climate litigation and Rights of Nature. Her work on a film about climate litigation and the Rights of Nature in Colombia was recently awarded a prize from King's College London for international research engagement. Dr. Barritt sits on the editorial board of the Journal of Environmental Law as an Analysis Editor and is a trustee of the Environmental Law Foundation.



### **Gloria Amparo Rodríguez**

Magistrate, Special Jurisdiction for Peace,  
Colombia

Gloria Amparo Rodríguez is Magistrate of the Tribunal of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (Colombia). Rodríguez has been a professor and researcher at the Universidad del Rosario, is a lawyer and Doctor (Ph.D.) in Legal Sociology and Political Institutions from the Universidad Externado de Colombia. She holds a Master in Environment and Development from the Universidad Nacional de Colombia, with specialisations in Environmental Law, Medical and Health Law and Negotiation, as well as Conciliation and Arbitration from the Universidad del Rosario. Rodríguez has several publications on environmental law, citizen participation, prior consultation, and ethnic rights. She has served as a judge of the Constitutional Court of Colombia and the Administrative Court of Cundinamarca. She is a winner of the international award "Environmental Peacebuilding in Practice", for her outstanding and committed work on working on environmental issues, community rights and peacebuildings.

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### **Anahera Nin**

Member of OECD Youthwise from New Zealand

Nin leads policy development on indigenous climate policy for the New Zealand Ministry for the Environment. Nin's key focuses are on adaptation and building resiliency across Māori communities in Aotearoa New Zealand. Nin is involved in initiatives promoting climate, leadership and young people with her affiliated indigenous tribes across Aotearoa New Zealand. Nin is also a current member of Youthwise, the OECD's Youth Advisory Board.



### **Karim Marshall**

Senior Adviser, the United States  
Environmental Protection Agency

Karim David Marshall is the inaugural Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights in the newly formed National Program at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Marshall brings to EPA a deep background working on environmental justice – and implementing environmental justice policies and programs – within the District of Columbia. His prior experience includes service as Assistant General Counsel in the D.C. Department of Public Works and as Chief of Environmental Justice & Legislative Director with the D.C. Department of Energy and Environment. Marshall also teaches Environmental Justice at American University – Washington College of Law. A third-generation Washingtonian, Karim has a BA from Dartmouth, a JD from American University, Washington College of Law and earned a Certificate as a Certified Public Manager at George Washington University.

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### **Dominique Hervé Espejo**

Professor of Environmental Law,  
Universidad Diego Portales

Dominique Hervé is a Professor of environmental law and Director of the Environmental Law and Policy Program, at Diego Portales University. Hervé Espejo is a lawyer from the University of Chile, holds a Master`s degree in Environmental Law (LL.M) from University College London, United Kingdom and a doctorate in Law from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso in Chile. From 2014 to 2018 she served as Legal Head of the Superintendency of the Environment. Her main area of academic research deals with environmental justice issues, public environmental institutions, pollution and natural resources.



### **Peter Lukey**

Chief Director, Environment Knowledge and  
Information, Department of Forestry, Fisheries  
and the Environment, South Africa

Peter Lukey is a Civil Engineering Technologist who, after nine years in construction, left to pursue his environmental interests at the University of the Witwatersrand where he completed his BSc Degree in advanced biological science and co-founded the activist organisation Earthlife Africa. Following South Africa's first democratic elections in 1994, Lukey worked with the Danish development assistance agency providing environmental project support in the region. Lukey joined South Africa's national environmental department in 2021 where he has held the Regulatory Services and the Air Quality Management and Climate Change Chief Director posts and Chief Policy Advisor on Strategic Environmental Intelligence – a post that has now become the Chief Director: Environment Knowledge and Information. Lukey has authored or co-authored various publications relating to environmental justice in South Africa.



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### **Franziska Wolff**

Head, Division for Sustainability and Social Aspects of Environmental Policy, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany

Dr. Franziska Wolff heads the division on sustainability and social aspects of environmental policy in the German Federal Ministry for the Environment. The division is responsible for environmental justice questions, among other topics. With a background in political science and economics, Wolff has been working on issues related to environmental sustainability, including with regard to international processes, for over 20 years.



### **Ann Wolverton**

Senior Research Economist, National Center for Environmental Economics, the United States Environmental Protection Agency

Dr. Ann Wolverton is a senior research economist at the National Center for Environmental Economics (NCEE) within the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Wolverton currently heads two teams, one to support environmental justice analyses conducted for major rulemakings and the other to build general equilibrium modeling capabilities for the agency. Wolverton has been involved in developing EPA technical guidances for conducting economic analysis and for the analysis of environmental justice concerns for rulemakings, and in past interagency efforts to develop social cost of carbon estimates for use in federal regulatory analysis. Wolverton served as a Senior Economist at the Council of Economic Advisers in 2006-2007 and again in 2009-2010. Wolverton earned a PhD in economics from the University of Texas at Austin and BAs in English and economics from Arizona State University.

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### **Francesco Vona**

Professor of Economics, University of Milan

Francesco Vona is a Full Professor at the Department of Environmental Science and Policy at the University of Milan and Director of the program 'Labour in the low-carbon transition' of the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM). Vona is also Research Fellow at the OFCE Sciences-Po, Visiting Research Fellow at the LSE Grantham Institute on Climate Change and the Environment and co-Editor of the journal Environmental and Resource Economics. Vona's current research interests include labor market and innovation impacts of climate and environmental policies; the economics of the just energy transition; political economy of the energy transition; measuring green production, jobs and skills; trade and the environment; labour market impacts of structural transformations; STEM labour markets; and intergenerational inequality.



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