

Call for Book Chapter Proposals:

Earth System Law: Standing on the Precipice of the Anthropocene

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We invite book chapter proposals to be considered for inclusion in a forthcoming scholarly edited volume.

Description

This book will explore the emerging concept of earth system law, an emerging area populated by multiple disciplines including law, science, and ethics. Earth system law challenges the premise that humans are separate from nature and recognizes instead that humanity is now a global geophysical force, a unique species with the ability to intentionally shape the Earth system.

Building on the work of the earth system governance project, earth system law is a social institution that plays an increasingly important, but sometimes questionable and often ineffective, role in addressing the pressing problems of earth system governance, from the local to the global. This book will explore and interrogate the foundations for earth system law and its relationship to sustainable development in the context of the Earth's interdependent socio-ecological systems, as we move forward in the Anthropocene. Suggested questions and themes are:

The analytical dimensions of earth system law

What is earth system law? How do conventional legal discourses translate into earth system law? What theoretical, methodological, and analytical frameworks inform earth system law? What are the theoretical and practical links, if any, between the Anthropocene, earth system law and earth system governance both in a normative and an epistemic sense?

The normative dimensions of earth system law

How do we deal with the fundamentally static and anthropocentric nature of law and lawyers? How can earth system law address intra, intergenerational, and inter-species issues, as well as geographical regions and countries that law often itself has created and maintains? How can earth system law ensure that resource use, investment, technology and governance institutions become sustainable? How can earth system law address socio-ecological injustices among and between species, geographical regions, countries and across generations?

The transformative dimensions of earth system law

What pathways should earth system law develop to ensure it makes a positive transformational contribution to earth system governance? What contribution can earth system law make to help legal systems adapt to the new realities of the Anthropocene?

Deadlines

Abstracts Due: November 15, 2019

Notification of Acceptance: December 31, 2019

Chapter Draft Due: March 31, 2020

Review comments received April 28, 2020

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Submission Details

Proposed book chapters should be between 6000-8000 words. Authors wishing to submit a manuscript should send a short topic proposal for their book chapter to:

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Submissions must be original contributions and not under consideration for publication at another outlet at the same time.