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Capsule Biography

Michelle Lim is the UNESCO Chair of Sustainability Law Futures. She is an Associate Professor in Law, Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University. Her interdisciplinary scholarship focuses on futures-oriented biodiversity law research aimed at advancing equity and sustainability under conditions of unprecedented environmental change. She is increasingly interested in approaches which allows affective engagement with scholarship and explores ways which challenge the form of scholarship including through creative and imaginative means of expression (e.g. speculative fiction, poetry).

Lim holds a double degree in Science (Ecosystem Management) and Law (First-class Honours) and a PhD on legal and institutional arrangements for transboundary biodiversity conservation at the University of New England, Australia. Prior to joining Singapore Management University, Lim has held positions in Macquarie University, University of Adelaide and the University of Dundee.

Lim is Co-Editor in Chief of the *Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law*. She was a fellow on the Global Assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and an author of the IPBES/IPCC joint workshop report. She sits on the Advisory Board of *Ambio*. Lim was awarded the 2016/2017 Law Council of Australia Mahla Pearlman Australian Young Environmental Lawyer of the Year Award and the **2021 Law and Society Association of Australia and New Zealand publication prize for a published scholarly article or book chapter** for the paper: "Extinction: hidden in plain sight—Can stories of 'the last' unearth environmental law's unspeakable truth?." *Griffith Law Review*. 1-32.

Dr Lim has diverse teaching experience spanning the fields of sustainability, environmental, international, commercial and corporate law as well as torts, and ethics.

Appointments

February 2026 - Present

UNESCO Chair in Sustainability Law Futures

July 2022 - Present

Associate Professor of Law

Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University, Singapore.

Subjects taught: Governing for Sustainable Futures (COR-LAW2225), Ethics and Social Responsibility (COR3301), Introduction to Sustainability Law (COR-LAW2237).

July 2020- June 2022

Senior Lecturer

Service Role: Post-graduate Director; Research Portfolio Lead – Centre for Environmental Law.

Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, NSW, Australia.

Subjects taught: Environmental Law (LAWS5060), Environmental Law and Sustainable Development (PG) (LAWS8055); International Law (LAWS2000); International Law (PG) (LAWS8015)

January 2017- June 2020

Lecturer

Service role: Lead, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Unit

Adelaide Law School, University of Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.

Subjects taught: Environmental Law (LAW 2511), International Environmental Law (PG) (LAW 7040), Aboriginal Peoples and the Law (LAW 3505), Commercial Law II (COMMLAW 2500), Corporations Law (LAW 2505), Adelaide Law Review (LAW3506).

July 2015 – December 2016

Lecturer,

Service Roles: Griffith Law Futures Centre Steering Committee and Lead, Law and Nature Program; Member, Griffith Arts, Education and Law Group Research Committee

Griffith Law School, Griffith University, Queensland, Australia.

Subjects taught: Torts 1 (2021LAW) – Intentional Torts; Torts 2 (2022 LAW) – Unintentional Torts.

September 2014- May 2015

Research Associate

Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science (under the auspices of UNESCO), University of Dundee, United Kingdom.

September 2012- August 2014

Post-doctoral Researcher

Chair, University of Dundee, College of Arts and Social Sciences Researchers Association

Ecosystem Services and Poverty Alleviation- ESPA Deltas Project- Work Package 1: Governance

http://www.espadelta.net/work_packages/WP1- Governance/

Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science (under the auspices of UNESCO), University of Dundee, United Kingdom.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) 2009-2012

Australian Centre for Agriculture and Law, University of New England, Armidale, Australia

Thesis Title: *Legal, Institutional and Governance Requirements for Effective Transboundary Biodiversity Conservation.*

Bachelor of Science (Ecosystem Management)/Bachelor of Laws (Hons I) 2003-2008

University of New England, Armidale, Australia

Law Honours Thesis:

Do International Law Obligations Exist for the Conservation of Biodiversity within Sovereign Territory (2008)

Certificate in Expedition Leadership and Management 2006

British Business Training and Education Council (BTEC)

Includes Rapid Biodiversity Assessment and Logistics and Procurement in Remote Locations (practical component completed in Nguru South Mountain Forest, Tanzania).

Awards

2026-2029 UNESCO Chair, Sustainability Law Futures

The UNESCO Chair will advance futures-oriented approaches in sustainability law, with particular attention to safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, including storytelling and customary law traditions in Asia-Pacific island nations. The Chair will also develop and disseminate innovative pedagogies for sustainability law while supporting law- and policy-makers to adopt futures approaches.

2024 Lee Kong Chian Fellow

2021 Law and Society Association of Australia and New Zealand publication prize for a published scholarly article or book chapter

Awarded for the paper: "Extinction: hidden in plain sight—Can stories of 'the last' unearth environmental law's unspeakable truth?." *Griffith Law Review*. 1-32.

2016/2017 Law Council of Australia Mahla Pearlman Australian Young Environmental Lawyer of the Year Award

Each year the Law Council of Australia recognises a young lawyer (under 35 years of age) for their **outstanding contributions to the field of environmental law and their significant contributions to the community** especially environmental and environmental law NGOs. The Award honours the memory of Mahla Pearlman AO, the former Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales and former President of the Law Council of Australia. I received this award in recognition of my scholarly excellence and exceptional international leadership.

Runner-up, Best Presentation by a Young Scientist 2014

Awarded for the presentation 'The Disaster Management Governance Framework of Bangladesh— A Model of Good Practice?', '**Deltas in Times of Climate Change II International Conference**', (Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 24-26 September 2014). The selection was made from more than 100 eligible presenters aged 30 years or younger.

Best Graduate Student Paper, 9th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium 2011

Paper: 'Is Water Different From Biodiversity- Governance Criteria for the Effective Management of Transboundary Resources'. Presented at Eastern Cape, South Africa.

Best Graduate Student Paper, 8th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium 2010

Paper: 'Transboundary Conservation of Mountain Biodiversity in a Climate Change Impacted World: Governance Perspectives from Central Asia and the Island of Borneo'. Presented at Universiteit Gent, Ghent, Belgium.

Best Candidate Scholarship – National Graduate Law Conference 2010 *The Other Side of the Law: Beyond Legal Research*, Australian National University

Paper: 'Transboundary Law for Biodiversity Conservation: Advancing Cooperation Across International and Disciplinary Boundaries'.

Contributions to professional associations

Co-Editor-in-Chief <i>Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law</i> 2 nd highest ranked environmental law journal (JCR Impact Factor)	July 2024 - present
Deputy Editor <i>Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law</i>	January 2023- June 2024
Deputy Chair, Biodiversity Law Specialist Group IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)	2021-2025

Steering Committee Member Earth System Law Taskforce	2021-present
Advisory Board Member Ambio (Journal) (Scopus Q1, Five-year Impact Factor 5.285)	2020-present
Director, Board National Environmental Law Association (Australia)	2019-2022
Editorial Board Australian Environment Review	2018-2022
Book Review Editor Yearbook of International Environmental Law, Oxford University Press	2016-2022
Editor Adelaide Law Review	2016-2020
Fellow- Global Assessment Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)	2016-2019
Founding Chair, Early Career Group (ECG) IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)	2014-2018
IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) Lead of the Law Specialist Group within the WCPA Young Professionals Group. Member Transboundary Conservation and Mountains Specialist Groups.	2010-2018

Publications

○ **Edited book**

Lim, Michelle (ed.) (2019) *Charting Environmental Law Futures in the Anthropocene*, Springer, 245pp.

○ **Edited Collections**

Lim, Michelle, Nengye Liu and Stefanie Schacherer (eds) (2024) Special Issue: Law in a Hyperconnected World, Joining the Dots for Sustainable Futures, *Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law* 33 (2)

Nengye Liu, Michelle Lim and Shawkat Alam (eds) (2023) Special Issue: Strengthening Australia China Dialogue on Biodiversity Conservation in a Changing World, *Chinese Journal of Environmental Law* 7 (1).

○ **Refereed journal articles**

1. Kate Owens, **Michelle Lim**, Rachel Killean, Tim Stephens, Nicole Graham (2026) "Systematic review and its legal limits in IPBES and IPCC assessments." 2 *Nature Reviews Biodiversity* 220.

2. Govind, Paul, Donna Houston, **Michelle Lim**, Emily O’Gorman, Andrew McGregor, Sandie Suchet-Pearson, Jonathan Symons (2024) “Offsetting” *Environmental Humanities* (Duke University Press)
 - Scopus Q1; 2022 JCR Impact Factor: 2.3.
3. Beringen, Ethan, Nengye Liu, and **Michelle Lim** (2024) "The three eras of Australian practice on MPAs: the interaction between national and international law and policy." *Australian Journal of Maritime & Ocean Affairs*, 1-31.
4. Alleway, Heidi K., Emily S. Klein, Liz Cameron, Kristina Douglass, Ishtar Govia, Cornelia Guell, **Michelle Lim**, Libby Robin, and Ruth H. Thurstan (2023). "The shifting baseline syndrome as a connective concept for more informed and just responses to global environmental change." *5 People and Nature* 885-896
 - Scopus Q1; 2022 JCR Impact Factor: 6.1.
5. Boonstra, Wiebren Johannes, Rakhyun E. Kim, Louis J. Kotzé, **Michelle Lim**, Paulo Magalhaes, Brian J. Preston, Johan Rockström, and Prue Taylor (2023) "Earth steward: Will Steffen's contributions to Earth System Science, governance and law." *52 Ambio* 995-1003.
 - Scopus Q1; 2022 JCR Impact Factor: 6.5.
6. Alam, Shawkat, Laely Nurhidayah, **Michelle Lim** (2023), “Towards a transnational approach to transboundary haze pollution – governing traditional farming in fire-prone regions of Indonesia” *12 Transnational Environmental Law* 424-450.
 - **Highest ranked environmental law journal (JCR Impact Factor).**
7. Beringen, Ethan, Liu Nengye, and **Michelle Lim**. "Is Australia really a global leader in Marine Protected Area practice?." *Australian Environment Review* 36, no. 9/10 (2022): 213-218.
8. Edirisinghe, Asanka, and **Michelle Lim** (2022), "A plea for survival: Can the return to eco-centrism strengthen the legal protection of nature in Sri Lanka?." *Asia Pacific Journal of Environmental Law* 24(2), 149-181.
9. Beringen, Ethan, Nengye Liu, and **Michelle Lim**. "Australia and the pursuit of “not undermining” regional bodies at the biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction negotiations." *Marine Policy* 136 (2022): 104929.
 - One of the highest ranked Law of the Sea journals. Scopus Q1, Impact Factor: 4.315.
10. Pascual, Unai, Pamela D. McElwee, Sarah E. Diamond, Hien T. Ngo, Xuemei Bai, William WL Cheung, **Michelle Lim** et al. (2022) "Governing for Transformative Change across the Biodiversity–Climate–Society Nexus." *BioScience*.
 - Scopus Q1, Five-year Impact Factor: 9.843.
11. Davies, Kirsten, **Michelle Lim**, Tianbao Qin, and Philip Riordan. (2022) "CHANS-Law: preventing the next pandemic through the integration of social and environmental law." *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics*, 1-21.
 - Scopus Q1, Five-year Impact Factor: 3.389.
12. Allan, Andrew, Emily Barbour, Robert J. Nicholls, Craig Hutton, **Michelle Lim**, Mashfiqus Salehin, Md. Munsur Rahman (2022) “Developing socio-ecological scenarios: A participatory process for engaging stakeholders” *807 Science of the Total Environment* 150512-150524.
 - Scopus Q1, Impact Factor: 7.963.
13. Lim, Michelle (2021) “Fiction as Legal Method – Imagining with the more-than-human to awaken our plural selves” (Commentary), *Journal of Environmental Law*.
 - Scopus Q1, Leading environmental law journal. Five-year Impact Factor: 2.124.

14. Visseren-Hamakers, Ingrid J., Jona Razzaque, Pamela McElwee, Esther Turnhout, Eszter Kelemen, Graciela M. Rusch, Álvaro Fernández-Llamazares Ivis Chan, **Michelle Lim** et al. (2021) "Transformative governance of biodiversity: insights for sustainable development." *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability* 53: 20-28.
 - Scopus Q1, Impact factor 6.984; H-index 58
15. Akhtar-Khavari, Afshin, **Michelle Lim**, and Katie Woolaston (2021) "Environmental law's extinction problem." *Griffith Law Review*: 1-20.
 - *A* Journal. Australia's Premier Social-Legal Journal.*
16. Lim, Michelle (2021) "Extinction: hidden in plain sight—Can stories of 'the last' unearth environmental law's unspeakable truth?." *Griffith Law Review*. 1-32.
 - *A* Journal. Australia's Premier Social-Legal Journal.*
17. Beringen, Ethan, Nengye Liu, and **Michelle Lim** (2021). "Australia as a Middle Power: Challenging the Narrative of Developed/Developing States in International Negotiations Surrounding Marine Genetic Resources." *Ocean Development & International Law* 52, no. 2 (2021): 143-168.
 - Leading Law of the Sea journal. Impact Factor: 1.541.
18. Lim, Michelle (2021). "Biodiversity 2050: Can the Convention on Biological Diversity Deliver a World Living in Harmony with Nature?." *Yearbook of International Environmental Law* : 1-23.
19. Lynch, Abigail J., Álvaro Fernández-Llamazares, Ignacio Palomo, Pedro Jaureguiberry, Tatsuya Amano, Zeenatul Basher, **Michelle Lim**, Tuyeni Heita Mwampamba, Aibek Samakov, and Odirilwe Selomane (2021) "Culturally diverse expert teams have yet to bring comprehensive linguistic diversity to intergovernmental ecosystem assessments." *One Earth* 4, no. 2 : 269-278.
 - Scopus Q1, Impact Factor 7.33.
20. Lim, Michelle (2021)"Pandemics and unprecedented biodiversity loss in a telecoupled world—what role for law?." *Australian Environment Review* 35, no. 7/8: 179-184.
21. Wyborn, Carina, J. Montana, N. Kalas, S. Clement, F. Davila, N. Knowles, E. Louder, M Balan, J Chambers, L Christel, T Forsyth, G Henderson, S Izquierdo Tort, **Michelle Lim** et al (2020) "An agenda for research and action toward diverse and just futures for life on Earth." *Conservation Biology* p1-12.
 - Scopus Q1, The most influential and frequently cited journal in its field. Impact Factor: 5.405.
22. Wyborn, Carina, Federico Davila, Laura Pereira, **Michelle Lim** et al. (2020) "Imagining transformative biodiversity futures." *Nature Sustainability* 3, no. 9 (2020): 670-672.
 - Scopus Q1, Impact Factor: **12.08.**
23. Mardoowarra, Anne Poelina, Donna Bagnall and **Michelle Lim**, (2020) 'Recognising the Mardoowarra's First Law right to life as a living ancestral being', *Transnational Environmental Law* 541-568.
 - Scopus Q1, Transnational Environmental Law is the highest ranked environmental law journal. 5-year impact factor: 3.118
24. Coscieme, Luca, Håkon da Silva Hyldmo, Álvaro Fernández-Llamazares, Ignacio Palomo, Tuyeni H Mwampamba, Odirilwe Selomane, Nadia Sitas, Pedro Jaureguiberry, Yasuo

- Takahashi, Michelle Lim et al. 'Multiple conceptualizations of nature are key to inclusivity and legitimacy in global environmental governance' 104 *Environmental Science and Policy* 36-42.
□ Environmental Science and Policy is the 14th highest ranked environmental science – management, monitoring, policy and law journal (SJR) Q1; 5-year impact factor 4.816, H-index 95.
25. Lim, Michelle (2019) 'How do we address unprecedented biodiversity decline? The IPBES Global Assessment and the opportunities for Australian Law and Policy, 34(6) *Australian Environment Review* 103-109.
26. Lim, Michelle (2019) 'Building safe, secure and sustainable futures in the South China Sea', 8 *Critical Studies on Security* 67-72.
27. Lim, Michelle, Peter Søgaard Jørgensen, Carina Wyborn (2018) 'Reframing the Sustainable Development Goals to achieve sustainability in the Anthropocene' 23(3): 22 *Ecology and Society* 1-19. Available at: <https://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol23/iss3/art22/>.
□ Ecology and Society is the 24th highest ranked ecology journal (SJR) Q1; 5-year impact factor 4.644, H-index 110.
28. Lim, Michelle, Abigail J. Lynch, Álvaro Fernández-Llamazares et al. (2017) 'Early career experts essential for planetary sustainability', 29 *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability* 151-157.
□ *Scopus Q1, Impact factor 6.984; H-index 58.*
29. Lim, Michelle and Nengye Liu (2017) 'Condominium arrangements as a legal mechanism for the conservation of the South China Sea Large Marine Ecosystem', 2 *Asia Pacific Journal for Ocean Law and Policy* 52-87.
□ *Published by Brill, Co-editors—in-chief (Lee Seokwoo and Clive Schofield) are leaders in the sub-discipline of the Law of the Sea.*
30. Lim, Michelle, Anne Poelina and Donna Bagnall (2017) 'Can the Fitzroy River Declaration ensure the realisation of the First Law of the river and secure sustainable and equitable futures for the West Kimberley?', 32 *Australian Environment Review* 18-24.
31. Lim, Michelle & Andrew Allan (2016) 'The use of scenarios in legal education to develop futures thinking and sustainability competencies', 50 *The Law Teacher* 321-340.
□ The premier legal education journal.
32. Lim, Michelle (2016) 'Governance criteria for effective transboundary biodiversity conservation', 16 *International Environmental Agreements* 797-813.
□ The 2nd **highest ranked environmental law journal** (JCR/impact factor). It has an impact factor of 1.884.
33. Lim, Michelle (2016) 'Building sustainable futures in the legal classroom', 7 *IUCN Academy of Environmental Law eJournal* 135-137.
34. Lim, Michelle (2014) 'Is water different from biodiversity- governance criteria for the effective management of transboundary resources', 23 *Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law* 96-110.
□ Scopus Q1, The **third highest ranked environmental law journal** (SJR). Impact factor: 2.541.
35. Lim, Michelle (2014) 'Strengthening the legal and institutional effectiveness for transboundary biodiversity conservation in the 'Heart of Borneo'', 17 *Asia Pacific Journal of Environmental Law* 65-90.

36. Shiue, I. et al. (2014) '2014 Future Earth young scientists conference on integrated science and knowledge co-production for ecosystems and human well-being' 11 *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 11553. Impact factor 2.145.
 37. Lim, Michelle (2012) 'Laws, institutions and transboundary pasture management in the High Pamir and Pamir-Alai mountain ecosystem of Central Asia', 8 *Law, Environment and Development Journal* 43.
□ *Journal of the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London – The world's leading institution for the study of Asia, Africa and the Middle East.*
 38. Lim, Michelle, 'Kyrgyzstan Country Report: Environmental Implications of the 2010 Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic' (2011) *IUCN Academy of Environmental Law e-Journal* 144-154., <http://www.iucnael.org/e-journal/previous-issues/157-issue-20111.html>.
- **Scholarly book chapters**
1. Michelle Lim, 'Stain-guarding Earth System Law in the Enshittocene: Back to the Future for Sustainable Development' in Louis Kotzé (ed) *The Evolution of Earth System Law: Innovating New Legal Principles for the Anthropocene* (Hart, 2026).
 2. **Michelle Lim**, 'Sustainable Development Principles and the Global South in the Context of Planetary Change' in *Implementation of Sustainable Development in the Global South: Strategies, Innovations and Challenges*, Sumaiya Khair, Shawkat Alam and Muhammad Ekramul Haque, (eds), (Hart, 2024).
 3. Liu Nengye and **Michelle Lim**, 'Beyond UNCLOS: Marine Environmental Protection in a Changing World' in Nilüfer Oral and Tara Davenport (eds), *UNCLOS at 40: Essays in Honour of Ambassador Tommy Koh* (NUS Press, Singapore) 82-87.
 4. McCormack, Phillipa C., and **Michelle Lim**, 'Future Lawyers, Future Laws: Reimagining Legal Education for Sustainability in a World "Governing Through Goals' in *Education and the UN Sustainable Development Goals: Praxis Within and Beyond the Classroom*, Kim Beasy, Caroline Smith & Jane Watson (eds) (Springer Nature Singapore, 2023), 105-127.
 5. Stoianoff, Natalie P., Paul Martin, and **Michelle Lim**, 'Futures methods for environmental law research' in *Non-doctrinal Research Methods in Environmental Law*, Paul Martin, Solange Teles da Silva, Marcia Leuzinger, Miriam Verbeek and Andrew Lawson (eds) (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2023), 57-81.
 6. Govind, Paul J., and **Michelle Lim**, 'Biodiversity: The Neglected Lens for Reimagining Property, Responsibility, and Law for the Anthropocene' in *The Routledge Handbook of Law and the Anthropocene*, Peter Burdon and James Martel (eds) (Routledge, 2023), 99-114.
 7. **Lim, Michelle**, 'More-Than-Human Relations on the Third Rock from the Sun' in *The Anthropocene Judgments Project*, Nicole Rogers and Michelle Maloney (eds) (Routledge, 2023) 286-300.
 8. Pickering, Jonathan; Brendan Coolsaet; Neil Dawson; Kimberley Suissee; Christina Inoue, **Michelle Lim** 'Rethinking and upholding justice and equity in transformative biodiversity governance' in *Transforming biodiversity governance*, Ingrid Visseren-Hamakers & Marcel Kok (eds) (Cambridge University Press, 2022).
 9. Lim, Michelle 'Securing equitable and sustainable futures in the Anthropocene – What role and challenges for environmental law?' in Michelle Lim (ed), *Charting Environmental Law Futures in the Anthropocene* (Springer, 2019), pp 1-18.

10. Lim, Michelle 'Towards equitable sustainability in the Anthropocene – a legal research agenda' in Michelle Lim (ed), *Charting Environmental Law Futures in the Anthropocene* (Springer, 2019), pp 221-245.
 11. Allan, Andrew and **Michelle Lim**, 'Governance of ecosystem services across scales in Bangladesh', in Robert Nicholls, Craig Hutton, Neil Adger, Munsur Rahman, Mohammed Salehin, Susan Hanson (eds) *Ecosystem Services and Well-being in Deltas: Integrated Assessment for Policy Analysis* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2018).115-130.
 12. Allan, Andrew and **Michelle Lim**, (2018) 'Including stakeholder perspectives in scenario development', in Robert Nicholls, Craig Hutton, Neil Adger, Munsur Rahman, Mohammed Salehin, Susan Hanson (eds) *Ecosystem Services and Well-being in Deltas: Integrated Assessment for Policy Analysis* (Palgrave MacMillan, London). pp179-205.
 13. Lim, Michelle, 'Transboundary conservation of mountain biodiversity in a climate change impacted world – Governance perspectives from Central Asia and the Island of Borneo' in Frank Maes et al (eds), *Biodiversity and Climate Change: Linkages at International, National and Local Levels*, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Series (Edward Elgar, 2013), 268-301.
 14. Lim, Michelle, 'Effective governance across Central Asian boundaries: What lessons does the Central Asian transboundary watercourse management experience provide for mountain biodiversity conservation across-the Kyrgyz-Tajik boundary' in Robin Warner and Simon Marsden (eds) *Transboundary Environmental Governance in Inland, Coastal and Marine Areas* (Ashgate Publishing, 2012), 129-156. 2 citations.
- **Book reviews**
1. Lim, Michelle (2016) Book Review, *Governing Through Goals –Sustainable Development Goals as Governance Innovation*, Norichika Kanie and Frank Biermann (eds) (2017), *Yearbook of International Environmental Law* 555-560. (published in 2018 in the 2016 volume of the journal).
 2. Lim, Michelle (2017) Book Review, *Environmental Law and the Ecosystem Approach – Maintaining Ecological Integrity Through Consistency in Law*, Froukje Maria Platjouw (2016), *6(1) Transnational Environmental Law* 180-183. Highest ranked environmental law journal (JCR/impact factor).
 3. Lim, Michelle (2016) Book Review, *Transboundary Environmental Governance in Asia – Practice and Prospects with the UNECE Agreements*, Simon Marsden & Elizabeth Brandon (2016) *19 Asia Pacific Journal of Environmental Law* 155-157.
- **Contributions to Global Reports**
- Author, IPBES-IPCC Co-Sponsored Workshop Report on Biodiversity and Climate Change (2021). One of 50 global experts (and only legal scholar) selected to contribute to this report. <https://ipbes.net/events/launch-ipbes-ipcc-co-sponsored-workshop-report-biodiversity-and-climate-change>
- Author (Fellow), Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) (2019)
- 'Global Assessment'. <https://www.ipbes.net/deliverables/2c-global-assessment>.
- IPBES is the biodiversity equivalent of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The IPBES Global Assessment is the first ever intergovernmental assessment on the state of biodiversity and their contributions to people. It is also the first global biodiversity assessment since the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment in 2005. The Assessment was co-

produced by biodiversity experts from 50 countries and 134 governments. The Global Assessment involves a systematic review of the academic literature and government documents (approximately 150,000 documents) to develop a global synthesis of the condition of biodiversity and its contributions to people; the issues causing biodiversity loss and the policy options to reverse the trend of unprecedented biodiversity decline.

- **Publications in ‘*The Conversation*’ – The world’s leading publisher of research-based news and analysis.**

Zsofia Korossy, Anthony Burke, Daniel Robinson, Katie Moon, Miri Raven, **Michelle Lim** (*lead author followed by first name alphabetical*) “Without Indigenous leadership, attempt to stop the tide of destruction against nature will fail” *The Conversation* (14 December 2022). <https://theconversation.com/without-indigenous-leadership-attempts-to-stop-the-tide-of-destruction-against-nature-will-fail-196208>

Lim, Michelle. “Raze paradise to put in a biofuel crop? No, there are far better ways to tackle climate change.” *The Conversation* (13 July 2021). <https://theconversation.com/raze-paradise-to-put-in-a-biofuel-crop-no-there-are-far-better-ways-to-tackle-climate-change-162800>

Lim, Michelle, Carina Wyborn, Federico Davila, and Laura Pereira. "You wake up with lab-engineered coffee: how our imaginations can help decide Earth's future." *The Conversation* (1 October 2020). <https://theconversation.com/you-wake-up-with-lab-engineered-coffee-how-our-imaginations-can-help-decide-earths-future-145167>

Lim, Michelle, ‘Revolutionary change’ needed to stop global extinction crisis. *The Conversation* (7 May 2019) <https://theconversation.com/revolutionary-change-needed-to-stop-unprecedented-global-extinction-crisis-116166>

Liu, Nengye & **Michelle Lim**, ‘How Arctic governance could become a testing ground for Sino-US relations. *The Conversation* (29 March 2017) <https://theconversation.com/how-arctic-governance-could-become-a-testing-ground-for-sino-us-relations-74834>

- **Other research outputs**

Lim, Michelle (2016) Legal Witness Brief, Rights of Nature Tribunal, The Case for the Mardoowarra (Brisbane Supreme Court, 22 October 2016, <http://www.earthlaws.org.au/events/tribunal2016/>)

Kusch, Sigrid, Aysha Fleming, Nicholas Cradock-Henry, Nele Schmitz, Laura Pereira, Jess Vogt, **Michelle Lim** et al. ‘Sustainability in a Changing World: Integrating Human Health and Wellbeing, Urbanisation and Ecosystem Services (2016), *Brief for the UN Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR)*’.

Lim, Michelle (2015) *Can Sustainable Development Goals or International Law Lead us to Sustainability?*, Griffith Red Couch Blog, <https://app.secure.griffith.edu.au/news/2015/08/27/can-sustainable-development-goals-or-international-law-lead-us-to-sustainability/>

- **Declaration**

World Declaration on the Environmental Rule of Law (Rio de Janeiro, 2016) (contributor)

Grants

Principal Investigator (with Dr Patrick Shi and Pam Wan) awarded \$170,000 from **Singapore Ministry of Sustainability and Environment's SG EcoFund**. The project brings together the Yong Pung How School of Law, Office of Campus, Infrastructure and Services and the Office of the Dean of Students. This project will establish a Nature-Food Futures Learning Precinct at

SMU. Located in the city centre, the Precinct will be a hub for hands-on learning and research about native edible plants at the intersection of the Green Plan's Food and Nature goals.

Primary Investigator, Project title: ““Enhancing law students’ sustainability competencies and nature connectedness through hands-on learning with native edibles”, Educational Research Seed Grant, Centre for Teaching Excellence, Singapore Management University, \$9000 SGD 2024-2026 (with Patrick Shi).

Chief Investigator, Project title: “Australia-China Joint Workshop on Biodiversity Law and Governance: Towards a World Living in Harmony with Nature by 2050”, Australian Government National Foundation for Australia-China Relations (with Nengye Liu (Lead), Shawkat Alam and Paul Govind) 2019 – 2020.

‘Nature’s Contribution to People and South Australian Law and Policy’, Barbara Kidman Fellowship, University of Adelaide (AU \$29,916), 2019.

This prestigious 1 year-fellowship is awarded each year to up to 5 recipients from across the University of Adelaide. It is the most lucrative individual fellowship that the University offers.

IPBES Fellows – Future Earth Workshop, Medellín, Colombia, 16-24 March 2018

(18,000€ from Future Earth and co-funding from the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and the Norwegian Environment Agency). Held at the [6th IPBES Plenary](#) the workshop examined new directions for human-biodiversity relationships with a particular focus on ‘Nature’s Contribution to People’ and the role of culture and the arts. The Plenary is a key part of the IPBES Assessment process as it is there that governments negotiate and review the assessment text.

‘A systems approach for the effective regulation of biodiversity’, New Researcher Grant, Arts, Education and Law Group (AEL), Griffith University (AU\$ 13,000), 2018

I was the chief investigator on this project which is funded through a competitive grant scheme of the AEL Group of Griffith University.

‘Australia’s Legal North and its Ecological Futures’, Grant to employ a post-doctoral researcher in the Law Futures Centre, Griffith Law School, Griffith University. (AU\$89,357 - 106,114 per annum over four years).

I was part of a group of researchers within the Griffith Law School who was successful in an internal competitive scheme.

Invited keynote, speaker addresses and invited workshop participation

Invited presenter, ‘The Future is Futuring’ AgLaw Symposium 2025 - AgLaw at 20: Leadership, Legacy, and the Future of Agricultural Law, 12 September 2025.

Invited Distinguished Speaker, ‘The Role and Challenges of Environmental Law Pedagogy’ LAWASIA Environmental Law Committee’s fourth webinar on critical environmental legal issues, 13 June 2025.

Invited presenter, Let it Grow! Enhancing Singaporean law students’ sustainability competencies and nature connectedness through hands-on learning with edible native plants (co-authored with Patrick Shi), Ecological Matters: Experimental and Legal Interventions into Climate Change in East Asia Workshop, University of Chicago, Hong Kong Centre, 25-26 October 2024.

Invited panellists, *Impacts of the first IPBES Global Assessment and aspirations for the second*

IPBES global assessment, Seventh meeting of the capacity-building forum of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, Trondheim, Norway, 14-15 October 2024.

Invited Speaker, “Re-imagining the laws of nature -Storying the rules of hyperconnected futures”, Public Seminar - presented by the Australian Centre for Climate and Environmental Law at the University of Sydney Law School in partnership with the Sydney Environment Institute, 2 July 2024 <https://www.sydney.edu.au/sydney-environment-institute/events/2024/reimagining-the-laws-of-nature-storying-the-rules-of-hyperconnec.html>.

Invited Plenary Speaker, “Re-imagining the laws of nature”, **3rd World Biodiversity Forum**, Davos Congress Centre, 16-21 June 2024.

Invited Speaker, “听海! Listen to the Ocean!- More-than-Human re-imaginings of UNCLOS in the Anthropocene” The Evolution of the UNCLOS: Progress and Prospects, Center for Polar and Deep Ocean Development & KoGuan School of Law, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, 24-25 April 2024.

Invited speaker, “Legal Implications of the IPBES-IPCC Joint Report on Biodiversity and Climate Change”, 6th **United Nations Environment Assembly** Side Event, Nairobi, Kenya, 29 February 2024.

Invited speaker, “Storying The Laws of Nature – Reconnecting Societies To The Biosphere”, Hope in the Anthropocene’ Public seminar at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (home of the Nobel Prize), 9 November 2023.

Invited speaker, “A Bridge Over Troubled Waters? Can and Should Environmental and Economic Law Come Together to Realise the Aspirations of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework?” UNSW CIBEL Network Conference, 21-23 November 2023.

Invited speaker, ‘Biodiversity-Climate Change-Food Security: Swidden Farming in the Context of the IPBES-IPCC Report’ BRIN Workshop Climate and Food Security, 14 June 2023, BRIN, Jakarta. Badan Riset dan Inovasi Nasional (BRIN) is the **National Research and Innovation Agency of Indonesia**.

Invited speaker, alongside Elizabeth Mrema – Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law Seminar, ‘What outcomes of COP 15’, 8 February 2023.

Invited speaker, Climate, Oceans and the Environment Panel, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore 2022 Year in Review, 10 January 2023.

Invited speaker, “American Bar Association Section of Environment and Energy Resources, Endangered Species Committee Seminar, ‘Can COP-15 achieve a world living in harmony with nature?’”, Online, 31 October 2022.

Invited speaker, "Permanent Seminar on Access to Justice in Environmental Matters - Justice and Biodiversity: solutions to climate crisis" Centre for Constitutional Studies, Supreme Court of Justice, Mexico, Online, 23 November 2022.

Invited Webinar, ‘Re-imagining the laws of nature – storying the rules of hyperconnected futures’ Online, Global Environmental Law Centre, University of Western Cape, 1 September 2022.

Invited Final plenary speaker, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium 2022, Brisbane, Australia

Invited speaker, 'Governance and Accountability', Australian Committee for IUCN – "Australia's Priorities for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework" Online, 29-30 November 2021.

Invited speaker at the "Virtual International Conference on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework" organised by the Seoul International Law Academy (SILA) in collaboration with the Center for International Law (CIL) of the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS) at the Korea National Diplomatic Academy.

Invited speaker, 'Fiction as Legal Method – Imagining with the more-than-human to awaken our plural selves' (Invited by Professors Liz Fisher and Duncan French to speak at and contribute to the Journal of Environmental Law (leading journal in the field)-University of Oxford- University of Lincoln workshop: "Different Voices, Different Knowledges", 24 November 2021).

Invited speaker, 'The past, present and future of the Convention on Biological Diversity', (3rd International Conference on Law, Governance and Globalizations (ICLGG 2021) of the Faculty of Law, Airlangga University, Indonesia. 3-4 November 2021.

Invited podcast, "Transformative change for a world 'living in harmony with nature' - Can the Convention on Biological Diversity get us there?", (Navigating Uncertainty Podcast with Professor Anthony Burke, UNSW Canberra, 17 August 2021).

Invited speaker "The role of emotions in shaping desirable environmental law futures" (Inaugural Environmental Law Doctoral Researchers Workshop, Melbourne Law School's Centre for Resources, Energy and Environmental Law & UNSW Faculty of Law and Justice, 17 July 2021).

Invited webinar, "Biodiversity 2050 – Can the Convention on Biological Diversity Deliver a World Living in Harmony with Nature." (**Peking University**, School of Transnational Law, 7 April 2021).

Invited webinar, "Re-imagining the laws of nature: Samuel Review of the EPBC Act and futures-focused biodiversity law." (National Environmental Law Association (NELA) – (Australia's premier environmental law organisation), 20 November 2020).

WOMAdelaide, The Planet Talks

WOMAdelaide is one of the world's leading arts festivals. The festival hosts 500 artists from over 30 countries and welcomes about 20,000 participants on each of the four days it is held in Adelaide, South Australia. The Planet Talks component of WOMAdelaide brings the 'world's great thinkers, activists and commentators' together in panel discussions over the course of the festival.

At the WOMAdelaide Planet Talks on 9 March 2020, I joined globally esteemed Prof. Will Steffen (pioneer of both the concepts of the Anthropocene and planetary boundaries) and Damon Gameau (Australia's foremost sustainability documentary maker – whose credits include the film 2040 (one of the top five grossing documentaries of all time in Australian cinema)) on the Planet Talks panel discussion: 'We can still fix this'.

Biodiversity Revisited

Biodiversity Revisited is an initiative of the Luc Hoffmann Institute in collaboration with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Future Earth, ETH Zurich, the University of Zurich and University College London. The initiative is the first comprehensive review of the concepts, narratives, governance, science, systems and futures underpinning biodiversity science since the emergence of the term in the 1980s.

The initiative will develop a future agenda for biodiversity research and practice. I was one of 60 **global conservation leaders**, and the only contributor from the legal discipline, appointed to develop the agenda. I was hosted by the Rockefeller Foundation in Bellagio, Italy from 17-21 February 2020 as one of the lead authors of a manuscript on biodiversity futures to be published in *Nature Sustainability* and contributed to the Agenda writing workshop from 23-24 February 2020 at the World Biodiversity Forum, Davos, Switzerland.

Invited speaker, 'Equitable Sustainability in a Good Anthropocene – What Role for Law?' (Adelaide University Law Students' Society Social Justice Breakfast, Café Outside the Square, Adelaide, 28 August 2019).

Invited seminar, 'Unprecedented Global Biodiversity Decline – What Does This Mean for the Economy, Agriculture and Human Well-being?' (jointly organised by the South Australian Branch of the Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) and the University of Adelaide's Centre for Global Food and Resources, University of Adelaide, 8 July 2019).

Invited speaker, 'Integrated Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals- A Systems Approach' (Invited by Prof. Ben Richardson to present in the University of Tasmania Law School Seminar Series, University of Tasmania, Hobart, 27 July 2017).

Invited speaker, 'Can Condominium Arrangements and the Ecosystem Approach Achieve Sustainability in the South China Sea?' (Invited by Prof. Ben Richardson to present in the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies Seminar Series, University of Tasmania, Hobart, 26 July 2017).

Invited participant, Motivating and Improving Uncertainty Assessment in Ecosystem Services Modelling to Inform Decisions Workshop. I was the only participant from the legal discipline invited to attend this fully funded workshop organised by **Stanford University's Natural Capital Project**. (SESYNC, University of Maryland, Annapolis, USA, 1-3 November 2016).

Invited speaker, 'Environmental Law in the Anthropocene' (Invited by Justice Michael Wilson of the Supreme Court of Hawaii: 'The Legal Protection of Nature – The Growing Role of Judges in Responding to Climate Change' workshop, **IUCN World Conservation Congress, Hawaii, USA**, 4 September 2016).

Invited plenary speaker: **IUCN World Environmental Law Congress, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**, 27-30 April 2016.

Invited participant, International Colloquium on Judges and the Environment, Goiania, Brazil, 23-24 April 2016.

Invited discussant, 'Biodiversity and the Sustainable Development Goals', Climate and Sustainability Project Workshop (Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance, Glasgow, Scotland, 5 June 2015).

Conference and seminar presentations

Plenary Panel Speaker "Asia and International Polar Law" 18th Polar Law Symposium, Nuuk, Greenland, 22-24 October 2025.

Lim, Michelle, Legal Prefiguration through Multispecies Stories – Playing in the Law Beyond the Anthropocene, 3rd SMU-Sydney-HKU Law & Sustainability Conference, Legal Pathways to Sustainability Transition: Innovation and Resilience, the Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong, 31 July – 1 August 2025.

Lim, Michelle & Patrick Shi, "Let it Grow! Enhancing law students' sustainability competencies and nature connectedness through hands-on learning with native edibles" 2nd SMU-Sydney-HKU Law & Sustainability Conference, Law, Sustainability and Development: Transforming Pathways in the Asia Pacific Region, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney, 11-12 July 2024.

Lim, Michelle & Liu Nengye, "Listen to the Ocean! More-than-Human re-imaginings of UNCLOS in the Anthropocene" 2nd SMU-Sydney-HKU Law & Sustainability Conference, Law, Sustainability and

Development: Transforming Pathways in the Asia Pacific Region, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney, 11-12 July 2024.

Lim, Michelle, “Multi-species love notes for a ~~radical~~^{normal} 2050”, IUCN Academy Environmental Law Colloquium University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, 31 July – 4 August 2023.

Lim, Michelle and Afshin Akhtar-Khavari, “Beyond Extinction in International Law – Power, Neoliberalism and Coloniality in a Hyperconnected World”, SMU-Sydney- HKU Law and Sustainability Conference - Law in a Hyperconnected World – Joining the Dots for a Sustainable Future, Singapore Management University, Singapore 13-14 July 2023.

Lim, Michelle, Towards Transformative Biodiversity Law Futures – Can the Global Biodiversity Framework achieve a world ‘living in harmony in nature’?, IUCN WCEL 2022 Oslo International Environmental Law Conference, University of Oslo, 3-6 October 2022.

Lim, Michelle, ‘Re-imagining the laws of nature: Stories of more-than-human worlds in hyperconnected futures.’, 19th Colloquium IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, Queensland University of Technology, 11-15 July 2022.

Lim, Michelle, ‘Win-wins: Towards strengthened China-Australia ties and a meaningful Global Biodiversity Framework’, Australia-China Joint Workshop on Biodiversity Law and Governance, Centre for Environmental, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, 20-21 June 2022.

Lim, Michelle, ‘Multi-species responsibility and response-ability in hyperconnected times’ (Paper presented at the 8th Frontiers in Environmental Law Colloquium, Centre of Environmental Law, Macquarie University, 9-11 February 2022).

Lim, Michelle, ‘More-than-human love notes for a ~~radical~~ normal 2050’, (Law, Literature and Humanities Association of Australasia, “Law & Love [in and beyond pandemic times] Images| Narratives| Histories | Cultures”, University of the Sunshine Coast, 30 November -2 December 2021).

Lim, Michelle, ‘Law at the Biodiversity-Climate-Equity Nexus – The Legal Implications of the IPBES-IPCC Workshop Report’ (Courts and Climate Change Global Conference, Macquarie Law School, Monday 29 November 2021).

Lim, Michelle ‘Transformative Change Towards a World Living in Harmony with Nature – What Prospects for the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Proposed Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework’, (Global Dialogue on Biodiversity Law and Governance – “Transformative pathways to living in harmony with nature”, Centre for Environmental Law, Macquarie University 5-8 July 2021).

Govind, Paul, Michelle Lim, Philippa McCormack, ‘Climate Refugia and Futures Approaches to Law’, (Global Dialogue on Biodiversity Law and Governance – “Transformative pathways to living in harmony with nature”, Centre for Environmental Law, Macquarie University 5-8 July 2021).

Harris, Hannah and Michelle Lim, ‘Transnational Forestry Law: legal solutions to end deforestation in a telecoupled world’, (Australia New Zealand Society for International Law Annual Conference, 30 June – 7 July 2021).

Lim, Michelle, Paul Govind, Hannah Harris, ‘Conceptualising commons and re-imagining the laws of nature for a telecoupled world’, (IASC 2021 Commoning the Anthropocene Virtual Conference, 21-23 April 2021).

Govind, Paul and Michelle Lim, ‘Biodiversity – the neglected lens for reimagining property, responsibility and law for the Anthropocene’ (Paper presented at the Frontiers in Environmental Law Colloquium, University of South Australia, 25-26 February 2021).

Lim, Michelle, 'Re-imagining the laws of nature – the Samuel Review and futures focused biodiversity law' (Paper presented at the Frontiers in Environmental Law Colloquium, University of South Australia, 25-26 February 2021).

Lim, Michelle, 'Transforming Australian Law to Address Unprecedented Biodiversity Decline' (Paper presented at the Frontiers in Environmental Law Colloquium, University of Western Australia, 13-14 February 2020).

Lim, Michelle, 'Can 'Nature's Contribution to People' Facilitate Effective Orchestration of International Law for Integrated Biodiversity Governance in the Anthropocene' (Paper presented at 2019 Mexico Conference on Earth System Governance, Oaxaca, 6-8 November 2019).

Lim, Michelle, 'How Do We Achieve Equitable-Sustainability in the Anthropocene – An Agenda for Legal Research' (Paper presented at 2019 Mexico Conference on Earth System Governance, Oaxaca, 6-8 November 2019).

Pickering, Jonathan, Brendan Coolsaet, Neil Dawson, Kimberly Marion Suiseeya, Cristina Y. A. Inoue and Michelle Lim, 'Justice and Equity in Transformative Biodiversity Governance' (Paper presented at 2019 Mexico Conference on Earth System Governance, Oaxaca, 6-8 November 2019).

Lim, Michelle, 'What Can WE Do to Address Unprecedented Global Biodiversity Decline?', (Paper presented at the National Science Week Event 'Saving Biodiversity Through Transformative Change', Botanic High School, Adelaide, 13 August 2019).

Lim, Michelle, 'From Shared Heritage to Shared Sovereignty? – The Potential of the Ecosystem Approach in a South China Sea Condominium', (Paper presented at the 17th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Annual Colloquium, Faculty of Law, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Kuala Lumpur, 5-9 August 2019).

Lim, Michelle, 'Charting Environmental Law Futures in the Anthropocene' (Paper presented at the 17th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Annual Colloquium, Faculty of Law, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Kuala Lumpur, 5-9 August 2019).

Lim, Michelle, 'Can 'Nature's Contribution to People' facilitate an integrated approach to sustainability? –A South Australian Perspective' (Paper presented at the 17th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Annual Colloquium, Faculty of Law, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Kuala Lumpur, 5-9 August 2019).

Lim, Michelle, Katie Woolaston, Evan Hamman, Clare Morrison, 'Environmental Lawyers Key to Achieving Sustainability – Perspectives from Biodiversity Conservation' (Paper presented at the 17th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Annual Colloquium, Faculty of Law, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Kuala Lumpur, 5-9 August 2019).

Lim, Michelle, 'Can 'Nature's Contribution to People' Future Proof South Australian Biodiversity Law and Policy in the Anthropocene' (Paper presented at the Frontiers in Environmental Law Colloquium, Queensland University of Technology, 14-15 February 2019).

Lim, Michelle, 'Can 'Nature's Contribution to People' Future Proof South Australian Biodiversity Law and Policy in the Anthropocene' (Paper presented at the Frontiers in Environmental Law Colloquium, Queensland University of Technology, 14-15 February 2019).

Lim, Michelle and Manuel Peter Solis, 'Can 'Governing Through Goals' Advance International Governance of Climate Change?' (Paper presented at the Imagining a Different Future – Overcoming Barriers to Climate Justice Conference, Hobart, Tasmania 8-10 February 2018).

Lim, Michelle, 'Nature's Contribution to People' – What Role and Opportunities for Law?' (Paper presented at the National Environmental Law Association Frontiers in Environmental Law Colloquium, University of Tasmania 6-7 February 2018).

Lim, Michelle, 'Can International Law or the Sustainable Development Goals Achieve Sustainability in the Anthropocene?' (Seminar presentation at the Institut für Umwelt- und Technikrecht (Institute for Environmental and Technical Law), Universität Trier (University of Trier), 12 December 2017)

Lim, Michelle, Anne Poelina and Donna Bagnall, 'Singing the *Warloongarri* River Law Song for Country- Enabling First Law and Legal Personhood for the *Mardoowarra*' (Paper presented at the Brazil/Australia Governing for Megabiodiversity workshop, Coffs Harbour, 10 November 2017)

Lim, Michelle, Peter Søgaard Jørgensen and Carina Wyborn, 'Gaps, Feedbacks and Connections of the Sustainable Development Goals: A Systems Analysis' (Seminar presentation at the Stockholm Resilience Centre, 26 January 2017)

Lim, Michelle, 'Code Blue for the Planet – The Importance of Emerging Generations in Charting Sustainable Futures in the Anthropocene' (Paper presented at the Australian Earth Laws Alliance Conference, "The future of Australian environmental law and governance: politics, reform and community activism" Brisbane, 20-21 October 2016)

Lim, Michelle & Anne Poelina, 'What Law for the Mardoowarra' (Paper presented at the Australian Earth Laws Alliance Conference, "The future of Australian environmental law and governance: politics, reform and community activism" Brisbane, 20-21 October 2016)

Lim, Michelle, 'A Systems Approach to the Effective Conservation of Biodiversity' (Paper presented at the Frontiers in Environmental Law 2nd Annual Colloquium, University of New South Wales, Australia, 2-3 February 2016).

Lim, Michelle, Peter Søgaard Jørgensen and Carina Wyborn, 'A Systems Approach to the Sustainable Development Goals: Interconnections, Leverage Points and 8 Overarching Goals' (Paper presented at the 2015 Canberra Conference on Earth System Governance, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 14-16 December 2015).

Lim, Michelle, 'Can a Systems Approach and the Sustainable Development Goals Provide a Way to Operationalise International Law for Sustainable Development to Achieve Effective Earth System Governance (Paper presented at the 2015 Canberra Conference on Earth System Governance, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 14-16 December 2015).

Lim, Michelle and Andrew Allan, 'Future Law in the Classroom – The Use of Scenarios as a Teaching Tool' (Paper presented at the Teaching Workshop of the 13th Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law – Forest & Marine Biodiversity, Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia, 8 September 2015).

Lim, Michelle, 'Biodiversity Conservation in Terrestrial Transboundary Ecosystems- An International Law Lacuna' (Paper presented at the 13th Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law – Forest & Marine Biodiversity, Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia, 7-12 September 2015).

Lim, Michelle, 'Can Systems Approaches and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Address the Fragmentation of International Law Across the Three Pillars of Sustainable Development' (Paper presented at the 13th Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law – Forest & Marine Biodiversity, Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia, 7-12 September 2015).

Lim, Michelle, 'The Role of International Law in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals – The Gaps, The Barriers and the Future', (Paper presented at 'Biodiversity, Sustainable Development and the Law' Conference, St John's College Divinity School, Cambridge UK, 20-22 February 2015).

Lim, Michelle, 'Biodiversity Conservation in Terrestrial Transboundary Ecosystems – An International Law Lacuna' (Seminar presentation, Dundee International Law Society, University of Dundee, 13 October 2014).

Lim, Michelle & Andrew Allan, 'Multi-Scale Governance of Ecosystem Services and Poverty in the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna Delta - The Resilience Challenge' (Paper presented at the 'Deltas in Times of Climate Change II Conference', Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 24-26 September 2014).

Lim, Michelle, 'The Disaster Management Governance Framework of Bangladesh– A Model of Good Practice?' (Paper presented at the 'Deltas in Times of Climate Change II Conference', Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 24-26 September 2014).

Lim, Michelle, '“Is This Really Legal Research?” The Place of Non-Doctrinal Methodologies in Environmental Law' (Paper presented at the '2014 Legal Research Methods and Methodologies Conference', University of Bristol, 16 September 2014).

Lim, Michelle & Andrew Allan, 'Future Law and the Environment- Multidisciplinary Approaches for Managing Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation in the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM) Delta' (Paper presented at the '2014 SLS Annual Conference', Nottingham, United Kingdom, 9-12 September 2014).

Lim, Michelle & Andrew Allan, 'Adapting to Climate Change in the GBM Delta- Prospects for Law & Governance in Coastal Bangladesh' (Paper presented at the 'Water and Ocean Law in Times of Climate Change Conference', Utrecht Centre for Water, Oceans and Sustainability Law, Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands, 31 October-1 November 2013).

Lim, Michelle, 'The Need for Non-Doctrinal Approaches to Environmental Law' (Paper presented at the Society of Legal Scholars Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh 3-6 September 2013).

Lim, Michelle, 'Building Bridges Across Jurisdictional and Disciplinary Boundaries: Methods for Environmental Law Research' (Paper presented at the 10th Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, University of Maryland, Baltimore, United States of America, 1-5 July 2012).

Lim, Michelle, 'Creating Effective Environmental Law' (in Chinese) (Seminar presented at China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China, 17 October 2011).

Lim, Michelle, 'Is Water Different From Biodiversity- Governance Criteria for the Effective Management of Transboundary Resources' (Paper presented at the 9th Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, Eastern Cape, South Africa 3-8 July 2011).

Lim, Michelle, 'Is Water Different From Biodiversity- Governance Criteria for the Effective Management of Transboundary Resources' (Paper presented at 'Perspectives on Transboundary Environmental Governance in Australia and Beyond' Seminar, organised by the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS), University of Wollongong, 12 May 2011).

Lim, Michelle, 'Transboundary Conservation of Mountain Biodiversity in a Climate Change Impacted World: Governance Perspectives from Central Asia and the Island of Borneo' (Paper Presented at the 8th Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, Ghent University- Ghent, 2010). <http://blog.une.edu.au/news/2010/10/07/>

Lim, Michelle, 'Transboundary Law for Biodiversity Conservation: Advancing Cooperation Across International and Disciplinary Boundaries' (Paper presented at the National Graduate Law Conference, Australian National University – Canberra, 2010).

Lim, Michelle, 'Developing International Law for Transboundary Biodiversity Conservation' (Paper presented at the 18th Annual Conference – Australian New Zealand Society of International Law, Australian National University – Canberra, 2010).

Poster presentation

Lim, Michelle, 'The Role of Law and Governance in Enhancing Livelihoods and Providing Ecosystem Services in the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM) Delta' (Poster presented at the Biodiversity Institute Symposium 2015, Functions and Values of Biodiversity, University of Oxford, 6-7 January 2015).

Conference/Workshop organisation

Reclaiming law at the Science-Policy Interface (with Professor Kate Owens). Sydney Law School, University of Sydney 8 September 2025. https://ccla.smu.edu.sg/sites/ccla.smu.edu.sg/files/2026-01/Program%20_%20Reclaiming%20Law%20at%20the%20Science%E2%80%93Policy%20Interface.pdf

Pathways to Sustainable Futures Workshop and panel discussion. Singapore Management University 1 November 2024 <https://law.smu.edu.sg/newsletter/pathways-sustainable-futures?newsletter> .

SMU-Sydney- HKU Law and Sustainability Conference - Law in a Hyperconnected World – Joining the Dots for a Sustainable Future (with Nengye Liu and Stefanie Schacherer), Singapore Management University, Singapore 13-14 July 2023. <https://site.smu.edu.sg/smu-sydney-hku-law-sustainability-conference-13-14-july-2023>.

IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law – Online webinar during the 15th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity, "Novel and emerging cross-scale legal issues – How can the Global Biodiversity Framework make progress towards a world “living in harmony with nature?”" 15 December 2022.

8th Frontiers in Environmental Law Colloquium (with Paul Govind) – Australia’s key academic environmental law gathering – “Environmental Law and Responsibilities in the Anthropocene”, Centre for Environmental Law, Macquarie University, Sydney, 9-11 February 2022.

Global Dialogue on Biodiversity Law and Governance (with Assoc. Prof. Nengye Liu) – “Transformative Pathways to Living in Harmony with Nature”, Centre for Environmental Law, Macquarie University, Sydney, 6-8 July 2021. This event attracted more than 500 registrations from around the world.

IPBES-IPCC Co-sponsored Workshop Report on Biodiversity and Climate Change – Australian Briefing and Uptake Event, Centre for Environmental Law, Macquarie University, Sydney, 5 July 2021. Chaired by Professor Lesley Hughes. More than 200 participants from across multiple scales of government, NGOs and academia registered to attend this event.

IPBES Fellows – Future Earth Workshop, Medellín, Colombia, 16-21 March 2018.

‘Is There a Place for Law in the Future of Conservation?’ workshop. Organised in collaboration with the IUCN Environmental Law Centre (IUCN World Conservation Congress, **Hawai‘i, USA**, 4 September 2016).

‘Emerging Leaders and the Future of Environmental Law’ Workshop. Organised in conjunction with Nick Bryner (UCLA), Prof. Denise Antolini, University of Hawai’i and the Supreme Court of Hawai’i. (University of Hawai’i Richardson School of Law, **Hawai’i, USA**, 4 September 2016).

Inaugural IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law Early Career Colloquium, *Legal Tools for Sustainable Futures in the Anthropocene*, **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**, 27 April 2016. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLOusIWKfuAsRbWP6pye2VGUJZ6XHDNJvu>

Media

Quoted in Business Times report by Tessa Oh, ‘Taking wildlife smugglers to tusk: Singapore gives teeth to fight with new anti-trafficking laws’, 6 September 2024 <https://www.business-times.com.sg/opinion-features/taking-wildlife-smugglers-tusk-singapore-gives-teeth-fight-new-anti-trafficking-laws>.

Featured in “Too little, too late? The potential power of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework” (2023) *SMU City Perspectives* <https://cityperspectives.smu.edu.sg/article/too-little-too-late-potential-power-kunming-montreal-global-biodiversity-framework>

Invited recording, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) “Women and the UNCCD through the years,” project <https://www.womenandunccd.org/>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKR3O0sUlmk>, 7 March 2022.

“Rethinking Law #ForNature: “A Whole Lot of Potential””, 2 March 2022, (Invited podcast, Nature Insights – Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)) <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/rethinking-law-for-nature-a-whole-lot-of-potential/id1518308737?i=1000552636403>

Interview, ABC NEWSRADIO “Kunming Declaration aims to halt and reverse biodiversity loss”, 11 October 2021, 5pm <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-10-11/kunming-declaration-aiming-to-halt-and-reverse/13580050>

Interview by Michael Slezak, AM with Sabra Lane, ABC, “Critical meeting to halt biodiversity loss”, 11 October 2021, 7am <https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/am/critical-meeting-to-halt-biodiversity-loss/13579236>

Quoted in ABC News online report by Michael Slezak, ‘COP26 in Glasgow is coming. But 'The Paris Agreement for Nature' — the other COP — hopes to halt the biodiversity crisis, 11 October 2021. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-10-11/cop15-china-aims-at-reversing-biodiversity-loss/100524696>

“Transformative change for a world 'living in harmony with nature' - Can the Convention on Biological Diversity get us there?”, (Invited podcast, Navigating Uncertainty Podcast with Professor Anthony Burke, UNSW Canberra, 17 August 2021 <https://soundcloud.com/unsw-canberra-podcasts/navigating-uncertainty-s2e04-living-in-harmony-with-nature>).

Interview, 'How the plan to protect the world’s wildlife is falling short’, RTRFM, ‘Breakfast with Taylah’ Friday 23rd July 2021, 8.10am.

Interview, ‘Symbiotic Relationship Between Biodiversity and Climate Change’, 2ser, 21 July 2021, <https://2ser.com/the-symbiotic-relationship-of-biodiversity-and-climate-change/>.

Interview, ‘Biodiversity Report: World Leaders Respond; Australia Criticised’, ABC Radio’s The World Today

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/worldtoday/biodiversity-report-world-leaders-respond-australia-criticised/11086730>

Invited speaker, Adelaide Festival's 'Breakfast with Papers'

<https://omny.fm/shows/breakfast-with-papers/breakfast-with-papers-robert-elliott-smith-michell>.

- **Australia's Science Channel**

On 6 March 2020, I was interviewed for Australia's Science Channel's high-profile program "In Class with...". <https://education.australiascience.tv/in-class-with-climate-special/>

This was a filmed discussion about the environment, science, law, activism and empowerment. Previous episodes have included renowned environmentalists and scientists such as Professors David Suzuki and Brian Cox.

Conference participation (Selected)

IUCN World Conservation Congress, Hawaii, USA, 1-10 September 2016.

IUCN World Parks Congress, Sydney, Australia, 12-19 November 2014.

Young Scientists Networking Conference on Integrated Science, 'Ecosystems and Human Well-Being in the Green Economy', 40 participants from around the world were selected through a competitive process to participate in a week-long process of devising next generation research programmes and develop solutions for global sustainability. Jointly organized by the German Research Foundation (DFG), International Council for Science (ICSU) and the International Social Science Council (ISSC) (Villa Vigoni, Italy, 25-31 May 2014).

'High-Level Forum on Ecosystem Management and the Green Economy', Jointly organized by UNEP and China Academy of Sciences (Beijing, China, 18 November 2011).

'EU-China Conference on Environmental Law', Universiteit Gent (Ghent, Belgium 20-22 September 2010).

Languages

- **English** (Native);
- **Chinese** (Mandarin) (Near-native, Completed Secondary Schooling to Senior Level 1/Form 4 in Chinese Medium – Malaysian Chinese Independent High-School curriculum);
- **Malay** (Advanced, Completed all subjects of Junior High School Certificate (Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR)) in Malay; 'A' in Bahasa Melayu;
- **Swahili** (Fluent);
- **German** (Level 1 Certificate);
- **Hokkien**
- **Hakka**