

Ecologies of Care

Conference Programme

Chancellor's Hall, Senate House, London

Thursday, June 4: 10:00 – 18:30

Friday, June 5: 10:00 – 18:00

Organised by Alex Damianos (University of Kent / Institute of Advanced Legal Studies), Conor Heaney (University of Kent) & Swastee Ranjan (University of Exeter)

Inaugurating the [Law and the Environmental Humanities Network \(LEHN\)](#), an interdisciplinary initiative founded and convened by Alexander Damianos, hosted between the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and the Environmental Humanities Hub of the School of Advanced Study, University of London; and the Technosocial Ecologies Group of the Centre for Critical Studies at Kent Law School, University of Kent.

Thursday, 4 June 2026	
10:00	Arrival & Registration
10:30	Opening Remarks - Alex Damianos, Conor Heaney, Swastee Ranjan
10:45	Panel 1: Relations
Gino Querini	Mythologization and Demythologization in Interspecies Relations
Peter Jones	Seeking sustained orientation using Hodges' model: A gyroscope for Ecologies of Care
Cécile Rosat	The Feeling of Relational Responsibility & Narratives
Victoria Vargas Downing	Against Emptiness: Ochre Radiation, Attention, and Care in the Atacama Desert
12:15	Comfort Break
12:30	Panel 2: Commons
Diana Martin & Nosipho Gumede	Heckling the Commons of Care: Collective Attention and Planetary Coordination
Ainhoa Montoya	Cross-border Ecologies of Care: The International River Basin as a Commoning Device
Ketan Jha	Background Properties: Environmental Impact Assessment as an Attention Regime
14:00	Lunch
15:00	Panel 3: Normative narratives
Aleardo Zanghellini	Rights of nature, econormativity and human agency
Sangita Thebe Limbu	Rendering Mountains Visible and Inequalities Selectively Invisible: The Politics of Climate Attention in Nepal
Vivek Ramachandran	Moral Attention as a Learning Goal: Cultivating Ethical Perception in Engineering Education
16:30	Coffee Break
17:00	Keynote: Professor Yves Citton

18:30 Reception - Refreshments & Nibbles

Friday, 5 June 2026

10:00 Arrival

10:30 Panel 4: Aesthetics

Daniela Dora Forms of Care: Reading, Attention, and the Juridical Imagination of Nature

Saskia Vermeylen Making Ecological Normativity Perceptible: Otobong Nkanga and an Aesthetic Jurisprudence of Attention

Stephanie Polsky The Ecological Sublime: Contemporary Afterimages of Eighteenth-Century Racial Aesthetics

12:00 Comfort Break

12:15 Panel 5: Care and the milieu

Ivo van Puyvelde Regenerative farming: a practice in attentional living-with the land

Miza Moreau Caring for Glasgow's new urban landscapes and those who attend to them

Bonnie Holligan Restoring Just Ecological Relations in Peatland Carbon Markets: Learning from Restorative Justice Practices

13:45 Lunch

15:00 Panel 7: The abstract and the concrete

Elif Kaymaz Toward a Reading of Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Extraction Maps

Feja Lesniewska From Forest Law Back to Forest Lore: Ecologies of Care in the Age of Carbon and AI

Ida Petretta Sustaining attentiveness: to turn one's ear

16:30 Coffee Break

16:45 Panel 6: Technosocial Ecologies - Roundtable

A roundtable discussion on the future of the Ecologies of Care network, convened by the University of Kent's Centre for Critical Thought (Technosocial Ecologies hub) and the Law and the Environmental Humanities Network of the School of Advanced Study, University of London.

Open discussion led by:

Alexander Damianos

Conor Heaney

Swastee Ranjan

17:45 Optional Drinks (nearby venue, own expense)