ESE Seminar Series

Date and time: Feb 15th, 2024, at 3:30 pm  
Location: DMP 110

Title: Ecocide Law: Protecting Our Only Home

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Abstract

The main focus of this talk is on ECOCIDE LAW and fast-growing movement to criminalize ecocide both internationally and nationally. ECOCIDE means mass damage and destruction of ecosystems by processes such as oil spills, deforestation, chemical pollution, soil damage, overfishing, air pollution, etc., which have happened over decades in pursuit of economic development. This destruction has led directly to climate breakdown, and catastrophic biodiversity loss.

At Stop Ecocide International, we work with diplomats, politicians and lawyers towards amending the most powerful legal document in the world - the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court - to include the crime of ECOCIDE alongside genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. Come and hear about this fast-growing movement; not only is this possible, but we are part way there.

Bio

Dona Grace-Campbell currently serves as National Director for Stop Ecocide Canada (SEC). She has been a campaigner for environmental and human rights justice for over a decade. Dona will be receiving national recognition throughout 2024 as a Clean50 leadership award winner for her role as National Director, which has catalyzed national awareness for criminalizing ecocide, engaging MPs and Senators across party lines, and orchestrating two significant events on Parliament Hill. Additionally, she has curated a series of webinars and produces 'Podcasts for the Planet' both of which feature high-profile guests exploring key themes in ecology, ethics, law, finance and more at this unique moment of crisis and change for humanity.