

# Environmental Justice in the 21st Century:

## Responsibility and Participation

*Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
3:00 pm - 7:30 pm CEST  
Free online*



# RIW 11<sup>th</sup> edition

Experts from various corners of the world will dialogue with the audience in four sessions:

**3:00 pm: Session 1** - Environmental Justice: Origins, Challenges, and Developments

**4:00 pm: Session 2** - Environmental Justice and Climate Justice: International Law and Participatory Tools

**5:00 pm: Session 3** - Applications of Environmental Justice in International and National Contexts

**6:00 pm: Session 4** - Environmental Justice and Local Governance

**7:00 pm: Closing remarks**

As every year, at the end of the online course "Environment and Climate in International Cooperation Projects" the students and their teacher offer the audience the **Rome International Workshop (RIW)**, a conference event to reflect on the links between environment, climate change and international cooperation.

This year it will be held on **Tuesday 30th June** from **3:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. CEST** online.

The 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the RIW focuses on environmental justice as a paradigm for rights, participation and responsibility. Under the title **"Environmental Justice in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Responsibility and Participation"** the event offers a multidisciplinary platform for dialogue, reflection, and knowledge exchange on the prospects for environmental justice in international cooperation that would enable the most vulnerable communities to exercise self-determination and ensure a fair distribution of environmental benefits and responsibilities.

The climate crises, increasing pressure on natural resources and the race for raw materials are exacerbating environmental, social and economic inequalities. Even the green transition, if not carefully managed, risks shifting new costs onto those living in the most vulnerable areas. In this context, environmental justice stems from the need to redistribute fairly the costs and responsibilities arising from environmental degradation, which are often borne by the most fragile communities.

The workshop brings together experts, scholars, institutions, and civil society representatives to explore the intricacies of environmental justice, from its origins to recent development, highlighting emerging risks and opportunities in international cooperation. The event aims to showcase promising practical tools and collaborative approaches that provide fertile ground for environmental justice to prevail.

# Final programme

Registration at this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/registrer/H7fMQz02Qh-vXOKTB-4zKg>

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## *Environmental Justice: Origins, Challenges, and Developments*

**3:00 P.M.**

**Introduction** - by Gabriella PETRINA (VIS School for Higher Education) and Massimo ZORTEA (University of Trento)

### **Meanings and Origins of Environmental Justice: A Global Journey Through Rights, Territories, and Mobilizations**

Francesca ROSIGNOLI (Institute for Minority Rights and Institute for Comparative Federalism, Eurac Research)

### **Challenges and perspectives for climate-related international cooperation**

Representative of Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO)

Moderator: Pierluigi VURCHIO

Rapporteuse: Giulia CERA

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## *Environmental Justice and Climate Justice: International Law and Participatory Tools*

**4:00 P.M.**

### **Environmental Justice and International Law**

Leonardo David VILLAFUERTE PHILIPPSBORN (Institute for Democracy, Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Políticas - Universidad Católica Boliviana "San Pablo" )

### **Climate Education and Engagement**

Roberto CAVALLO (Associazione Internazionale per la Comunicazione Ambientale)

Moderator: Giulia BRANDIMARTE

Rapporteur: Pierluigi VURCHIO



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