About CLEANR

The mission of the Center is to promote the development and implementation of creative, practical, and effective conservation strategies in the fields of environmental and land use law. The Center strives to advance a program of educational opportunities and interdisciplinary research engaged with intractable environmental problems, to facilitate dialogue and collaboration addressing concrete conflicts among diverse stakeholders, and to shape environmental policy both locally and globally.

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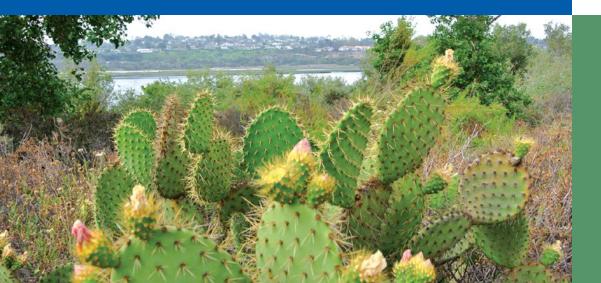University of California, Irvine
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▶ WORKSHOP ROUNDTABLE SERIES

Legal Strategies to Address Climate Change in the North American Arctic
October 27-28, 2017

This roundtable will bring together a small number of leading attorneys, academics, and experts working on a range of issues concerning the U.S. and Canadian Arctic to assess potential legal strategies, including litigation as well as other advocacy techniques, that may be directed toward addressing the challenges of climate change in the region. The goals of the roundtable are to foster dialogue, advance knowledge, and develop practical policy solutions. Participants will share experiences and explore alternative strategies and recommendations, including indigenous perspectives, and examine opportunities for effective legal action.

Regulating Labor Abuses in the Food Supply Chain
March 9, 2018

This roundtable continues an ongoing discussion of how sustainability might support efforts to eradicate labor abuses in our food system. A core principle driving modern food policy is sustainability—the idea that food should be cultivated in a manner that preserves rather than depletes food sources for future generations. Increasingly, government officials, advocates, and corporate actors have sought to expand the concept of sustainability to account for social costs such as exploitation in the production of food. Yet, the legal tools available for supporting this broadened view of sustainability remain limited. This roundtable focuses on a strategy that has garnered some success: pressuring entities up the food chain to enter into legally binding contracts with ethical production provisions. This roundtable will generate concrete recommendations for those interested in utilizing this model of norms enforcement.

▶ SPEAKER SERIES

Law & Social Movements Environmental Justice Panel
Co-Sponsored with the Law & Social Movements Colloquium
February 2018

Research indicates that environmental harms are unequally distributed—with the disproportionate share of harms concentrated in communities of color and communities struggling with poverty. This panel, including lawyers and activists, will consider specific environmental justice campaigns to discuss the role of law and the lawyer, as well as tools other than law, in social movements for environmnental justice.

▶ ENVIRONMENTAL LITERATURE AND FILM SERIES
Co-Sponsored with the Environmental Law Society

Slow Violence and the Environmentalism of the Poor
Rob Nixon
Spring 2018

The Slums of Aspen: Immigrants vs. the Environment in America's Eden
David Naguib Pellow and Lisa Sun-Hee Park
Spring 2018

▶ SUMMER SUSTAINABILITY SERIES
Co-Sponsored with the UCI Newkirk Center for Science and Society

Eighth Annual Session on Empowering Sustainability on Earth
July 16-18, 2018

This series convenes emerging leaders from around the world to exchange experiences and ideas and to foster collaborative research and action related to sustainability. Contact nyokota@uci.edu to apply or for more information.

▶ RECENT PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

March 2017: Alejandro E. Camacho, Michael Robinson-Dorn, Asena Cansu Yildiz & Tara Teegarden, *Assessing State Laws and Resources for Endangered Species Protection*, 47 ENVTL. L. REP. 10837 (2017).

This report provides a detailed analysis of state endangered species laws and funding to implement the federal Endangered Species Act. The study compares state endangered species protections against the federal law in terms of: existing statutes, the extent of species covered, standards and provisions for listing species, authority for recovering planning, designation of critical habitats, substantive and land-use restrictions, consultation for public action, and habitat modification. The report concludes that without significant state law reforms and massive expansions of funding in most states, devolution of federal authority and responsibility over threatened and endangered species to states is likely to undermine conservation and recovery efforts, lead to a greater number of species becoming imperiled, and result in fewer species recovered.

September 2016: Joseph F.C. DiMento, Elizabeth M. Taylor, Stephanie L. Talavera, *Advancing Ecosystem-Based Management in the Arctic: Recommendations to the Arctic Council Task Force on Arctic Marine Cooperation* (Ctr. for Land, Environmnent, and Natural Resources Report, 2016).

This report follows from CLEANR's Arctic II Roundtable, reflecting participants' recommendations for the Arctic Council Task Force on Arctic Marine Cooperation to advance Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) in Arctic marine governance. The report emphasizes the importance of EBM—the place-based, comprehensive assessment and management of ecosystem impacts, including those from human activity—in maintaining ecological integrity in large marine ecosystems of the Arctic. The report evaluates its current state of implementation, identifying gaps and opportunities for enhanced cooperation, and proposes means of further analysis, collaboration, and data sharing between organizations within and beyond the region.