

CALL FOR PAPERS

Blue Planet Law Development and Global Ecology

Some of the most urgent and challenging legal research questions of our times are raised by the legal balancing act between global ecology and development through a Planet Earth Law or, given the unique color of our planet as observed from the outer space, a «Blue Planet Law». This new «Blue Planet Law» is a Law that, recognizing nature's value (from ethical, economic and biotechnological perspectives), reconciles economic and technological development with the protection of the environment and biodiversity, assuming the ocean as an essential part of the biosphere. As responsible inhabitants of our Planet, what can we do, through law, to avoid climate change, to protect biodiversity and to promote healthy oceans, while also making a rational economic and biotechnological use of the existing natural resources?

Preference will be given to papers that address issues related to:

1. **Nature's value:** environmental ethics, natural capital theory, biotechnology.
2. **Climate and biodiversity:** clean energy law, environmental taxes, ecology and market regulation, protection of species, protection of habitats, genetic resources, crimes against nature.
3. **Ocean:** healthy ocean, marine protected areas, sustainable fisheries, protection of endangered species, biodiversity in the high seas.

We welcome submissions from law graduate students (particularly, Ph.D. level) and graduate students (particularly, Ph.D. level) in fields related to environmental ethics, natural capital theory, and biotechnology.

Please send an **abstract of your paper** (500 words max.) and a **short bio** (100 words max.), in English, to cglrc2020@gmail.com.

Católica will **sponsor the accommodation** of successful applicants for the duration of three nights – **23rd, 24th and 25th of September** – in a hotel close to campus.

Alternatively, the **Conference will be open to those who prefer to attend virtually**, via Zoom.

Relevant dates:

- **May 15th:** submission of abstracts and bios.
- **May 29th:** successful applicants will be informed.
- **August 31st:** final papers are due.
- **September 24th and 25th:** conference dates.

Subject to peer review, final papers have the possibility to be published in *Católica Law Review* or in a future book on *Blue Planet Law*.