

WEBINAR: WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – 05 JUNE 2021

IOS Press have designed a special portal for the **World Environment Day Webinar on 05 June 2021** at: [Our Earth Matters | Environmental Policy and Law](#). A registration box and tentative program appears thereunder.

On **05 June World Environment Day Webinar**, in order to accommodate convenience of all the major time zones, it is proposed to have a brief book release session at **08:00 AM (EDT) / 02:00 PM (CEST) / 05:00 PM (PDT)** [[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)].

I. Introduction to Book Release & Webinar: By **Bharat H. Desai**, Editor-in-Chief, *Environmental Policy & Law* (Amsterdam: IOS Press) - **Looking Back to Look Ahead**

II. Sessions:

- (i) **Prognoses:** Global Environmental Challenges (Chair: Edith Brown Weiss) and
- (ii) **The Road Ahead:** Stockholm+50 and Beyond (Chair: Nicholas A. Robinson).

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BOOK RELEASE – 05 JUNE 2021

Bharat H. Desai (Ed), *Our Earth Matters: Pathways to a Better Common Environmental Future* (Amsterdam: IOS Press, 2021)

On 21 May 2019, it was officially recognized that we are now living in the Anthropocene, our earth's latest geological epoch, named for the 'unmistakable imprint of human activities'. This announcement came almost 60 years after the publication of Rachel Carson's landmark work of environmental writing, 'Silent Spring', and next year (2022) it will be 50 years since the first UN Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm in June 1972.

This book, *Our Earth Matters: Pathways to a Better Common Environmental Future*, is a special 50th anniversary issue of the journal *Environmental Policy and Law*. It presents 21 invited contributions by outstanding scholars from the 5 continents on planet earth examine existing global regulatory approaches, processes, instruments and institutions for the protection of the global environment. The articles are grouped under 4 headings: (i) Prognoses (ii) Processes (iii) Problematique and (iv) Prospects, and in them the authors have sought to explore answers to the existential environmental crisis. They urge us to ponder our reckless destruction of natural spaces, endangering of plant and animal species, poisoning of the environment, and general disturbance of our essential ecological processes.

The primary objective of the book is to raise the awareness of the global audience by inspiring scholars and decision-makers to re-examine current global approaches to environmental issues and explore the future trajectory with new ideas and frameworks for international environmental governance in the 21st century and beyond. The book will be of interest to all those working to secure the sustainable future of the human race on our only abode of planet earth.
