

Peace on Earth. Peace with the Earth Spiritualities and Cultures on Environmental Justice and Peacebuilding

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Participation: Free of charge. **Language:** English/Spanish with translation support. **Registration:** m-21.org/forum2025

Session 1: Thursday, 23 October 2025, 15:00–17:45 CEST Peace, Justice and the Environment Through Religious and Cultural Lenses

15:00–16:00 CEST

KEYNOTE LECTURE & QUESTION SESSION



A New Climate for Peace: Postcolonial History and Environmental Justice

Debjani Bhattacharyya (India/Switzerland)

Debjani Bhattacharyya is a Professor of the History of the Anthropocene at the University of Zurich and a non-residential fellow at the Center for the Advanced Study of India at the University of Pennsylvania. Previously, she was an Associate Professor of History and Urban Studies at Drexel University. Her research explores the question of how legal and economic structures shape our understanding of environmental change and how these impact on our reaction to the climate crisis.

16:10–17:45 CEST

INTERVIEW PANEL, INPUT SESSIONS & DISCUSSION



How Spirituality Informs Earth Care

Neddy Astudillo (Venezuela/USA)

Neddy Astudillo is an Eco-Theologian and Presbyterian Pastor and coordinator of the *Climate Justice & Faith Certification* program at the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. She has long advanced environmental justice and eco-theology across the Americas.



Peacebuilding, Education and Environmental Protection by and With the Youth

Haruna Zagoon-Sayeed (Ghana)

Haruna Zagoon-Sayeed is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Ghana and Executive Director of the Baraka Policy Institute. His work spans education, religion, youth development, international affairs, and peacebuilding.



Indigenous People and Resistance Spirituality

Jenne Jessica Revanda Pieter (Indonesia)

Jenne Jessica Revanda Pieter is an ordained minister of the Protestant Church in the Moluccas, Indonesia, and serves as a lecturer at the Faculty of Theology, Christian University of Indonesia. Her work focuses on theology, ecology, and advocacy for Indigenous communities.

Session 2: Thursday, 23 October 2025, 18:00–20:00 CEST

Broadening the Horizons of Peace and Environmental Justice

18:00–19:10 CEST

MINI-LECTURES & QUESTION SESSION



Ecumenical Perspectives on the Climate Crisis, Disability and Public Engagement

Anjeline Okola Charles (Kenya)

Anjeline Okola Charles is Programme Officer at the Ecumenical Disability Action Network (EDAN). Biography to follow.



Indigenous Wisdom and Spiritualities and the Reclaiming of Rights of Land

Jacqueline Hookimaw-Witt (Canada)

Jacqueline Hookimaw-Witt is a member of the Mushkegowuk-Cree community and has obtained a PhD focused on Indigenous feminism. She has working for diverse projects by Indigenous organizations, activism, youth work, and reconciliation initiatives.

19:20–20:00 CEST

PANEL DISCUSSION

How to Translate Insights From Religions, Wisdoms, and Cultures Into Action for Peace on and With the Earth

Sofía Nicolasa Chipana Chispe (Bolivia)

Sofía Nicolasa Chipana Chispe is a member of the Andean Theology and Pastoral Community and the Community of Indigenous Wise Women and Theologians of Abya Yala. She is an Aymara working alongside communities that strive to connect and strengthen themselves through the principle of *Buen Vivir*.



Keshoe Isaiah Kilerai (Kenya)

Keshoe Isaiah Kilerai is a youth climate and environmental champion from the Maasai community in Kenya. He is a Kofi Annan Changemaker and the founder of *The New Lion Project*, which empowers Indigenous youth to influence global policies through storytelling, advocacy, research, and grassroots projects.



Julio Cesar Mejía Tapia (Peru)

Julio Cesar Mejía Tapia is a legal advisor to the network of women leaders defending water and Lake Titicaca, a consultant, researcher and head of the Institute of Law, Social Participation and Environment (IDEPAM) of the network known as Eco Legistas and the Pasión Constitucional initiative.



Meera Baindur (India)

Meera Baindur is a philosopher, educator, and interfaith scholar. She is an Associate Professor at the Manipal Academy of Higher Education, India. Her work bridges environmental ethics, Indian philosophical traditions, and feminist thought, with a strong engagement in interfaith dialogue.

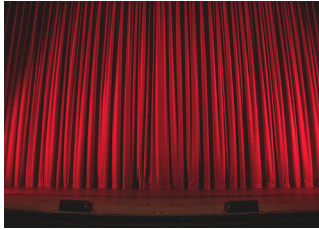


Session 3: Friday, 24 October 2025, 13:00–14:00 CEST

Revisiting Anthropocentrism and Positioning New Ecologies

13:00–13:15 CEST

HIGHLIGHTS SESSION 2



Video Recap Capturing the Highlights of Session 2

13:15–14:00 CEST

MINI-LECTURE & QUESTION SESSION



Religious Ecology: Indigenous Practices and Intersubjective Relationships

Samsul Maarif (Indonesia)

Samsul Maarif is the head of the Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies at the Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia. He teaches indigenous religions, focusing on topics such as decolonization and planetary communities and art and religion. He advocates for engaged religious studies and has been involved in coalitions for social activism on freedom of religion or belief, environmental movement, and others.

Session 4: Friday, 24 October 2025, 15:00 – 17:00 CEST

Discovering Peace Through the Lenses of Nature's Agency and Rights

15:00–15:55 CEST

MINI-LECTURES & QUESTION SESSION



When Rivers Speak: Indigenous Wisdom and How It Pushes the Boundaries of Human-Nature Relationships Towards Inclusive Peace

Stephanie Boyd (Canada/Peru)

Stephanie Boyd has been living and working in Peru as a filmmaker, journalist and educator since 1997. She co-created the *Media that Matters* initiative with several Peruvian nonprofit film collectives and is a board member of the Peru Support Group.



When the Rivers Claim Justice: Expanding Law From Indigenous Water Values and Non-Western Human-Nature Relations

María Ximena González-Serrano (Colombia/Switzerland)

María Ximena González-Serrano is a Colombian lawyer, activist, and socio-legal researcher. For over fifteen years, she has worked with grassroots communities on collective strategies to defend territories and rivers from extractive economies and toxic flows.

16:05–17:00 CEST

ACTION PLAN DISCUSSION

Action Plan Discussion

Offers a collaborative space to reflect on the gained insights and explore next steps for joint action.