



UCL Centre for Law and Environment Briefing 2022-2023

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Introduction

expertise and academic strength in the field of law and the environment. The academic members of the Centre pursue a rich variety of interests in this field.

Our members

Dr Danae Azaria is a public international lawyer with a particular interest in international law on energy and natural resources, as well as the law of treaties, State responsibility, and international dispute settlement. She is a qualified attorney and collaborates as an academic advisor with numerous government departments (in the UK and abroad), international organisations (including the United Nations), law firms and corporations.

Tom Burke is an Honorary Professor of Practice at the UCL Faculty of Laws and the Centre. He is co-founder and chair of the environmental think tank E3G, as well as chair of the China Dialogue Trust and Patron of UKELA. He was the Executive Director of Friends of the Earth in the seventies, ran the Green Alliance in the eighties, was a Special Advisor to three Secretaries of State for the Environment in the nineties, and worked for Rio Tinto and BP over the turn of the century. He is currently focused on the relationship between environmental protection and the rule of law.

Lord Robert Carnwath is an Honorary Professor and Distinguished Judicial Visitor at UCL Faculty of Laws and the Centre. Lord Carnwath retired from the UK Supreme Court in 2020. He is widely admired for his expertise and engagement in planning and environmental law, and pursues his interest in climate change and law from his position in the Centre.

Ruth Chambers is an Honorary Professor of Practice at the UCL Faculty of Laws and the Centre. She has been working as a Senior Fellow

environment. Nicola has also worked in

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Sonam Gordhan, Maria Lee, Eloise Scotford and **Steven Vaughan** provided feedback as panel chairs.

Jane Holder, as Chair of the

Feja Lesniewska, with Dr Katrien Steenmanns from the University of Copenhagen,

Gazette in September 2022; and in *Legal Futures* in September 2022, November 2022, and June 2023.

Impact and Engagement

Members of the Centre have engaged in a number of highly impactful research projects and outreach activities.

Danae Azaria, as part of her European Research Council-funded [State Silence project](#), has been a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School in 2023. She has been conducting research on the inference of a dispute from silence, on the basis of State practice before, and decisions of, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) 1991.94595.78Tm0 5948.04e[0*nnBT/F1 12 Tf1 0 0 1 250.37 5

reports on the [UK-Australia](#) and [UK-New Zealand](#) free trade agreements, and is presently engaged in the scrutiny process of the

Law in September 2022. Richard chaired the UKELA Seminar on Waste Law in March 2023