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Khoranit (Amy) Tongkay	PhD member	University of Strathclyde
Angela Daly	Staff member	University of Strathclyde
Antonio Cardesa-Salzmann	Staff member	University of Strathclyde
Chitzi Ogbumbada	PhD member	University of Strathclyde
Claire Lajaunie	Affiliate	French National Institute of Health and Medical Research
Daniela Diz	Affiliate	Heriot Watt University
Edna Ayeley Okine	PhD member	University of Strathclyde
Elaine Webster	Staff member	University of Strathclyde
Elisa Morgera	Staff member	University of Strathclyde
Elsa Tsioumani	Affiliate	University of Trento
Francesco Sindico	Staff member	University of Strathclyde
Giulia Sajeve	Staff member	University of Strathclyde
Graham Hamley	PhD member	University of Strathclyde
Iyan Offor	PhD member	University of Strathclyde
Julia Nakamura	PhD member	University of Strathclyde
Julie Gibson	PhD member	University of Strathclyde
Kathyrn Mckenzie	PhD member	University of Strathclyde
Lannette Chiti	PhD member	University of Strathclyde
Laura Major	One Ocean Hub member	University of Strathclyde
Linda Mensah	PhD member	University of Strathclyde
Lorenzo Cotula	Staff member	International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)
Lysa Wini	PhD member	University of Strathclyde
Malcolm Combe	Staff member	University of Strathclyde
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Amelia Burnette, SCELG PhD Member



Amelia joined SCELG in 2020 as a Fulbright Award recipient pursuing research at the intersection of environmental law and human rights. Amelia's research examines a rights-based approach to redressing environmental harms, with a focus on climate change induced harms. Exploring the human rights dimensions of climate change reflects Amelia's interest in law as a mechanism to protect vulnerable communities, particularly those impacted by environmental degradation. Amelia engages with researchers in the law school's Climate Change Litigation Initiative (C2LI) and the Centre for the Study of Human Rights Law to support the multiple disciplinary approach of her research. Before joining SCELG, Amelia practiced law in the United States for over a decade, with a focus on protecting a healthy environment and communities that depend on natural resources. She advocated for protection of water resources, forests, and imperiled species, and for proper accounting of climate impacts and planning for resiliency in agency decision-making. Through complex litigation before federal and state tribunals, she has developed expertise in the role of strategic litigation in environmental advocacy, securing victories halting unlawful fossil fuel pipeline projects through protected lands and compelling safe disposal of coal combustion residuals, as part of the largest cleanup of coal ash in the United States. Amelia has presented regularly on legal advocacy related to protecting forests, biodiversity, and freshwater resources.

Amelia holds a juris doctor from the University of North Carolina (high honors), a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Asheville (cum laude), and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

#### Areas of expertise

- Environmental Justice
- Climate Change



Angela Daly, SCELG Staff Member



Dr Angela Daly is Senior Lecturer in Law & Technology at the University of Strathclyde Glasgow, Law School where she is the Co-Director of the [Strathclyde Centre for Internet Law & Policy](#). Her research covers various aspects of the regulation and governance of new (digital) technologies and includes expertise in data protection, sector-specific regulation (telecoms, energy, medical/health), intellectual property, competition law and human rights. She has extensive international experience on these topics, having lived and worked in Europe, North America, Asia and the Pacific before returning to Scotland in 2019. She advises and has advised public sector, industry and civil society groups and currently collaborated with the [Open Rights Group](#) on digital rights issues.

Angela is interested in how regulatory and governance frameworks covering digital technologies promote sustainability and ensure these technologies are also sustainable. She is currently PI on an [ESPRC STEM Equals grant](#) examining the regulation and governance of sustainable digital energy deployments.

She speaks English, French, Italian, Spanish and is learning Gaelic, Mandarin and Portuguese.

Angela's full profile is available [here](#).

Angela's areas of expertise:

- [Economic Law and Governance](#)
- Climate and [Energy](#)
- [Human Rights](#)
- Biodiversity and [Traditional Knowledge](#)



Antonio Cardesa-Salzmann, SCELG  
Staff Member



Antonio is Lecturer in EU Environmental Law and a member of SCELG. Before joining the University of Strathclyde in October 2016, he taught and conducted research on international and EU environmental law at the University of Barcelona (2002-2010) and the University Rovira i Virgili (Tarragona, 2010-2016). His main research and teaching interests lie in those two areas of law. At present, his research focusses on legal systems' interactions from a global perspective and appraises the potential contribution of such patterns of interaction towards more sustainable patterns of social reproduction. 'Global' law is therefore an increasingly important perspective to his teaching and research. He has also published on the compliance with and enforcement of multilateral environmental agreements. As a member of SCELG, he has also engaged in research and knowledge exchange activities around the implications of the UK's decision to leave the EU on environmental law and governance in Scotland.

Antonio's full profile is available [here](#).

Antonio's areas of expertise:

- Legal Theory
- Environmental Justice
- Human Rights
- Law and Development
- Animal and Wildlife Law





Chitzi Ogbumgbada, SCELG PhD  
Member



Chitzi Ogbumgbada is a PhD Candidate and Tutor at the University of Strathclyde Glasgow, Law School. He is also a member of the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance. Chitzi's doctoral research investigates the potential of international law in operationalising the concept of energy justice at the global level. His understanding of energy justice is derived from African communitarianism. Chitzi played a key role in the founding of the African Natural Resources and Energy Law Network, which deploys collaborative legal research to advise governments on how best to tackle problems created by energy access and resource governance. He also worked on a novel academic project that involved two faculties of law in Nigeria, which culminated in the publication of the African Journal of International Energy and Environmental Law. He has also served as a peer reviewer for the Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy, and the Niger Delta University Law Journal. Chitzi's research has been published in journals such as the International Energy Law Review and the Renewable Energy Law and Policy Review. He speaks English, Ikwerre (mother tongue), Nigerian Pidgin English, and has a notion of French.

Chitzi's full profile is available [here](#).

Chitzi's areas of expertise:

- Climate and Energy
- Legal Theory
- Law and Development



Claire Lajaunie, SCELG Affiliate



Claire Lajaunie investigates the inter-linkages between biodiversity and health and their evolution due to global changes through the study on Global Environmental Law, governance and the associated ethical issues. She is working for the [French National Institute of Health and Medical Research](#) at the [LPED – Population-Environment-Development Laboratory](#) in Marseille, France. She is also Affiliate Researcher at the [Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance](#). Claire is a member of the Scientific Committee of the CDC Biodiversité (subsidiary of the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignation) and STEAM Ambassador of the social enterprise MAINTENANT Sustaining Now (UK). Claire is also co-investigator on the [One Ocean Hub](#) and is co-leading (with S. Morand) the ANR project FutureHealthSEA on Predictive scenarios of health in Southeast Asia: linking land use and climate changes to infectious diseases (2017-2022). She co-authored a book on “[Biodiversity and Health: Linking Life, Ecosystems and Societies](#)” published in 2017 by Iste Press-Elsevier and co-edited a book on “Biodiversity Conservation in Southeast Asia” (Routledge, 2017) and a book on “Law, public policies and complex systems networks in action” (Springer, 2019).

She is fluent in English, French (mother tongue), Spanish and speaks Korean.

Claire’s areas of expertise:

- Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
- Health
- Oceans
- Law and Development



Daniela Diz, SCELG Affiliate



Daniela Diz is a Bicentennial Associate Professor at the Lyell Centre, Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, specialised in oceans governance. Daniela has over 20 years of experience in the field of environmental law and oceans governance and has held positions with government and non-governmental organisations and academia. She regularly participates as an expert at UN meetings related to the law of the sea, marine biodiversity and fisheries, and conducts policy and legal studies related to marine biodiversity conservation and sustainable use to UN agencies, government institutions and civil society.

Daniela's full profile can be found [here](#).

Daniela's main areas of expertise relate to:

- Oceans
- Law and Development





Edna Ayeley Okine, SCELG PhD Member



Edna Ayeley Okine, is a PhD student in administrative and environmental law at the University of Strathclyde, Law School where she is a member of the [Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance](#). Edna is a graduate from Strathclyde's LLB programme and [environmental law programme](#) in LLM [International Law and Sustainable Development](#). Edna is experienced in legal work, charity and sustainable development research mainly through her participation as a student legal advisor at the Strathclyde Law Clinic(2013-2015), resource person at a local charity -Empower Women for Change, student researcher SCELG's [Climate and Sustainability Project](#) 2015/2016 and masters dissertation on '[achieving sustainable development through shea trade](#)'.

Edna's PhD research is built on excerpt findings from the mentioned project and dissertation and is using the theory of Co-production, Environmental Trust Funds (ETFs) and comparative legal approaches to explore Ghana and Scotland's governance and inclusion of third sector participation in climate and environmental action for sustainable development.

Edna is currently involved in working with EWFC, tutoring at Strathclyde and supervising project work at the Ghana Institute of Journalism were she is an alumni.

Edna's full profile is available [here](#).

Edna's areas of expertise:

- Law and Development
- Climate and Energy
- Economic Law and Governance



Elaine Webster, SCELG Staff Member



Dr Elaine Webster is a Senior Lecturer at Strathclyde Law School and Director of the [Centre for the Study of Human Rights Law](#). She is also a fellow of Strathclyde's [Centre for Health Policy](#). Elaine's research interests are in interpretation of human rights by different actors, including judicial bodies and civil society advocacy groups. The concept of human dignity within human rights interpretation is a central theme in her work and she has also researched in the field of human rights education. She has a particular interest in the right not to be subjected to inhuman and degrading treatment and its application across diverse contexts. She has interests in the environmental governance field; namely, in judicial and extra-judicial human rights interpretation and narratives, and in the relationship between 'human dignity' and human right perspectives on environmental protection. She is a co-investigator on the UK Government funded [One Ocean Hub](#) project.

Elaine's full profile is available [here](#).

Elaine's areas of expertise:

- [Human Rights](#)
- [Oceans](#)
- Health



Elisa Morgera, SCELG Staff Member



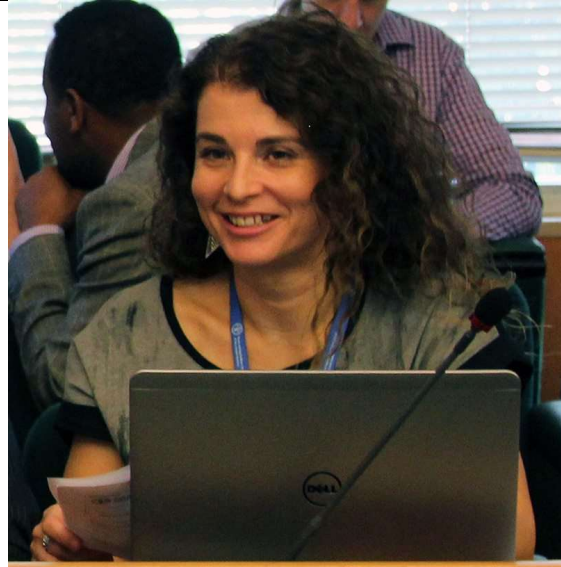
Elisa Morgera is Professor of Global Environmental Law at the University of Strathclyde Law School and Director of the [GCRF One Ocean Hub programme](#). She specializes in international, European and comparative environmental law, with a particular focus on the interaction between biodiversity law and human rights (particularly those of indigenous peoples and local communities), equity and sustainability in natural resource development, oceans governance, and corporate accountability. Elisa has also researched the environmental dimensions of the external relations of the European Union (EU). She has been contributing to the Scottish debate on the implications of Brexit for environmental governance and human rights in a variety of roles – currently as an appointed member of the National Task Force on Human Rights Leadership. Elisa has served as a consultant for the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN (FAO), IUCN, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the European Commission and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). In addition, Elisa has participated as an observer in international environmental negotiations, including under the CBD and on marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, since 2005. Prior to joining academia, Elisa served as a legal officer for FAO, advising over fifty countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the South Pacific on improving domestic legislation on natural resources; and as an environmental management officer for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Eastern Caribbean. Elisa has completed the five-year [ERC Starting Grant BENELEX](#). Elisa speaks Italian, French, Spanish and Portuguese. Elisa's full profile can be found [here](#).

Elisa's main areas of expertise relate to:

- Oceans
- Health
- Human Rights
- Economic Law and Governance
- Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
- Environmental Justice
- Extractives



Elsa Tsiounami, SCELG Affiliate



Dr Elsa Tsioumani is an international lawyer and academic based in Thessaloniki, Greece. Her research interests include international environmental law and policy, with focus on biodiversity, human rights, governance of emerging technologies, and land, food and agriculture. Elsa has over 20 years of experience as a practitioner and observer at intergovernmental meetings. She has held research positions in academia, and has served as a legal consultant for several international and non-governmental organizations.

Elsa's areas of expertise:

- Biodiversity and traditional knowledge
- Land, food and agriculture
- Human rights



Francesco Sindico, SCELG Staff  
Member



Francesco Sindico is Reader in International Environmental Law at the University of Strathclyde Glasgow, Law School where he is the Co-Director of the [Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance](#). Francesco is active in international dispute settlement advising governments before the International Court of Justice. He provided [technical support to Scottish Government](#) in the implementation of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 and is coordinating the [Climate Change Litigation Initiative \(C2LI\)](#), which builds on an edited book titled "Comparative Climate Change Litigation: Beyond the Usual Suspects" that will be published in 2020. Francesco has also submitted a monograph on "International Law and Transboundary Aquifers" and is co-editing a book on the "Transformation of Environmental Law and Governance: Innovation, Risk and Resilience". He currently serves as Associate Editor for the journals Carbon and Climate Law Review and Review of European Community and International Environmental Law. Francesco is also co-investigator on the [One Ocean Hub](#) and is leading [Island Explorers](#), a programme aimed at primary schools that introduces sustainability using islands as geographical contexts. He is fluent in English, Spanish, Italian (mother tongue) and French.

Francesco's full profile is available [here](#).

Francesco's areas of expertise:

- [Climate and Energy](#)
- [Freshwater](#)
- [Law and Development](#)
- [Islands](#)





Giulia Sajeve, SCELG Staff Member



Giulia Sajeve is a Marie Skłodowska Curie Individual Fellow at the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance, under Prof. Elisa Morgera's supervision. Her two years project on [\*Rights for Ecosystem Services: a framework to protect the environment and sustainable local communities in the EU\*](#) aims at developing an innovative theoretical and legal framework – labelled *Rights for Ecosystems Services* (RES) – to guide policy and legal developments towards reducing the risk of local communities abandoning their sustainable practices due to the lack of effective protection. Giulia Sajeve is a researcher whose background builds, mostly, on legal theory and concentrates on human rights and the conservation of the environment. She collaborated with the NGO *Natural Justice: lawyers for communities and the environment* on issues concerning the recognition of indigenous peoples rights on lands and natural resources (Biocultural Community Protocols), doing field-work in Namibia, South Africa and Botswana. She worked with the Kew Royal Botanic Gardens' Conventions and Policies Section, researching on the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on the International Trade on Endangered Species, and on Ethical Guidelines for research with indigenous peoples. Giulia has Master in Conservation Science (Imperial College London), a Master in Global Rule of Law and Constitutional Democracy (Università degli Studi di Genova), and a PhD in human rights from the Law Department of the Università degli Studi di Palermo for which she researched the biocultural rights of indigenous peoples and local communities. On this topic, she recently published her first book [\*When Rights Embrace Responsibilities. Biocultural Rights and the Conservation of Environment\*](#) with Oxford University Press.

Giulia's full profile is available [here](#).

#### Areas of expertise:

- Human Rights
- Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
- Environmental Justice
- Legal Theory
- Islands



Graham Hamley, SCELG PhD Member



Graham is a PhD candidate researching the legal relationship between the human right to health and marine biodiversity conservation. Through his research, he seeks to identify innovative ways in which existing international legal instruments may be interpreted and applied to mutually support human health and marine biodiversity. Graham is also a member of the [One Ocean Hub](#). Prior to joining the [SCELG](#) in October 2018, Graham worked as a legal consultant in the sphere of international environment and development law, with a primary focus upon agriculture law. He has worked as a Team Lead at the [World Bank](#), and as a legal consultant for the [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#) (FAO) and the [World Organization for Animal Health](#) (OIE). In this capacity, he has worked closely with national governments to inform legislative reform processes and support legislative drafting in various countries. He also worked for a period as a project manager at [CDP](#), supporting the development of and reporting on corporate climate change policy. Graham holds an LL.B. in law from the University of Dundee and an LL.M. with distinction in Global Environment and Climate Change Law from the University of Edinburgh.

Graham's full profile is available [here](#).

Graham's areas of expertise:

- Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
- [Human rights](#)
- [Land, food & agriculture](#)
- [Oceans](#)
- [Health](#)



Iyan Offor, SCELG PhD Member



Iyan Offor's research focuses on global animal law, international trade law and critical, intersectional and posthumanist responses to anthropocentrism in law. The cross-cutting nature of animal law means that Iyan works on global governance, earth jurisprudence, wildlife and conservation law, and themes in international law and European Union law. Iyan's most recent work is published in the *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment*, [Transnational Environmental Law](#), the [Global Trade and Customs Journal](#) and the [UK Journal of Animal Law](#). Iyan was recently welcomed as a visiting international scholar at both the [Center for Animal Law Studies](#) and the [Global Animal Law Section](#) of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law. Iyan recently completed a two-year long research project for Eurogroup for Animals on method of production labelling and trade law. He has also taught at the University of Strathclyde, Aarhus University and Lewis & Clark Law School on animal law, environmental law, food law, legal theory, ocean governance, and trade law. Iyan organises [events](#) on animal law in Scotland and also organises the SCELG discussion group. Iyan is a member of the Scottish Steering Committee for the UK Centre for Animal Law.

Iyan's full profile is available [here](#).

Iyan's areas of expertise:

- Animal and Wildlife Law
- Environmental Justice
- Legal Theory
- Economic Law and Governance



Julia Nakamura, SCELG PhD Member



Julia Nakamura is a lawyer qualified in Brazil, a PhD Candidate with the [Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance](#), at the University of Strathclyde, Law School, and an international legal specialist with the [Development Law Service of the Food and Agriculture of the United Nations \(FAO\)'s Legal Office](#). Julia's research is about clarifying the contributions of international law for securing sustainable small-scale fisheries (SSF) with a focus on their participation in co-managing transboundary aquatic species. She has been collaborating with the [Too Big To Ignore \(TBTI\)](#) global partnership for SSF research, of which she is a [member](#), and has been contributing to the project of [unlocking legal and policy frameworks for SSF](#) and the online events of [Small is Bountiful](#). With FAO, Julia has been involved in the [project of implementing an ecosystem approach to fisheries \(EAF\)](#) through policy and legal frameworks and in the [project of implementing the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora \(CITES\)](#) through national fisheries legal frameworks.

Julia's full profile is available [here](#).

Julia's areas of expertise:

- Environmental Justice
- Human Rights
- [Oceans](#)



Julie Gibson, SCELG PhD Member



Julie Gibson is a PhD candidate at the [Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance](#) where her research focuses on the interaction between development cooperation and the law of transboundary watercourses. Julie is also a Research Assistant at the University of Aberdeen on the [EU-funded DAFNE Project](#) within which she works on the governance of the Zambezi and Omo-Turkana river basins, leading research on legal frameworks at international, regional, basin and national scale and towards the identification and creation of more resilient and sustainable frameworks based on the Water-Energy-Food Nexus. She has recently co-authored a monograph titled “Implementing International Watercourses Law Through the WEF and SDGs: An Integrated Approach Illustrated in the Zambezi River Basin” which will be published in September 2020. She is also co-editing a multi and interdisciplinary book titled “The Omo-Turkana Basin: Toward Sustainable Management of a Critical Transboundary Resource” to which she has also contributed a chapter which will be published in 2021. Julie originally joined SCELG in 2014 as a student on the LLM in International Law and Sustainable Development. After completing her LLM with distinction Julie worked as an international development consultant at Cardno Emerging Markets, focusing on business development and project management, including working as Project Manager on the [award winning IRAT programme](#). Prior to undertaking her LLM Julie obtained an LLB from the University of Aberdeen. She has also undertaken research and previous work experience with NGO and charity organisations in Kenya, Zambia, Bangladesh and China.

Julie’s areas of expertise:

- [Freshwater](#)
- Law and Development





Kathryn McKenzie, SCELG PhD  
Member



Kate's is a PhD candidate researching climate change litigation in national courts with a particular focus on States' due diligence obligations and climate change responsibilities under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea in addition to those under the UN Climate Change regime. Alongside her research, Kate has been working with the [Climate Change Litigation Initiative \(C2LI\)](#) since its inception and has recently provided research and Knowledge Exchange assistance to the [Centre for the Study of Human Rights Law](#) on a project aiming to develop an innovative approach to human rights capacity building in Scotland. Kate is also a member of the [One Ocean Hub](#), a £20 million programme funded by the UK Research and Innovation's Global Challenges Research Fund (UKRI GCRF) aimed at tackling threats to the world's oceans and transforming the global response to these urgent challenges. Kate completed her LL.M. in Global Environmental Law and Governance at the University of Strathclyde. Before joining [SCELG](#), Kate worked as a conflict resolution professional focusing on mediation and inter-organizational relationship building and conflict prevention. She holds a JD from Capital University Law School and a Bachelor of Music from The Boston Conservatory.

Kate's areas of expertise:

- Climate and Energy
- [Oceans](#)
- [Human Rights](#)



Lannette Chiti, SCELG PhD member



Prior to commencing PhD research, Lannette Chiti worked for almost eight years in the environment sector in Zambia combining environmental law practice with consultancy work in environmental management. Key assignments included environmental litigation, environmental due diligence support, environmental impact assessments and environmental auditing. She was one of the initial reviewers of principal national environmental legislation leading to the enactment of the Zambian Environmental Management Act. She served as chairperson of the board of directors of the Zambia Environmental Management Agency. She chaired an expert group on land, environment and natural resources at the sector and national levels. Lannette successfully executed a Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) capacity building regional project jointly implemented by the United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Environment Programme in Sub-Saharan Africa. She has been part of the legal and technical advisory team of Zambian delegations to a number of UNFCCC Conferences of Parties and was a member of the Working Group of the Designated National Authority for the CDM. Lannette has worked for Fairtrade International (an international NGO based in Germany) as Senior Advisor-Climate Change providing overall leadership in the delivery of climate change work. Her research examines the role of international energy law in climate change mitigation and questions whether an overarching hard international legal instrument is necessary to promote sustainable energy for climate change mitigation.

Areas of expertise:

- Climate and Energy
- Law and Development



Laura Major, One Ocean Hub Member



Laura is an anthropologist of law and politics, specializing in the study of conflict and material cultures. Her previous work includes ethnographic research on governance in East-Central Africa, as well as work in the UK on conscientious objection to Second World War conscription (for which she developed a national exhibition). She has extensive empirical research and is trained in a range of qualitative research methods, including Rapid Research and Evaluation Techniques. She has taught across the sub-disciplines of anthropology, and is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. Laura joined SCELG in October 2019 as co-investigator for the GCRF [One Ocean Hub](#). She collaborates with colleagues based in the UK, Africa, the South Pacific and the Caribbean on research which bridges policy, law, science and art to promote sustainable oceans management. She is working with colleagues based in Ghana on research investigating customs and law amongst fisheries on the Ghanaian coastline; and developing a research stream focused on the anthropology of finance and the governance of large commercial marine operations. Her emerging research interests include the study of crime and criminality as these relate to water governance. [@excogitating](#)

Laura's full profile is available [here](#)

#### Areas of expertise:

- Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
- [Human Rights](#)
- Oceans
- Legal and Political Anthropology



Linda Mensah, SCELG PhD member



Linda joined [Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance\(SCELG\)](#) in 2018 as a Strathclyde Excellence Awards recipient. Her research focuses on exploring alternative legal frameworks for Ghana's artisanal and small-scale mining sector using decolonised socio-legal and Afrocentric research approach. In January 2020, Linda was awarded a Socio-Legal Studies Association (SLSA) PhD Fieldwork Grant to conduct her ethnography at selected small-scale mining sites in Ghana. Linda is interested in exploring the extractives industry through legal pluralist theories as well as examining the tensioned intersection between customary land tenure systems, mineral rights and the state-centric mining formalisation schemes. Her research also focuses on the politics of knowledge production on Africa's mineral resources and the epistemologies that frame the discourses on indigenous artisanal and small-scale mining. With the aid of African feminist standpoint theories, Linda's research also pays focused attention to the gendered struggles in artisanal and small-scale mining and highlights how the lived experiences and stories of women in artisanal and small-scale mining could be mobilised for legal and policy reform. Prior to joining SCELG, Linda worked as a legal officer and adjunct law lecturer at Ghana's University of Energy and Natural Resources. Linda was admitted to the Ghana Bar in 2011 and holds an LLM in International Law and Sustainable Development from the University of Strathclyde which she obtained under the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Chevening Scholarship in 2016.

#### Linda's Area of Expertise:

- Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
- Land, Food and Agriculture
- Legal Theory
- Extractives
- Legal and Political Anthropology



Lorenzo Cotula, SCELG Staff Member



Lorenzo Cotula is Visiting Professor at the University of Strathclyde Glasgow, Law School, where he contributes research and teaching at the [Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance](#). He is also a Principal Researcher in Law and Sustainable Development at the [International Institute for Environment and Development \(IIED\)](#), and he leads IIED's [Legal Tools for Citizen Empowerment](#) initiative. Lorenzo's work involves legal and socio-legal research, national and international policy engagement and field-level projects on the legal arenas where natural resource governance meets the global economy – cutting across land and natural resource law; international investment law; human rights; political economy of natural resources and foreign investment; and legal empowerment, citizen agency and public accountability.

Lorenzo's areas of expertise:

- [Economic Law and Governance](#)
- [Human rights](#)
- [Land, food & agriculture](#)
- [Law and Development](#)
- Extractives





Lysa Wini, SCELG PhD Member



Lysa Wini is a One Ocean Hub PhD Researcher at the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance (SCELG). Lysa comes from Solomon Islands, a collective territory of approx. 900 islands spread across a vast expanse of the Blue Continent. This includes more than 100 ancient traditional human built artificial islands – and these communities thrive to an extent and with a depth of reality near unique across the globe, with the national constitution and statutes recognising the preeminence of ‘customary law’ and ‘customary marine tenure’. It is against this backdrop, Lysa draws her inspiration to focus her research on customary law and the legacy of colonialism on contemporary ocean laws in Solomon Islands. Lysa also participates in the One Ocean Hub Ocean Explorer program, that aims at primary schools that introduces sustainability using islands as geographical contexts. She is fluent in English and Solomon pijin.

Lysa’s full profile is available [here](#).

Lysa’s areas of expertise:

- Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
- Oceans
- [Islands](#)



Malcolm M Combe, SCELG Staff  
Member



Malcolm is a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Strathclyde, with interests in property law (particularly land reform), landlord and tenant law (particularly in the residential and rural sector), commercial law and clinical legal education. Malcolm's interest in land reform and community ownership began as an undergraduate LLB student at Strathclyde, and his dissertation on the topic was published in the *Juridical Review* in 2006. His interest in that topic continues to this day – his most recent book is a co-edited volume '[Land reform in Scotland: History, Law and Policy](#)' (published by EUP in 2020) – with further involvement by way of teaching, training of legal and other professionals, public engagement, and *ad hoc* involvement with organisations and the Scottish Government convened [Land Reform Review Group](#). Malcolm also has an interest in the Scottish environment, having been an external adviser to the Scottish Government's [Deer Working Group](#), and has published on environmental law-related matters including environmental liabilities in relation to land (with Colin Mackie, in the [2019 Journal of Environmental Law](#)) and public access to land (for the Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society, published by [Birlinn](#) in 2018). He sits on the Law Society of Scotland's Access to Justice Committee and is a trustee of the Clinical Legal Education Organisation. Since January 2017, Malcolm has been a Case and Comment editor of the *Juridical Review*, the law journal of the Scottish universities. He speaks Scots Gaelic to a conversational level.

Malcolm's full profile is available [here](#).

Malcolm's areas of expertise:

- Land, Food and Agriculture



Mara Ntona, SCELG Staff Member



Mara Ntona is a Lecturer at the University of Strathclyde Law School, where she contributes to research and teaching at the [Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance \(SCELG\)](#) and the [Centre for the Study of Human Rights Law \(CSHRL\)](#). Along with other SCELG colleagues, Mara has investigated the implications of [Brexit](#) for environmental governance in Scotland and the UK, with particular reference to issues relating to fisheries, nature conservation, and environmental rights. She has also provided legal consultancy services to the [Convention on Biological Diversity \(CBD\)](#) and the [Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN \(FAO\)](#), focusing on place-based marine management and cross-institutional coordination within ocean governance. As a research assistant to the [BeneLex](#) and [MARINE BENEFITS](#) projects, Mara explored issues of fair and equitable benefit-sharing arising in the context of the law of the sea – work that went on to inform her doctoral research. Her thesis, soon to be completed, explores the extent to which a human rights-based approach to marine spatial planning can serve as a legal tool for upholding and nurturing the multifaceted linkages between ocean health and human well-being. Mara previously worked in private practice, advising clients in matters of constitutional, administrative, and human rights law. She is a member of the Athens Bar Association (Greece).

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Mara's areas of expertise:

- Climate and Energy
- [Oceans](#)
- [Human Rights](#)
- Environmental Justice
- Economic Law and Governance



Michael Mehling, SCELG Staff  
Member



Michael Mehling is a Professor of Practice at the University of Strathclyde School of Law. He holds a simultaneous appointment as the Deputy Director of the Centre for Energy and Environmental Policy Research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Previously, he was founding President of the Ecologic Institute in Washington DC, an environmental think tank with partner offices in Berlin and Brussels. In these roles, he has coordinated research and advisory projects for international organizations, government agencies, and civil society organizations in North America, Europe, and the developing world.

He currently serves as a non-executive director with Ecologic Institute in Berlin, a Manager of the Konrad-von-Moltke Fund in Berlin, a Member of Climate Strategies in London, and a founding board member of Ecologic Institute in Washington DC, the Blockchain & Climate Institute (BCI) in London, and the European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition (ERCST) in Brussels. He is also an Associate Researcher with the Energy Policy Research Group (EPRG) at the University of Cambridge, an Associate with Vivid Economics in London, and Editor-in-Chief of the quarterly Carbon & Climate Law Review (CCLR).

Areas of expertise:

- Climate and Energy
- Economic Law and Governance



Michel Wahome, One Ocean Hub  
Member



Michel Wahome is a Research Fellow at the [One Ocean Hub](#) located within the [Strathclyde Law School](#). She has a background in postcolonial science and technology studies and critical social science. Her research interest is inclusive, ethical innovation and knowledge production. At the One Ocean Hub, she is researching processes and institutional environments that aim to facilitate applied, collaborative research. This research investigates academic research for development (R4D) as a means to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and tackle development challenges. Prior to joining the One Ocean Hub, Michel was a Researcher on the [Geonet](#) project at the Oxford Internet Institute.

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Michel's areas of expertise:

- Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
- Law and Development





Mika Schroder, SCELG PhD Member



Mika Schroder is a doctoral researcher at the [Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance](#). She specialises in international environmental law and social justice, with key interests pertaining to the recognition and safeguarding of community rights, knowledges and perspectives within law-making processes. Ethics and spatial justice lies at the heart of her work, and she has experience collaborating with grassroots organisations and activists in considering ways towards more inclusive decision-making processes in biodiversity negotiations. She has published on community perspectives in international investment law, local stakeholder participation at the Convention on Biological Diversity, and spatial in/justice within marine spatial planning. Alongside her research Mika lectures on courses pertaining to international law and global environmental justice. She is also a writer for the IISD Earth Negotiations Bulletin where she reports on the development and progress of international environmental negotiations. Mika speaks English, Swedish, Norwegian and Spanish.

Mika's areas of expertise:

- Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
- Environmental Justice
- Human Rights
- Land, Food and Agriculture
- Legal Theory



Mitchell Lennan, SCELG PhD Member



Mitchell Lennan (BSc (Hons), MSc, LL.M) is a PhD Candidate in international law of the sea at the University of Strathclyde and a member of the [Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance \(SCELG\)](#). His PhD research looks at the international legal issues around fisheries redistribution under climate change. Specifically, the role that regional fisheries management organisations can play in adapting fisheries management to a changing climate. His supervisors are [Prof. Elisa Morgera](#) and [Dr Daniela Diz](#).

Along with SCELG colleagues, Mitchell has contributed to multiple cutting-edge international legal consultancies for the UK Government, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity, as well as providing research assistance for the [One Ocean Hub](#) and [BENELEX](#) projects. He has also organised a number of events at SCELG, including guest seminars, the [VII SCELG Postgraduate Colloquium](#), and a two-day [conference](#) on international law and protection of the marine environment. Mitchell teaches law of the sea and international environmental law at undergraduate and [postgraduate](#) level. Mitchell is also active in international dispute settlement as part of a counsel team in a [case](#) at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, where he interned in the Legal Office in 2018.

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Mitchell's areas of expertise:

- [Oceans](#)
- Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
- Climate and Energy
- [Human rights](#)



Naomi Kenney, SCELG PhD Member



Naomi Kenney is a PhD researcher in Law at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. She has a strong interest in human rights and issues of access, use and control over natural resources. Prior to joining SCELG, Naomi spent seven years working with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), providing legislative assistance to countries on land, forest and wildlife legislation. In particular, she has led the development of an SDG legal indicator on gender equality in land ownership and control and continues to provide technical support to countries on the monitoring and reporting of this indicator. Her PhD research focuses on biodiversity finance and its implications for human rights. More specifically, it considers whether the obligation to provide new and additional financial resources under the Convention on Biological Diversity includes an obligation for the Global Environment Facility to safeguard human rights.

She holds an LLM in Global Environment and Climate Change Law from the University of Edinburgh.

Naomi's areas of expertise:

- Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
- [Human rights](#)
- [Land, Food and Agriculture](#)
- Law and Development



Nicholas Puschman, SCELG Affiliate



Nicholas Puschman is an Associate at Bird & Bird LLP, based in London. His practice focuses on the technology and communications sectors, and his experience includes advising on commercial contracts, UK and EU telecoms law, satellite regulation and space law. Nicholas has worked with both commercial and government clients in the space sector, and he was recently seconded to the legal department of a global satellite operator.

Previously, Nicholas spent two years in the legal department of the European Space Agency (ESA) in Paris, working predominantly on international law matters. Nicholas was part of ESA's delegation to the United Nations and, during his two years in Paris, he served as Executive Secretary of the European Centre for Space Law (ECSL). Prior to ESA, Nicholas worked as a Research Associate at the Institute of Space and Telecommunications Law (IDEST) and was a Teaching Fellow at the University of Burgundy in France.

Nicholas regularly participates in space and telecoms industry conferences and has been published on the topics of international law, telecoms regulation and space law. Nicholas is actively involved in space associations outside of work and was elected to the Board of the ECSL in 2019.

Areas of expertise:

- Space law



Nicola Crook, SCELG Affiliate



Nicola is the lead for the Delivery of the National Islands Plan within the Islands Team of Scottish Government. Prior to this position, Nicola provided [technical support to Scottish Government](#) in the implementation of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 and undertook research for the Human Rights Leadership and Brexit initiative of the First Minister report focusing on environmental rights in Scotland, with a view to addressing the risks arising from Brexit. She is an active member of the Scottish Islands Federation, and has previously worked as a Legal Researcher for Milieu, a Brussels-based consultancy, where she contributed to projects for both the European Parliament and European Commission, with a focus on the research and legal analysis of environmental law and policy. Additionally, she has worked as a Research Assistant for the Sabin Centre for Climate Change Law and Policy, Columbia University, NYC, with a focus on climate change induced migration. Nicola originally joined the University of Strathclyde in 2010 as an undergraduate student on her LLB, where she obtained a first class honours. She joined SCELG in September 2014 as a student on the LLM in Climate Change Law and Policy, which she completed with distinction.

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Nicola's areas of expertise:

- Islands
- [Climate and Energy](#)





Pierre Mazzega, SCELG Affiliate



Pierre Mazzega is senior scientist at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (directeur de recherche CNRS) in the “Interdisciplinary laboratory Solidarity Societies Territories” (LISST, Jean Jaurès University of Toulouse, France). He is developing research on the modelling of environmental law, policy and governance as complex systems. He has various experiences, in different research contexts, on environmental modelling, nonlinear data analysis and assimilation in models. With frequent travels between *empirical observations* and *theory*, he contributes to the establishment of dialogues and the construction of methodological bridges between often distant scientific cultures (e. g. approaches from the formal sciences and research questions built in the social sciences, and back) in order to address in a new way socio-environmental issues of the present, in diverse contexts. He is co-editor, with R. Boulet and C. Lajaunie, of the book published in 2019 by Springer entitled “*Law, Public Policies and Complex Systems: Networks in Action*”. Pierre’s today research focus is on environment, health and policy, on network modelling, on natural language processing, and on ethics of modelling.

Most of the publications to which Pierre Mazzega contributed can be found here:  
[https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Pierre\\_Mazzega](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Pierre_Mazzega)

His areas of expertise:

- Health



Renée Martin-Nagle, SCELG Affiliate



In 2019 Renée Martin-Nagle earned her Ph.D. in Law from SCELG, with Dr. Francesco Sindico as her advisor. Her thesis, *Governance of Offshore Freshwater Resources*, was published as a book in January 2020 by Brill Nijhoff and has received favorable reviews in *Groundwater and Water International*. During her time with SCELG, she also published a monograph entitled “Transboundary Offshore Aquifers: A Search for a Legal Regime”. Since graduating from the SCELG program, she has continued to publish widely on global water issues with a focus on nonrenewable groundwater and other unconventional water resources. Currently Renée is serving as President and CEO of A Ripple Effect PLLC, Visiting Scholar at the Environmental Law Institute, Adjunct Assistant Professor at Saint Francis University, Treasurer of the International Water Resources Institute, Member of the Ebensburg Municipal Water Authority, Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees of Mount Aloysius College, and Vice-Chair of the Sustainability Committee of the American Bar Association Forum on Air and Space Law. She currently works as [Special Counsel at Eckert Seamans](#). She speaks English (mother tongue) and French.

Renée’s full profile is available [here](#).

Her areas of expertise:

- Freshwater
- Climate and Energy



Ronald Welsh, SCELG PhD Member



Ronald Welsh is nearing the end of an eight-year tenure as a Senior Lecturer in International Law in Bahrain teaching International Trade and Maritime law and the Law of the Sea. His PhD research area is grounded in International Trade Law focussing on the engagement of the least developed countries and the WTO dispute resolution system. With over 20 years' senior band international business management experience, Ronald's other interests include global supply chains and their environmental impact as also international trade facilitation. In terms of trade facilitation, he is involved in a joint collaborative research project in the Middle East. Ronald has a keen interest in the role of the maritime industry which is a key modal element of many global supply chains. His focus area lies in the relationship between the global environmental impact of this industry and its legal regulation.

Ronald's full profile is available [here](#)

Ronald's areas of expertise:

- Economic Law and Governance
- [Law and Development](#)



Saskia Vermeylen, SCELG Staff Member	
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Saskia Vermeylen is a Chancellor's Fellow at the Law School. Saskia has been awarded a Leverhulme Fellowship to research utopian literatures and space law. This is part of her ongoing research that combines law, continental philosophy and literary studies. Saskia has just submitted a major monograph, *The Ethical Journey from Property to Generosity*, wherein she has developed a new property theory using the philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas in conversation with post-colonial poetry and ethnographic insights from her socio-legal work on relational being of semi hunter-gatherers in Southern Africa. She is now preparing a second monograph on art, literature and space law which she hopes to finish in 2022. The third major research strand is in the area of post-humanism and law where Saskia is developing a new post-human theory of law for the Anthropocene drawing upon eco-philosophy, anthropology and posthumanism. Saskia is also an experienced curator, and in her curatorial practice she experiments with immersive legal performances. This is linked to her latest new research project on an embodied understanding of law through dance and movement.

#### Areas of expertise:

- Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
- Legal Theory
- Extractives
- Legal and Political Anthropology
- Space Law





Senia Febrica, One Ocean Hub  
Member



Senia Febrica is the Knowledge Exchange Associate of the One Ocean Hub at the University of Strathclyde. Her research sits at the intersection between International Relations, Security Studies, and the study of international organisations. Specifically, it focuses on maritime security cooperation and the particular challenges it poses in the Southeast Asia region (paying special attention to Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and the Philippines). She has done research on international cooperation to tackle a range of non-traditional maritime security issues such as piracy and armed robbery against ships, marine pollution, and illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing in Southeast Asia, and the role of traditional authorities in resolving conflict over natural resources in Indonesia. Febrica received her PhD from the University of Glasgow. Prior to joining the One Ocean Hub she was working as a researcher for the American Studies Center at the Universitas Indonesia. Febrica was a United-Nations-Nippon Foundation Fellow (2012-2013), a Gerda Henkel Stiftung postdoctoral fellow (2015-2017), and an expert for the 2019 – 11<sup>th</sup> South China Sea International Conference in Hanoi, track-two diplomacy to improve regional security hosts annually by the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam. Her first book *Maritime Security and Indonesia: Cooperation, Interests, and Strategies* was published in 2017.

Areas of expertise:

- Oceans
- Human Rights
- Law and Development
- Environmental justice





Stephanie Switzer, SCELG Staff  
Member



Dr Stephanie Switzer is a senior lecturer at the Strathclyde Law School and has expertise in the fields of International Trade Law and Global Health Law. In addition to having produced a large number of academic outputs in these areas, together with colleagues, she has also collaborated with organisations such as the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, the European Commission, DEFRA and the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation on policy relevant research and consultancies.

Stephanie is currently co-director of Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance. She is also Director of the Strathclyde Law School's postgraduate taught programmes.

Stephanie's full profile can be access here;  
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Stephanie's main areas of expertise relate to:

- Health
- Economic Law and Governance
- Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
- Land, Food and Agriculture
- Law and Development



Tallash Kantai, SCELG PhD Member



Tallash Kantai is a researcher at the [Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance](#) at the University of Strathclyde. Her work, which is funded by the [One Ocean Hub](#), delves into the governance of ocean plastics at the international level, examining the legal regimes involved in addressing plastic waste that ends up in the ocean. Her research considers the notion of mutual effectiveness as a tool that could connect disparate the legal regimes and private sector interests working in this area. This project also assesses options for more cohesive and effective governance strategies to manage the unwieldy challenge posed by (marine) plastic pollution. For over a decade, Tallash has worked with the [International Institute for Sustainable Development](#) observing and analysing international environmental negotiations related to the ocean, chemicals management, biodiversity and climate change. She previously worked for the [United Nations on REDD+ in Indonesia](#), and for the [Africa Centre for Technology Studies](#) in Kenya.

Tallash's areas of expertise include:

- [Oceans](#)
- Economic Law and Governance
- Land, Food and Agriculture
- Law and Development



Thierry Berger, SCELG Affiliate	
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Thierry Berger is an Associate at International Institute for Environment and Development ([IIED](#)) and SCLEG Affiliate. He is a dual qualified English solicitor and French lawyer and worked for global law firms for ten years specialising in, among other things, international litigation and arbitration. He has re-focused his career to make a contribution to addressing global development and environmental issues and undertook an LLM Programme in Global Environment and Climate Change Law at the University of Edinburgh. He has contributed to IIED's work on investment law and arbitration, and to the organisation of a series of Legal Tools webinars. He has co-authored a number of key publications including '[Guide to due diligence of agribusiness projects that affect land and property rights](#)'; '[Responsible governance of tenure and the law. A guide for lawyers and other legal service providers](#)'; '[Trends in global land use investment: implications for legal empowerment](#)'; '[Rural producer agency and agricultural value chains: What role for socio-legal empowerment?](#)' and [BENELEX training modules](#) for indigenous peoples' and local communities' advocates and lawyers. He is currently supporting a coalition of CSOs in Guinea to harmonise Guinea's mining and land legislation with international human rights standards; he is part of the team involved in the [Empowering Producers in Commercial Agriculture](#) (EPIC) project and also working on an AFD-funded project concerning Special Economic Zones.

Thierry's full profile is available [here](#).

Thierry's areas of expertise:

- [Law and Development](#)
- [Land, food & agriculture](#)
- [Economic Law and Governance](#)
- [Human Rights](#)
- Extractives



Willem Odendaal, SCELG PhD Member



Willem Odendaal joined the SCELG team in November 2018. He is an admitted legal practitioner in the High and Supreme Courts of Namibia. He has been affiliated with the Legal Assistance Centre (LAC), Namibia's only public interest law firm, for the last 20 years. Willem has conducted extensive socio-legal research on topics such as the Namibian Land Reform Programme, the Community Based Natural Resources Management Programme and Indigenous Peoples' land and environmental rights. Willem has also done comparative research on post resettlement support in Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe. He also has research experience in Kenya, Uganda, Cameroon and Ghana. Willem's PhD project is focusing on how the Namibian Constitution, International Law and Comparative Law have shaped the Namibian land reform policy and legislative framework since the country became independent from South Africa in 1990. Willem is particularly interested the debates about transitional justice and how the Namibian Constituent Assembly negotiations have set the groundwork to decolonise law.

Willem's area of expertise:

- Environmental Justice
- Human Rights
- Land, Food and Agriculture
- Animal and Wildlife Law





Wanying (Yolanda) Huang, SCELG  
PhD member



Wanying (Yolanda) Huang is PhD Candidate in International Environmental Law at University of Strathclyde Glasgow, Law School where she is the member of Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance. Yolanda's research topic is: How can Enforcement of Basel Convention be Improved -a case study of China and UK and the role of Networks. The purpose of the research is seeking for the improvement of enforcement as the analysis of key themes of enforcement and find out the significance of role of networks under the understanding of Basel Convention. The contribution of the research is seeking to more efficient enforcement of environmental regulations.

Yolanda's areas of research:

- Law and Development