

**Environmental Law and the Challenges of the Decades
Ahead: Promoting Transformative and Recovery
Responses to the Planetary Emergency**

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PANEL 3. Imagining alternative pathways and taking action

**GREEN CRIMINOLOGY AND EARTH JURISPRUDENCE:
TRANSFORMING THE LAW TO RESTORE THE PLANET**

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Most of the legal systems around the world embed environmental harm into the functioning of society. Environmental harm and crime are defined in anthropocentric (human-centred) terms. Legislation and regulation do not eliminate environmental harm, they set the limitations on such harm—predominantly to humans—and (supposedly) the sanctions for violating these limitations. Green criminology and Earth jurisprudence challenge this status quo in potentially radical ways. By advocating for eco-centric or bio-centric approaches to the law and society, these subdisciplines offer new paths for how the law, in particular, can be transformed to protect the Earth. To demonstrate the possible transformation, hydraulic fracturing or fracking in the UK is used as an example.