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## **Multispecies Lawscapes in the Anthropocene: Priorities for a Critical, Constitutional Turn in Biodiversity Law**

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The constitutional turn in environmental law studies is ripe for investigation regarding the extent to which it could improve environmental law responses to the biodiversity crisis, amongst breaches of other planetary boundaries. This presentation sets out research I have conducted with my colleague Dr Antonio Cardesa-Salzmann that identifies the crises of the Anthropocene and that canvasses potential legal pathways through the Anthropocene that prioritise multispecies approaches. The presentation proceeds in three parts. First, I will briefly set out the socio-legal context by introducing concepts of the Anthropocene, its related Planetary Boundaries, and approaches toward Planetary Justice. I will detail how questions remain regarding how to use these concepts and frames in efforts toward multispecies governance which is capable of responding to the biodiversity crisis. Second, I will describe our work to spot trends within existing critical environmental law scholarship that could inform work toward a multispecies approach. We investigate broad ranging works from Earth Jurisprudence, Earth System Law, ecofeminism, Planetary Justice, and wild law. Third, I detail our ideas on multispecies boundaries which aim toward bringing non-human animals into discourses on the Anthropocene and planetary justice via deep listening and dispersed concepts of agency. In conclusion, I invite the audience to contemplate how such multispecies approaches could facilitate more impactful and just responses to the biodiversity crisis.