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**TRANSFORMING THE
ANTHROPOCENTRIC LEGAL
PARADIGM: ANIMAL RIGHTS
WITHIN NATURE RIGHTS**

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Keynote speaker

Gita Gill (Northumbria University, School of Law, UK), *Rights of Nature in the Global South*

Speakers:

Tatjana Bakran-Petricioli (University of Zagreb, Faculty of Science, Croatia), *Anthropocentric Approach to Nature/Animal Protection – are we headed for disaster?*

Sanja Barić (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law, Croatia), *Ecocentric Legal Paradigm in the Croatian Constitutional Order: reading-in or reading-out?*

Eva Bernet Kempers (University of Antwerp, Belgium, and Cambridge Centre for Animal Rights Law, UK), *If Rivers Have Rights, Do Fish Have Rights too? Examining the Place of Individual Animals in the Normative Framework of Rights of Nature*

Maja Bukovac Puvača (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law, Croatia), *Animals as Potential Holders of Personality Rights in Tort Law*

Diana Cerini (University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy), *Animals in the Italian Constitution and Other Sources of Law: Principles and Incoherences of New Legal Paradigms*

Sarah Czerny (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Croatia), *The Rights of the Invisibles? The Place of Microbes in Animal Rights*



Roberto Garetto (International Legal Institute - IgiTo, Torino, Italy), *The Legal Protection of Animals in Sporting Events*

Priscila Gulič Pirnat (University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts, Slovenia), *Existential Ecocentrism: Rewriting Law for a Multispecies Future — From Anthropocentrism to Interspecies Justice*

Dijana Kesonja (Deputy Ombudswoman, Croatia), *Negative Effects of Violations of the Right to a Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment on Animal Life*

Lidija Knorr (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb) *The Problem of Monocentricity and the New World of the Intelligent Subject*

Matija Miloš (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law, Croatia), *What's in a Symbol? The Public Morals Highway to the Rights of Animals*

Tomislav Nedić (University of Osijek, Faculty of Law, Croatia), *Could Animals and Nature Be Considered Legal Subjects and/or Holders of Subjective Rights? – Obstacles in Continental Private Law Doctrine*



Lana Ofak (University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law, Croatia), *Exploring Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters through the Lens of Rights of Nature*

Dalida Rittossa (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law, Croatia), *Protecting Animals through Criminal Law in Croatia – The Quest for New Normative Visions*

Deborah Scolart (University of Napoli l’Orientale, Italy), *Does Islamic law grant rights to animal? A diachronic analysis from fiqh to contemporary statutory laws*

Zorana Todorović (University of Belgrade, Serbia), *Animal Rights: Nature-Based or Sentience-Based Approach?*

Sandra Winkler (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law, Croatia), *Legal Reflections on Multispecies Families*

Mirela Župan (University of Osijek, Faculty of Law, Croatia), *EU Companion Animals Regulation Proposal - No Sight of a “Remedy” for Anthropocentrism Within EU Animal Law*

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