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

WHEN: 25TH AND 26TH APRIL 2025

**WHERE: UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA,
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ENGLISH**

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DAY 1 - 25. 4. 2025.

🕒 9:30 - 9:45

Welcome Addresses

🕒 9:45 - 10:15

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

🕒 10:15 - 11:15

SESSION A: ANTHROPOCENTRISM, ECOCENTRISM, SENTIENCE – A MULTISPECIES JUSTICE?

Moderator: Sanja Barić (*University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law*)

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

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

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

🕒 11:15 - 11:30 Discussion

🕒 11:30 - 12:00 Coffee Break

🕒 12:00 - 13:15

SESSION B: A COMPARATIVE (CONSTITUTIONAL) PERSPECTIVE ON ECOCENTRICITY

Moderator: Sandra Winkler (*University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law*)

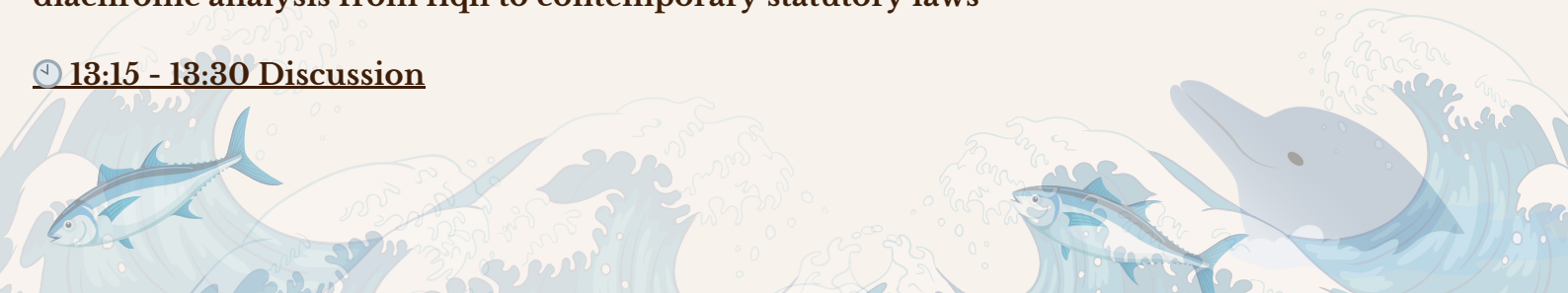
Diana Cerini (*University of Milano-Bicocca*), **Animals in the Italian Constitution and Other Sources of Law: Principles and Incoherences of New Legal Paradigms**

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

Martin Balluch (*Austrian Association Against Animal Factories, Austria*) **From Objective towards Subjective Rights: Developments in Austrian Animal Law**

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

🕒 13:15 - 13:30 Discussion



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 13:30 - 14:30 Lunch Break

 14:30 - 15:30

SESSION C: NATURE PROTECTION ACROSS SCALES – FROM MACRO TO MICRO

Moderator: Tomislav Nedić (*University of Osijek, Faculty of Law*)

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

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

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

 15:30 - 15:45 Discussion

 15:45 - 16:45

SESSION D: NORMATIVE OPTIMISM V. REAL-LIFE CHALLENGES

Moderator: Maja Bukovac Puvača (*University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law*)

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

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

Ana Đanić Čeko (*University of Osijek, Faculty of Law, Croatia*) Environmental and Animal Rights Issues through the Practice of the Green Phone and Activities of the Green Legal Clinic

 16:45 - 17:00 Discussion

END OF DAY 1



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DAY 2 - 26. 4. 2025.

🕒10:00 - 11:15

SESSION E: ANIMAL RIGHTS ACROSS SCALES – FROM MORALS TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LAW PROTECTION

Moderator: Sanja Barić (*University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law*)

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**

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

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

🕒11:15 - 11:30 Discussion

🕒11:30 - 12:00 Coffee Break

🕒12:00 - 13:00

SESSION F: ANIMAL RIGHTS IN DETAILS: FAMILY, SPORTS AND TRADE

Moderator: Dalida Rittossa (*University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law*)

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

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**

🕒13:00 - 13:30 Discussion & Conclusions

🕒13:30 Lunch Break

END OF DAY 2

