

Expert Talk on Human-Nature Relations: Rethinking Justice and Politics in a More-than-Human World





Expert Panel with **Prof. Mihnea Tănăsescu** and **Phd Researcher Carlota Houart**


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Have you ever asked yourself how you relate to “nature”?

What factors and experiences may have shaped this relationship?


How does it affect your attitude towards the natural world and non-human beings? At the societal level, what are its implications?



 *The Earth Society invites you to explore these questions and more alongside the experts during a lunchtime session where Sandwiches   and nibbles will be provided  


 *Event programme*

12:30 – 13:00	Ecocene Politics: a proposal for rethinking politics in a more-than-human world <i>Mihnea Tănăsescu, Research Professor University of Mons</i> <i>What is Ecocene Politics? What does it propose in terms of human-nature relations and how does it challenge us to rethink our modes of relationship with nature (non-human beings)? How can it be conceptualized and brought into practice?</i>
13:00 – 13:30	Inter/Multispecies Justice: a proposal for reorienting politics in a more-than-human world <i>Carlota Houart, Phd Researcher Wageningen University</i> <i>What is multispecies or interspecies justice? How does it challenge us to rethink our different modes of relationship with nature (non-human beings)?</i> <i>What does it seek to accomplish and how can it inspire us to reorient political action and struggles for justice in a more-than-human world?</i>
13:30 – 14:00	Q&A

 *When?* Thursday 22nd February (12:30 – 14:00)

 *Where?* In person (DG CLIMA, BRE2 building, floor 5, room 402) and online via [Teams in this link.](#)

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 Our speakers:



Mihnea Tănăsescu - is a Research Professor of the Fund for Scientific Research (F.R.S.–FNRS), in the School of Human and Social Sciences, department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mons, Belgium. He has been visiting fellow of the New School for Social Research, USA, and the University of Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand. His work spans many topics, including the legal and political representation of nature, the politics of nature conservation, the history of cartography, and the politics of plant pathology. He holds degrees in Human Ecology (BA, College of the Atlantic, USA), Philosophy (MA, New School for Social Research, USA), and Political Science (PhD, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium). His latest books are *Ecocene Politics* and *Understanding the Rights of Nature: A Critical Introduction*.



Carlota Houart - is PhD researcher at Wageningen University, the Netherlands, as part of the ERC-funded project "Riverhood: Living Rivers and New Water Justice Movements". Carlota's research focuses on multispecies justice in rivers from a political ecology perspective. She is working with the Piatúa River, in the Ecuadorian Amazon, and with the River Maas, in the Netherlands. Aside from her academic work, Carlota has also been involved with environmental organizations and climate activist groups such as the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature (GARN) and Extinction Rebellion.