

"Managing Biosafety and Biodiversity in a Global World-EU, US, California and Comparative Perspectives"



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This conference is the culmination of a two-year project examining the roles that California (United States) and the European Union play in defining the forefront of domestic and international environmental policy solutions. The goal of the project is to produce concrete, actionable policy recommendations to further regulatory cooperation between the EU, California and the US on transatlantic environmental issues, including climate change, chemicals policy, biosafety, water regulation, and biodiversity protection. As socioeconomic and environmental issues become increasingly integrated, innovative policy solutions are required to identify and address the complex nexus between society and environment. The project has developed a network of representatives from the US and the EU in academia, industry, the NGO-sector, and government.

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- 9:00-9:20** **Introductory Remarks**
John Bruton, EU Ambassador to the US
- Heddy Riss**, Director for the IGS Center on Institutions and Governance, UC Berkeley
David Vogel, Solomon P. Lee Distinguished Professorship in Business Ethics, UC Berkeley
Jo Swinnen, Professor of Development Economics, KU Leuven, director of LICOS Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance
- 9:20-10:40** **Christina Hioureas**
Transatlantic Environmental Regulation-Making: Co-Strengthening Cooperation between California and the European Union
Authors: Bruce Cain and Christina Hioureas
- Chair: Jan Wouters**, Leuven Professor of International law, Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven
Discussants:
Dan Pellissier, CAL EPA, Deputy Secretary for Energy Policy Coordination
Andrew Manale, EPA, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation
George Orbelian, San Francisco Global Trade Council
- 10:40-11:00** **Break**
- 11:00-12:20** **Chris Ansell**
Transatlantic Perspectives on Persistent Organic Pollutants and Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals
Authors: Chris Ansell and Jörg Balsiger
- Chair: David Widawsky**, Acting Director
National Center for Environmental Innovation
Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation EPA
Discussants:
Joan E. Denton, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
Wally Baker, President Greentech Foundation
Nicholas Hanley, EU Commission DG Environment
- 12:20-1:20** **Lunch**
- 1:20-2:40** **David Zilberman**
US versus EU Biotechnology Regulations and Comparative Advantage: Implications for Future Conflicts and Trade
Authors: Gal Hochman, Gordon Rausser, and David Zilberman
- Discussants:**
Bill Freese, Science Policy Analyst, Center for Food Safety

Daniel Karanja, Senior Fellow, Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty
in Africa

Christiane Gerstetter, Researcher Ecologic Legal Ecologic Institute,
Berlin

2:40-4:00

Gabrielle Bouleau

*Rivers of Diversity: Evolving Water Regulation in California and the
European Union*

Authors: Gabrielle Bouleau and Matt Kondolf

Discussants:

Tam M. Doduc, Chair State Water Resources Control Board,
Sacramento

Robert C. Wilkinson, Director of the Water Policy Program, UC Santa
Barbara

Gerald Secundy, President of the California Council for Environmental
& Economic Balance

4:00-4:20

Break

4:20-5:40

**Panel: David Roland-Holst , Michael Hanneman, and Holmes
Hummel**

*Future Areas of Cooperation between EU-California and the US on
Climate Change and Adaptation, Energy, Cap-and-Trade*

Chair: Steve Decanio, UC Santa Barbara TBC

Discussant:

Jim Gollub, Economy-Energy-Environment Equity

5:40-6:00

Closing Remarks