

# 2nd Conference on Earth-Space Sustainability Law, Stewardship, Equity

Leiden University  
18–20 March 2026

Earth and outer space have become increasingly intertwined environmentally, politically, and philosophically, as satellite constellations multiply, lunar activities expand, and aspirations for Mars and beyond gain momentum.

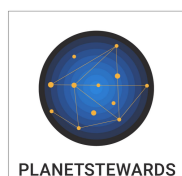
The conference invites researchers and practitioners to engage with an emerging Earth-Space systems paradigm - one that demands a fundamental rethinking of sustainability governance. Central to this are questions of law, stewardship, and equity as they intersect with a range of contemporary issues drawing from the pasts to the futures: from the histories of astronomy to the deployment of satellite infrastructures, space debris accumulation, planetary protection, and the ethical obligations for and integrity of other celestial bodies.

This conference, hosted as part of the Earth-Space Sustainability (ESS) network, provides a critical forum for theoretical reflection, interdisciplinary exchange, and future collaborations to address Earth-Space sustainability challenges in the 21st century.



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference on Earth Space Sustainability - Summary Program

Wednesday, 18 March 2026

08:30-09:30	Entrance/ Reception area	Registration and Coffee
09:30-09:45	Auditorium	Official Opening
09:45-10:45	Auditorium	Opening Panel
10:45-11:15	Reception area	Coffee Break
11:15-12:15	Auditorium	Special Session: Starlight as Nature
12:15-12:30	Reception area	Group Photo
12:30-13:30	Reception area	Lunch
13:30-14:00	Auditorium	Keynote Ulpia-Elena Botezatu: Orbit, Moon, and the Governance We Choose
14:00-15:00	Auditorium	Special Session: Commercial Lunar Payloads, International Obligations, and the Future of Responsible Space Governance
15:00-15:30	Reception area	Coffee Break
15:30-16:30	Auditorium	Special Session: Tiered Liability Approach to Third Party Liability for In-Orbit Activities to Incentivise Space Sustainability Activities
17:00-18:30	City Hall	Reception hosted by the City of Leiden

Thursday, 19 March 2026

08:30-09:00	Entrance	Check-in
09:00-10:30	Auditorium Room A Room B Room C	1A: Environmental Sustainability Integrity 1B: Commons, Resource and Data Governance 1C: Virtual Session 1D: Anticipatory Governance of Anthropogenic and Natural Space Risks
10:30-11:00	Auditorium	Keynote Andrea Vena: Sustainable by Design: Innovating the Future of Space
11:00-11:30		Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	Auditorium Room A Room B Room C	2A: Environmental Sustainability & Integrity 2B: Commons, Resource and Data Governance 2C: Histories, Philosophy, and Futures 2D: Peace, Politics, and Stability
13:00-14:00	Reception area	Lunch
14:00-14:30	Auditorium	Keynote Federico di Vruno: Protection of the Dark and Quiet Skies
14:30-16:00	Auditorium Room A	3A: Environmental Sustainability & Integrity Workshop: A Stewardship Plan for the Moon
16:00-16:30	Reception area	Coffee Break
16:30-18:00	Auditorium Room A	4A: Commons, Resource and Data Governance Special Session: Look Up: Confronting the Ripple Effects of Planetary Defense in the International Community
18:00-19:30	Reception area	Reception hosted by the International Institute of Air and Space Law

Friday, 20 March 2026

08:30-09:00	Entrance	Check-In
09:00-10:00	Auditorium Room A	Special Session: The Urgency of Environmental Integrity on Earth & in Space: Assessing Different Futures-Oriented Governance Perspectives Special Session: The Urgency of Environmental Integrity on Earth and in Space: Assessing Different Futures-Oriented Governance Perspectives
10:00-10:30	Auditorium	Keynote Marjolijn Heemstra: An Embassy for the Moon
10:30-11:00	Reception area	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	Auditorium Room A	5A: Environmental Sustainability and Integrity 5B: Commons, Resource and Data Governance
12:30-13:00	Auditorium	Closing Session
13:00-14:00	Reception area	Lunch
14:00-17:00	Auditorium	Workshop: FOGOS Science Communication and Policy Engagement

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference on Earth Space Sustainability - Detailed Program

**Wednesday, 18 March 2026**

All sessions in Telders Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

<b>08:30-09:30</b>	<b>Coffee and Registration</b>
<b>09:30-09:45</b>	<b>Official Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Word of welcome on behalf of Leiden University, Steven Truxal, Professor and Director, International Institute of Air and Space Law, Leiden University</li><li>• Welcoming remarks by the co-organizers, Tanja Masson-Zwaan, Leiden University, Ian Christensen, Secure World Foundation, Xiao-Shan Yap, Utrecht University, and Florian Rabitz, Vilnius University</li><li>• Video message from Aarti Holla-Maini, Director UNOOSA</li></ul>
<b>09:45-10:45</b>	<b>Opening Panel:</b> <b>Earth-Space sustainability as a planetary challenge of the 21st century</b>  Moderator: Tanja Masson-Zwaan, Deputy Director of the International Institute of Air and Space Law at Leiden University  <i>This session will explore Earth-Space sustainability as a planetary challenge of the 21st century, and why it should be a governance issue as critical as, and integrative with, Earth's crisis. Among others, it will address the importance of space-based infrastructures for achieving global sustainability goals, the importance of space exploration for advancing human knowledge, lessons learned from Earth system governance, and how industry can play a more proactive and responsible role in ensuring future Earth-Space sustainability</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coco Antonissen, Programme Manager Space Applications, Netherlands Space Agency</li><li>• Sabrina Alam, Space Lead, SnT Technology Transfer Office, University of Luxembourg</li><li>• Frank Biermann, Professor, Utrecht University</li><li>• Frans Snik, Astronomer, Leiden Observatory/NOVA</li></ul>
<b>10:45-11:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:15-12:15</b>	<b>Special Session: Starlight as Nature</b>  Moderator: Xiao-Shan Yap, PI PlanetStewards Project & Co-Chair FOGOS, Utrecht University  <i>This session gathers experts from scientific, historical, and philosophical backgrounds to jointly explore diverse cosmological imaginaries and discuss the potential of treating Starlight as Nature.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vladimir Brljak, Associate Professor, Durham University</li><li>• Chelsea Haramia, Senior Research Fellow, University of Bonn</li><li>• Eduardo Unda-Sanzana, Director of the Astronomy Center (CITEVA), Universidad de Antofagasta</li><li>• Aparna Venkatesan, Professor, University of San Francisco</li></ul>
<b>12:15-12:30</b>	<b>Group Photo</b>
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

## Wednesday, 18 March 2026

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13:30-14:00	<p><b>Keynote: Orbit, Moon, and the Governance We Choose: Law, Stewardship, Equity in the Earth–Space System</b></p> <p><b>Ulpiu-Elena Botezatu</b>, Space Policy Officer, Romanian Space Agency and Co-Chair, Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation (ATLAC), UNCOPUOS</p>
14:00-15:00	<p><b>Special Session: Commercial Lunar Payloads, International Obligations, and the Future of Responsible Space Governance</b></p> <p>Moderator: Steven Mirmina, Adjunct Professor of Space Law, Georgetown Law School</p> <p><i>This session seeks to articulate principled, practical pathways for responsible lunar governance. By convening diverse experts, the session will illuminate how today's regulatory decisions will shape the norms, expectations, and legitimacy of lunar activity for the foreseeable future.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christopher Johnson, Lecturer, International Institute of Air and Space Law at Leiden University</li><li>• Sara Langston, Adjunct Lecturer/Researcher, Adelaide University</li><li>• Neta Palkovitz, Chief Legal, Policy &amp; Sustainability Officer, Dawn Aerospace</li><li>• Les Tennen, Attorney, Law Offices of Sterns and Tennen</li></ul>
15:00-15:30	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
15:30-16:30	<p><b>Special Session: Tiered Liability Approach to Third Party Liability for In-Orbit Activities to Incentivise Space Sustainability Activities</b></p> <p>Moderator: Joanne Wheeler, Director, Alden Legal and UK Earth&amp;Space Sustainability Initiative (ESSI)</p> <p><i>With the growth of the orbital population in LEO, we need to begin to regulate access to and the management of space resources differently. Several jurisdictions are therefore looking at a tiered liability approach to third party liability for orbital activities where the tiers are based on a risk assessment for space missions and the space environment. This session will look at why we need a different approach, how we can come to an accurate, transparent and flexible risk assessment, and how this can be applied to a tiered liability approach to incentivise space sustainability goals.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marilena Ampelikioti, Greek Ministry of Digital Governance and AI</li><li>• Denis Bensoussan, Beazley</li><li>• Akiko Hama, Global Aerospace</li><li>• Alessandro Santoni, Orbway Space Insurance</li><li>• Neil Stevens, PriceForbes</li></ul>
17:00-18:30	<p><b>Reception hosted by the City of Leiden</b> City Hall (use the entrance at Breestraat 94)</p>

# Thursday, 19 March 2026

Concurrent Sessions in rooms as indicated

<b>08:30-09:00</b>	<b>Check-in</b>
<b>09:00-10:30</b>	<b>Paper Sessions 1</b>
<b>Auditorium</b>	<p><b>1A: Environmental Sustainability Integrity</b></p> <p>Session Chair: Philippe Evoy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Byers: "Limits on Satellites"</li> <li>• Raoul Cardellini Leipertz: "Cleaning Up Orbit, Polluting the Earth System: Mega-Constellations and Re-entry Governance"</li> <li>• Blake Harvey, Xiao-Shan Yap and Frank Biermann: "Dark Skies for Science, Not Society: How the International Dark Sky Community Steers Orbital Governance of Satellite Megaconstellations"</li> <li>• Niklas Hedman and Pascale Ehrenfreund: "COSPAR's Role in Environmental Stewardship in Outer Space Activities"</li> <li>• Barbara Horváth, "Large Satellite Constellations and Space Debris: Environmental Considerations"</li> </ul>
<b>Room A</b>	<p><b>1B: Commons, Resource and Data Governance</b></p> <p>Session Chair: Martin Calvet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arnold Agaba: "Domestic Considerations of International Remote Sensing: How Common Domestic Standards Can Strengthen Data Access and Creation in Developing States"</li> <li>• Annie Kazarjan: "Limitation of the 'Freedom Principle' in Low Earth Orbit"</li> <li>• Jinxuan Li: "Activating the Principle of 'Taking into Account the Special Needs of the Developing Countries' in the Distribution of Low Earth Orbit Frequency/Orbit Resources"</li> <li>• Yirong Sun: "Ground Stations as Sites of Governance for Earth Observation Satellite Data"</li> </ul>
<b>Room B</b>	<p><b>1C: Virtual Session - for presenters unable to join due to recent travel disruptions</b></p> <p>Session Chair: Elena Kavanagh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ciara Finnegan: "The Return of Plant Payloads to Australian Soil – A Framework in Need of Streamlining"</li> <li>• Ciara Finnegan: "Sky Country and Plant Growth in Outer Space – What Common Elements Could Help to Shape Outer Space Sustainability?"</li> <li>• Sima Moradinasab: "Pros and Cons Ensuing from Regional Approaches to Space Sustainability"</li> <li>• Anita Singh: "Space-Based Solar Power and Global Energy Equity: Reimagining Earth–Space Governance through the Common Heritage of Mankind"</li> <li>• Bea Baharier: "Individual Responsibility and the Common Good in Space Governance"</li> </ul>
<b>Room C</b>	<p><b>1D: Anticipatory Governance of Anthropogenic and Natural Space Risks</b></p> <p>Session Chair: Timothy Pape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Georgia Brown: "COVID-19 as a Case Study for the Discovery of Extraterrestrial Microbial Life"</li> <li>• Mirela Imsirovic: "The Impact of Space Militarization on Global Peace and Political Stability"</li> <li>• Katarzyna Malinowska: "Building Resilient Space Governance Through International and Industry Coordination"</li> </ul>
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Keynote: Sustainable by Design: Innovating the Future of Space</b>
<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>Andrea Vena, Chief Sustainability Officer, European Space Agency</b>

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<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:30-13:00</b>	<b>Paper Sessions 2</b>
Auditorium	<p><b>2A: Environmental Sustainability &amp; Integrity</b></p> <p>Session Chair: Katja Grunfeld</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martin Calvet: "Bestowing Rights of Nature to Dark and Quiet Skies? Opportunities and limitations for achieving Earth Space Sustainability"</li> <li>• Anna Hurova: "Cross-Interacting Regimes to Tackle Harmful Footprints of Space Activity on the Air, Ocean and Land"</li> <li>• Marco Janssen: "Examining the Meaning of Sustainability on the Moon"</li> <li>• Andreas Losch: "Setting Off Sustainably. Planetary Sustainability and Space 4.0"</li> <li>• Alla Pozdnakova and Katharina Glaab: "Spaceport Development and Sustainable Governance of Space Infrastructures on Earth - Arctic Perspectives"</li> </ul>
Room A	<p><b>2B: Commons, Resource and Data Governance</b></p> <p>Session Chair: Inga Popviate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lilliana Fan: "From the Deep Sea to the Moon: Lessons from the ISA for Equitable Space Resource Governance"</li> <li>• Elena Kavanagh: "Lessons from the Arctic: Self-Determination, Sovereignty, and Indigenous Stewardship in Earth-Space Sustainability Governance"</li> <li>• Kamil Muzyka: "Proliferation via ISRU - Space Resources and Manufacturing Through the Lens of Space Law and Astropolitics"</li> <li>• Michelle Neumann: "Space Resources Governance: Achieving Earth-Space Sustainability"</li> <li>• Geraldine Spiteri: "Beyond UNCLOS: Can Maritime Law Inform Sustainability Governance in Air and Space?"</li> </ul>
Room B	<p><b>2C: Histories, Philosophy, and Futures</b></p> <p>Session Chair: Vladimir Brljak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adrien De Sutter: "A Cosmology of Problems, and its Relevance to Earth-Space Systems"</li> <li>• George Profitiliotis: "A Continuous Anticipation Scheme for Forethinking the Implications of Future Discoveries of Extraterrestrial Life: from Scenarios to Futures Literacy"</li> <li>• Cris van Eijk: "The Making (and Unmaking) of the Space Environment, 1957-1967"</li> <li>• Chelsea Haramia: "Sustainability Puzzles and the Extraterrestrial Turn"</li> <li>• Lukáš Likavčan: "Expanding Constructivist Paradigm of Space Exploration"</li> </ul>
Room C	<p><b>2D: Peace, Politics, and Stability</b></p> <p>Session Chair: Berfin Cabuk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aurelie Trur, P. Ehrenfreund, W. Peeters, H. Hertzfeld, J. Fey, V. Wotring, and D. Kim: "Cooperation for the Future of Space Exploration"</li> <li>• Sammia-Sarafina Elbakry: "Pathways to Enhancing African Participation and Normative Influence in Shaping Space Law and Governance"</li> <li>• William Kiema: "Outer Space Pan-Africanism as Emergent Legal and Normative Order for Regionalism in Space Law and Policy under African Union Agenda 2063"</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erin Jones, Xiao-Shan Yap, Frank Biermann, &amp; Rakhyun E. Kim: "Where Conflict Meets Capitalism: Starlink, the Ukraine War, and the Global Governance of Satellite Internet"</li> <li>Sagarika Yadav: "Private Players, Space Warfare and the Crisis of Planetary Stability: A TWAAIL Critique of Responsibility under the Outer Space Treaty"</li> </ul>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00-14:30</b>	<b>Keynote: Protection of the Dark and Quiet Skies</b> <b>Federico Di Vruno</b> , Spectrum Manager, SKA Observatory
<b>14:30-16:00</b>	<b>Paper Session 3</b>
Auditorium	<p><b>3A: Environmental Sustainability &amp; Integrity</b> Session Chair: Aurélie Trur, International Space University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Philippe Evoy: "Ties That Bind? The Network Logic of Bilateral Space Agreements"</li> <li>Diliara Valeeva, Muraszkievicz J., Bloem J., and Tan X.: "Commercializing Space, Communicating Sustainability: Corporate Narratives in the New Space Economy"</li> <li>Simeng Wang: "Space Debris, Environmental Integrity, and the Implications for International Investment Law"</li> <li>Steve Mirmina: "Lawful but Awful? Why U.S. Licensing of Certain Commercial Lunar Payloads Risks Breaching International Obligations and Undermining Space Governance"</li> </ul>
Room A	<b>Workshop: A Stewardship Plan for the Moon</b>
	<p>Led by: Xiao-Shan Yap, PI PlanetStewards Project &amp; Co-Chair FOGOS, Utrecht University.</p> <p><i>With increased activities in outer space, the Moon has become a new territory for scientific, economic, and geopolitical competition on a global scale. This workshop gathers an interdisciplinary group of experts working on lunar issues to jointly explore a potential stewardship plan for the Moon's future that centers moral and ethical questions. Discussion will include insights from COSPAR, Open Lunar Foundation, UN ATLAS, and more.</i></p>
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>16:30-18:00</b>	<b>Paper Session 4</b>
Auditorium	<p><b>4A: Commons, Resource and Data Governance</b> Session Chair: Katharina Glaab</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luanna Hertel Fiates: "Equity and the Governance of a Crowded Earth Orbit"</li> <li>Stephen Gardiner: "Space Ethics, Intergenerational Tyranny, and the Tragedy of the Commons"</li> <li>Jasmina Lazendic-Galloway: "Beyond Science: A Lunar Far-Side Radio Telescope as a Commons Institution"</li> <li>Kiran Mohan Vazhapully: "A Cosmopolitan Framework for the Governance of Earth-Space Commons"</li> <li>Antonio Persico: "Innovation Procurement in the Aerospace Sector as Strategic Procurement: Space Economy, Downstream Applications, and Intellectual Property in the EU Space Act Era"</li> </ul>

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Room A	<b>Workshop: Look Up: Confronting the Ripple Effects of Planetary Defense in the International Community</b> Led by: Andrea Harrington, Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University  <i>An interactive tabletop exercise focusing on the legal and ethical implications of an asteroid detection, Earth impact, and response scenario</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arnold Agaba, Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University</li><li>• Martina Elia Vitoloni, Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University</li></ul>
<b>18:00-19:30</b>	<b>Reception hosted by the International Institute of Air and Space Law</b>

## Friday, 20 March 2026

*Concurrent Sessions in rooms as indicated*

<b>08:30-09:00</b>	<b>Check-In</b>
<b>09:00-10:00</b> Auditorium	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Special Session: Towards an International Assessment Panel on Earth-Space Sustainability</b></p> <p>Moderators: Xiao-Shan Yap, PI PlanetStewards Project &amp; Co-Chair FOGOS, Utrecht University and Florian Rabitz, Associate Professor &amp; Co-Chair FOGOS, Vilnius University</p> <p><i>At present, most policy proposals or potential institutional arrangements addressing human activities in outer space only address isolated issues, overlooking broader interests and values. This session invites leading experts to discuss the potential of an independent assessment body to report on the various sustainability issues in an integrative manner. The session will discuss the shortcomings or ‘gaps’ in the current science-policy approaches, the role of an independent body, and to what extent it will be politically feasible.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian Christensen, Senior Director, Secure World Foundation</li> <li>• Federico Di Vruno, Spectrum Manager, SKA Observatory</li> <li>• Pascale Ehrenfreund, President, Committee on Space Research (COSPAR)</li> <li>• Marlène M. Losier, Principal, Losier González, PLLC; Chair, IAF Committee on the Cultural Utilisation of Space; Co-Chair, Committee on the Liaison Between International Organisations and Developing Nations</li> <li>• Mehak Sarang, Director of Industry Integration, Open Lunar Foundation</li> </ul>
<b>09:00-10:00</b> Room A	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Special Session: The Urgency of Environmental Integrity on Earth and in Space: Assessing Different Futures-Oriented Governance Perspectives</b></p> <p>Moderators: Tom Royer, Doctoral Candidate and co-lead of FOGOS WG5, University of Lapland, and Monica Truninger, Senior Researcher and co-lead of FOGOS WG5, Instituto de Ciências Sociais, University of Lisbon</p> <p><i>This special session discusses different ways to approach Earth–space environmental integrity from a futures-oriented governance perspective. Despite an increasing awareness of the interconnectedness of Earth and space sustainability, there appears to be a discrepancy in how we address environmental integrity issues on Earth compared to in space.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philipp Fischer, Researcher, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University Hamburg</li> <li>• Inga Popovaitė, Researcher, Kaunas University of Technology</li> <li>• Tom Royer, Doctoral Candidate and co-lead of FOGOS WG5, University of Lapland</li> <li>• Monica Truninger, Senior Researcher and co-lead of FOGOS WG5, Instituto de Ciências Sociais, University of Lisbon</li> </ul>
<b>10:00-10:30</b> Auditorium	<p><b>Keynote: An Embassy for the Moon</b></p> <p><b>Marjolijn van Heemstra</b>, Writer, journalist, and dark sky advocate</p>
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>

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<b>11:00-12:30</b>	<b>Paper Sessions 5</b>
Auditorium	<i>5A: Environmental Sustainability and Integrity</i>
	<p>Session Chair: Chelsea Haramia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sara Langston and Melissa de Zwart: "Plants for Space: Exploring the Legal and Ethical Dimensions of Space Agriculture"</li> <li>• Timothy Pape, Xiao-Shan Yap, Andrew Kear, and Andrew McNeill: "Using the Narrative Policy Framework to Examine the International Space Station Decommission Plan"</li> <li>• Eswar Theagarajan, Michael Picard, &amp; Rachael Craufurd Smith: "Legal and Ethical Obligations of Lunar Waste Dumping" anja</li> </ul>
Room A	<i>5B: Commons, Resource and Data Governance</i>
	<p>Session Chair: Anna Hurova</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aminat Adebayo: "Essential Climate Variables and Sustainable Development Goals"</li> <li>• Ritu Dhingra: "Celestial Stewardship: Ancient Indian Cosmological Foundations for Earth-Space Governance"</li> <li>• Aaditya Sharma: "Commons under Pressure: Space Resources, Data Governance, and the Challenge of Equity"</li> <li>• Martina Elia Vitoloni: "Unpacking Intergenerational Equity and its Implications for Space Law"</li> </ul>
<b>12:30-13:00</b>	<b>Closing Session</b>
Auditorium	<i>Closing remarks by the co-organizers</i>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00-17:00</b>	<b>Workshop: FOGOS Science Communication and Policy Engagement</b>
Auditorium	<p>This interdisciplinary three-hour workshop is an exciting opportunity to hear from experts working in policy circles, gain new skills in science communication and policy engagement, to expand their networks, and enhance their career skills and development. We will explore the critical role of science–policy interfaces, learn best practices in policy engagement and communicating to non-academic audiences, and how to map relevant stakeholders and frame high-impact policy brief topics. We will also reflect on and consolidate some of the ideas from the conference, and identify how to build stronger bridges between academia, industry, policy, government, and more.</p> <p>We will prioritise the attendance of early-career researchers, but others are welcome to participate if space allows. This session is being organised by FOGOS Working Group 1 (communication and policy engagement) and is also an opportunity for participants to generate ideas that could be developed further and submitted to the FOGOS Policy Brief series after the workshop.</p>