

Legal geographies of changing environments

Increasingly frequent severe weather events remind us that, notwithstanding the distractions of the Covid pandemic and other major world events, we are living in a period of environmental upheaval. And while the range of environmental challenges to existing economic, political, social, and urban systems are accelerating, we continue to address these challenges in part through a legal system that is often slow to evolve to address rapid transformation.

This panel is intended to bring together scholars from a variety of disciplinary, empiric, and theoretical backgrounds to explore the deeper ramifications of the “new normal” of environmental change and challenge. By exploring how the legal system simultaneously enables and hinders our efforts to respond to a time of rapid environmental change, the panel seeks to foster much needed conversations about emerging legal and human geographies in a time of escalating instability.