



Elisabeth Haub School of Law

The Elisabeth Haub Award for Environmental Law and Diplomacy

2025 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Submission Deadline: Monday, March 17, 2025, 5:00 p.m. EST

The Dean of the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University invites nominations for consideration by the Jury for the 2025 Elisabeth Haub Award for Environmental Law and Diplomacy.

The Award, which is granted annually by the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, recognizes exceptional accomplishments in the field of environmental law and environmental diplomacy and is the most prestigious award of its kind.

Information about the Haub Award, including video recordings of past award ceremonies, can be found on our website at: www.law.pace.edu/haubaward

Process of Nomination and Selection

A nomination for the Award may be submitted by any institution, international organization, diplomat, or any other person qualified in the field of environmental law and policy, including former laureates. Members of the Jury may also initiate nominations for the Award.

Nominations may be submitted for an individual or for a governmental or intergovernmental organization, an Indigenous peoples' organization, or a non-governmental organization.

A Jury comprised of eminent leaders in the field of environmental law and diplomacy is responsible for selecting the recipient of the Award, which will be conferred in Fall 2024.

Nominations should be [submitted online](#) or alternately, addressed to the Elisabeth Haub Award Jury, c/o Rômulo Sampaio, Secretary of the Jury via email to romulo.sampaio@mattosfilho.com.br. Nominations must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m. or 1700 hours Eastern Standard Time on Monday, March 17, 2025.**

Nominations should include any relevant information that can inform the Jury's selection of the Laureate. In the case of individual candidates, nominations must be accompanied by a

curriculum vitae and/or biographical sketch which includes information on all the activities and publications of the candidate in the area of environmental law and diplomacy.

Criteria for the Award

The Award may be granted for any of the following accomplishments:

- a) Contributions which have generally led to the progressive development of environmental law and policy;
- b) Particular practical success in specific instances as well as initiatives leading to a new idea or concept in the field of environmental law and policy of one or several countries.

The Jury will convene to select the 2025 Laureate and a public announcement of the selection will follow in Summer 2025.

Haub Award Jury Members

Horace E. Anderson Jr.

President of the Jury

Dean, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

Dr. Rômulo Sampaio

Secretary of the Jury

Professor of Law, Getulio Vargas Foundation School of Law, Brazil; Partner, Mattos Filho

Liliane A. Haub

Pace University Trustee

Dr. Grethel Aguilar

Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature

Dr. Fatima Akilu

Executive Director, Neem Foundation

Prof. Camila Bustos

Assistant Professor of Law, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

Ayman Cherkaoui

Deputy Chair for the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law

Justice Nambitha Dambuza

Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Appeal, Republic of South Africa

Prof. Jonas Ebbesson

Professor of Environmental Law, Director Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre, Stockholm University

Prof. Alexander K.A. Greenawalt

Professor of Law, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

Prof. Patricia Kameri-Mbote

Director of the Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme

H.E. Csaba Körösi

Former President, 77th United Nations General Assembly

Prof. Nicholas A. Robinson

President, International Council of Environmental Law

Past Laureates

2024 **Ambassador Rena Lee** (Singapore)

Kristina Maria Gjerde (USA)

In recognition of their landmark achievements to protect biodiversity in the high seas through the United Nations Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)

2023 **Ambassador Marja Lehto** (Finland) **Ambassador**

Marie Jacobsson (Sweden)

In recognition of their pivotal roles advancing environmental law and policy to protect the environment in times of armed conflict

2022 **Professor Paulo de Bessa Antunes** (Brazil)

In recognition of his tireless advocacy to support the development and implementation of laws protecting the environment in Brazil

2021 **Vanessa Nakate** (Uganda)

In recognition of her work as a citizen diplomat bringing the voice of her generation to global environmental campaigns and inspiring climate activism in Uganda and beyond

Professor Wang Xi (China)

For his contributions to the formulation of environmental laws in China, which hold vital importance to the advancement of global environmental law

2020 **In memoriam to Environmental Defenders** (Globally)

In recognition of those who lost their lives defending their land and the environment from destructive industries

2018 **Stephen C. McCaffrey** (USA)

As Special Rapporteur of the UN Convention on International Water Courses and for sustained leadership building international environmental law

2017 **Reinhard Josef Krapp** (Germany)

For exceptional and sustained commitment to advancing multilateral policy to further sustainable development and environmental values globally

2016 **Christiana Figueres** (Costa Rica)

In recognition of her remarkable diplomatic achievements as the architect of the Paris Agreement

2015 **Antonio Herman Benjamin** (Brazil)

For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law

Luis Alberto Figueiredo (Brazil)

For his service to biodiversity when he served as Brazil's Minister of Foreign Affairs

Macharia Kamau (Kenya)

Csaba Korosi (Hungary)

For their contributions to the development of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in their capacity as the co-chairs of the UN Opening Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals

2014 **Richard Macrory** (United Kingdom)

For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law

2013 **Marc Pallemerts** (Belgium)

For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law

2012 **Lubna Bint Khalid Al Qasimi**

For sustained and innovative leadership establishing the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

2012 **Koh Kheng Lian** (Singapore)

For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law

2011 **Alan Boyle** (Scotland)

For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law

2010 **Biliana Cicin-Sain**

For her outstanding contributions to international efforts to preserve the world's oceans and several international agreements related to them

2009 **Julio Barboza**

For his outstanding service to international environmental governance

Donald Kaniaru (Kenya)

For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law

- 2008 **Laurence Boisson de Chazournes** (Switzerland)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- Hilario G. Davide, Jr.** (Philippines)
For his exceptional leadership in building consensus for the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by the United Nations General Assembly
- 2007 **Françoise Burhenne-Guilmin** (Belgium)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- David Freestone** (United Kingdom)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- Mohamed A. Sahnoun** (Algeria)
For his role in the negotiation of agreements crucial to sustainable development
- 2006 **Dinah Shelton** (USA)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- Thomas A. Mensah** (Ghana)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- Klaus Töpfer** (Germany)
For excellence in leading UNEP and advancing global environmental stewardship
- 2005 **James MacNeill** (Canada)
For facilitating “Our Common Future” leading the United Nations to convene the 1992 Earth Summit
- Phillippe Sands** (United Kingdom)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- 2004 **Mohamed El-Ashry** (Egypt)
In recognition of his extraordinary service to the Global Environment Fund
- Ramón Ojeda Mestre** (Mexico)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- 2003 **Peter H. Sand** (Germany)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- 2002 **Askar Akaev** (Kyrgyzstan)
For initiating and inspiring the United Nations Year of the Mountains

- Mohamed Ali Mekouar** (Morocco)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- 2001 **Bagher Asadi** (Iran)
For distinguished accomplishments in securing developing nations' support for UNEP, the Kyoto Protocol and the establishment of the United Nations Forest Forum
- Ludwig Krämer** (Germany)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- 2000 **Veit Koester** (Denmark)
For extraordinary contributions to negotiation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and other multilateral environmental agreements
- Akio Morishima** (Japan)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- Tuiloma Neroni Slade** (Samoa)
For inspired leadership of the United Nations Initiative for Small Island Developing States
- 1999 **Johan Gerrit Lammers** (Netherlands)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- Bo John Kjellen** (Sweden)
For distinguished service leading negotiations of the Convention on Desertification
- Tan Sri Razali Ismail** (Malaysia)
For his initiatives in the Special Sessions of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development with positive participation by civil society
- 1998 **Parvez Hassan** (Pakistan)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- 1997 **Günther Handl** (Austria)
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- 1996 **Tommy Thong-Bee Koh** (Singapore)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- 1995 **Patrick Széll** (Canada)
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- 1994 **Edith Brown-Weiss** (USA)

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- 1993 **Winfried Lang** (Austria)
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- 1992 **Nicholas A. Robinson** (USA)
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- 1991 **Hubert Bocken** (Belgium)
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- 1990 **Andronico Oduogo Adede** (Kenya)
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- 1989 **Zdenek Madar** (Czechoslovakia)
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- 1988 **Cyrille de Klemm** (France)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- 1987 **Reinhard Ganten** (Germany)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- 1986 **Michael Bothe** (Germany)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- 1985 **Paulo Affonso Leme Machado** (Brazil)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- 1984 **Charles Okidi** (Kenya)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- 1983 **Heribert Rausch** (Switzerland)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- 1982 **Louis-Paul Suetens** (Belgium)
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- 1981 **Mateo J. Magarinos de Mello** (Uruguay)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- 1980 **Russell Train** (USA)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law

- 1979 **Alexandre-Charles Kiss** (Hungary)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- Oleg Stepanovitch Kolbasov** (USSR)
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- 1978 **Guillermo Cano** (Argentina)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- Eckhard Rehbinder** (Germany)
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- 1977 **Joseph L. Sax** (USA)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- Henri Smets** (Belgium)
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- 1976 **Jacques Hoeffler** (Belgium)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- Michel Prieur** (France)
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- 1975 **Wolfgang Burhenne** (Germany)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- Waclaw Brzezinski** (Poland)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- Michel Despax** (France)
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- 1974 **Michel Carpentier** (France)
For outstanding and sustained contributions to Environmental Law
- Jean-Paul Harroy** (Belgium)
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- Jean Lamarque** (France)
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