

Eradicating Ecocide
What if the Earth Had a Lawyer?



Polly Higgins
Austria 2012

Monday, 22.October, 6.30 pm

HUB Vienna, Lindengasse 56, Top 18-19, 1070 Wien

Tuesday, 23.October, 7.30 pm

C3 - Centrum f. Intern. Entwicklung, Sensengasse 3, 1090 Wien

Wednesday, 24.October

Eröffnungsrede Elevate Festival, Graz

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„**The earth is in need of a good lawyer.**“ – this realization led award winning author, international lawyer and barrister Polly Higgins to dedicate her life to the creation and implementation of laws that stop the destruction of the Earth and promote the Green Economy.

In March 2010 Polly Higgins proposed to the United Nations that Ecocide be made the **5th Crime Against Peace**. Later that year, her **first book** *Eradicating Ecocide: Laws and Governance to Prevent the Destruction of our Planet* was published.

Polly Higgins has been voted one of the “**World’s Top 10 Visionary Thinkers**” by the Ecologist and named “**The Planet’s Lawyer**” by the 2010 Change Awards. With her **campaign „Eradicating Ecocide“** Polly Higgins calls for the law of Ecocide to be in place by 2020.

Polly Higgins defines Ecocide as “*the extensive damage to, destruction of or loss of ecosystem(s) of a given territory, whether by human agency or by other causes, to such an extent that peaceful enjoyment by the inhabitants of that territory has been or will be severely diminished.*” Her **second book**, *Earth is our Business: Changing the Rules of the Game* was published in May 2012 and expands on the first book, setting out how a law of Ecocide could work.

In Austria, Polly will speak at a number of private and public events, meet with leaders from politics and the 3rd sector and deliver the keynote address for the Elevate Festival in Graz. Later that week, Polly will speak before members of the German Bundestag.

Join us for a number of exciting events with Polly Higgins and find out how a law of Ecocide will hold corporations to account, stop investment in dangerous industrial activity and create a legal duty of care to help States at risk of climate change.

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