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Sustainability as a Principle of International Environmental Law

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This Special Issue seeks to explore sustainability as a critical norm, and how it needs to be reshaped in the light of the Anthropocene and the emergence of planetary boundaries. This is not a question that can be solved by legal scholars, or by legal scholars alone. It must be contextualised within, and critiqued by, natural science, economics, political sciences, environmental philosophy, behavioural scientists, and other related disciplines. Western legal thought also needs to be challenged by a more diverse range of community and indigenous knowledges. This Special Issue seeks a broad range of contributions—from within and without the legal sphere—to foster a challenging and exciting analysis of this most important, if inchoate, principle. Mixed-discipline contributions will be particularly welcome.

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