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Panel title: Rethinking Environmental Governance in Southeast Asia

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*Brief description and explanation of the chosen format, max. ½ page*

The panel format will allow us to discuss environmental governance both conceptually and empirically. Presentations will highlight the diverse contexts and perspectives of environmental governance through in-depth case studies from Southeast Asia, using these to contribute to broader conceptual debates. We will encourage speakers to identify the key drivers, forms and types of environmental governance in specific localities (e.g. forest conservation, customary land), with the aim of highlighting how environmental governance in practice is entangled with the neo-liberalism of nature, grassroots struggles for self-determination, and processes of belonging and identity formation. The panel will be structured as follow. The convenors will start with a 5-minute opening, outlining the aims and structure of the panel. A maximum of 4 panelists will present for 15 minutes each, followed by an open discussion for 20 minutes. Should there be broader interest in the panel we will consider, with the organizers’ permission, extending the panel to a double session. The convenors will close the session with final remarks highlighting key messages and areas for further research (5 minutes).

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Environmental governance lies at the core of contemporary power struggles over access to resources and how this access (or the lack thereof) shapes people’s livelihood options and strategies. Placing environmental governance at the intersection of land-water-energy-climate governance, the panel will discuss the close interlinkages between context, perspectives, and power dynamics in everyday livelihood (re)making and environmental and climate justice. Linking socio-economic drivers with the (re)shaping of religion, cultural norms, and institutional arrangements, it brings to light the pluralistic views, diverse forces, and multiple realities (re)shaping formal and informal decision-making structures, processes, and geometries of power in environmental governance. Putting knowledge co-creation and processes of institutional emergence at the centre of analysis, it links different scales and levels of environmental governance, revealing how actors and institutions are integral to livelihood (re)making, especially for poor and marginal households. Focusing on environmental governance for whom, by whom, and for what, we look at new trends in environmental governance including indigenous and social justice movements, how they evolve over time and the lessons learned as humanity navigates the Anthropocene.

Single session (1x90 min) with 3-4 presenters

1. *Salween Peace Park: Linking forest conservation, heritage protection and local farming strategies (Saw John Bright/Wageningen University and Casper Palmano/KESAN)*
2. *The politics of climate justice in Islam and Javanism imaginaries: Exploring human non-human relations in ethics and everyday life (Wigke Capri/Leiden University)*
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