Booklet Programme

Innovating Ocean Governance – Symposium & Workshops

17th of November - 21st of November 2026
ANCORS, University of Wollongong
Building 233; Room G12
UOW Innovation Campus
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Symposium and Workshops Agenda



Tuesday 17th of November..... 2
12.00pm - 06.30pm
Workshop 1: Reimagining Ocean Governance



Wednesday 18th November..... 3-6
08.30am - 05.00pm
Symposium Day 1 – the foundations of innovation



Thursday 19th November..... 7-10
09.00am - 04.30pm
Symposium Day 2 - Examples of innovating ocean governance



Friday 20th November..... 11-12
09.00am - 03.30pm
Workshop 2: From Reimagining to Experimentation



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1. Above And Below Snorkel Trip - Great Southern Reef
2. Booderee National Park And Cultural Experience

Workshop 1: Reimagining Ocean Governance

Tuesday 17th of Nov.

Time	Activity
12.00pm	Lunch
12.30pm	Welcome, introductions and workshop outline, facilitated by Paul Knight
01.00pm	**Session 1: What Questions Do We Need to Ask of Ocean Governance?** The session explores the responses to the pre-workshop survey, identifying common concerns, aspirations and areas of uncertainty
02.30pm	Afternoon tea
03.00pm	**Session 2: Ocean Provocations – What Questions Does the Ocean Ask of Us?** Participants will engage with a series of provocations designed to challenge existing governance assumptions
04.30pm	**Session 3: Identifying Themes and Shared Principles** Participants will reflect on the connections between what we ask of ocean governance; and what the ocean may ask of us. These themes will provide the foundation for Workshop 2.
05.00pm	Reception drinks and screening of the short film “Unbroken Whispers: the ripples connecting sea kin”, Jodi Edwards, Innovation Campus, Science Space

Wednesday 18th of November

Symposium Day 1 – the foundations of innovation

Time	Activity
08.30am	Registration
09.00am	Welcome to Country, Opening remarks, Group photo
09.30am	Introduction to Innovating in ocean governance Conference themes and objectives - Michelle Voyer, Judith van Leeuwen Art based approaches to conference deliberations and discussions - Agnieszka Golda
10.00am	Morning tea
10.30am	**Session 1: Transforming the system – innovating the way we govern** - Chair: Michelle Voyer Paul Knight: Held, Bound, Fed, Woven: A cultural values framework for a different kind of ocean governance Marleen Schutter: A radical pragmatist approach to achieving just sustainability transitions in ocean governance Jacqueline Lau: Surfacing the morality of ocean governance Tegan Evans: Do Transformations Need to Be Radical? Lessons from the Global Plastics Treaty Panel discussion and Q & A: 30mins

Wednesday 18th of November

Symposium Day 1 – the foundations of innovation

Time	Activity
11.40am	**Session 2: Innovations in law and practice – innovating the tools we use to govern** - Chair: Dawoon Jung
	Jodi Edwards: Story Currents: The Living Law of Sea Country as Marine Systems Governance
	Margaret Young: The role of international courts and tribunals in supporting innovations in ocean governance
	Ben Boteler: Reflexive governance and power: the case of ALDFG in the Baltic Sea
	Kathryn Deyell: Security for the ocean: ecological security as an ocean governance innovation
	Andrew Sullivan: The role of sustainable ocean plans in transformative ocean governance
	Panel discussion and Q & A: *30mins*
01.00pm	Lunch

Wednesday 18th of November

Symposium Day 1 – the foundations of innovation

Time	Activity
01.45pm	**Session 3: Reflexivity and learning as pathways for innovation** - Chair: Tillman Boehme
	Aurélie Delisle: Steering the Blue Economy Toward Equity: Reflexive Reform within a Ministry of Fisheries
	Thanne Walawwe Gedera Fathima Mafaziya Nijamdeen: Reflexivity and Innovation in Coastal Governance: Learning Pathways and Processes of Change Across European Coastal Regions
	Tabea Jacob: You Cannot Govern What You Cannot Imagine: Education as a Pathway to Transformative Ocean Governance
	Constance Rambourg, Freya Croft : Innovation or repackaging? Evaluating OECMs as instruments of retro-innovation in transformative fisheries governance
	Panel discussion and Q & A: *30mins*
03.05pm	Afternoon tea

Wednesday 18th of November

Symposium Day 1 – the foundations of innovation

Time	Activity
03.35pm	**Session 4: Innovating who governs - The influence of non state actors** - Chair: Judith van Leeuwen
	Gianluca Ferraro: Evidence Advisory Systems as Governance Innovations for Coastal and Marine Environmental Governance: A Comparative Mediterranean Perspective
	Carolijn van Noort: Dynamic Role Claims in Ocean Governance Innovation
	Angelique Pouponneau: The Asymmetric Contest: Institutional Territoriality and the Conditions for Ocean Governance Innovation in Small Island Developing States
	Francisco Gelves-Gomez: From control to care: a practice-based analytic for transformative ocean governance
	Kathryn Audroing Reflections on innovations of the BBNJ Agreement and the voices and values behind them
	Panel discussion and Q & A: 30mins
04.50pm	Wrap up and summary of Day 1
05.00pm	**Close of day 1**



Thursday 19th of November

Symposium Day 2 - Examples of innovating ocean governance

Time	Activity
09.00am	Opening Day 2
	Session 1: Sharing the oceans: innovations in co-use and co-existence - Chair: Freya Croft
	Joanna Vince: Applying an integrative capacity framework:facilitating change in government agencies to achieve innovation in oceans governance
	Dawoon Jung: Co-location of Offshore Wind and Fisheries and the Transformation of Ocean Governance in Northeast Asia
	Sarina Lincoln: Claiming the blue: An exploration of expanding ocean uses and conflict in South Africa's changing ocean space
	Febryani Sabatira: When Does Co-use Amount to an ABMT? Legal and Conceptual Thresholds under the BBNJ Agreement
	Panel discussion and Q & A: 30mins
10.20am	Morning tea



Thursday 19th of November

Symposium Day 2 - Examples of innovating ocean governance

Time	Activity
10.50am	**Session 2: Scaling community based approaches** - Chair: Aurelie Delisle
	Dirk Steenbergen: Understanding diversity in community-based fisheries management across the Asia Pacific: Management plans as reflections of local practice
	Latu Aisea: The growth of a National Community-based Fisheries Management Program: Tonga's Special Management Area Program
	Senoveva Mauli: Understanding how community governance functions within multi-scaled systems: The case of fisheries management in Tawatana community, Solomon Islands.
	Bridget Mullany: Reefs, People, and Power. Reframing community dependence for equitable coral reef governance.
	Kenneth Amankwaah Boateng: Fish Mammies, Kinship, and Transformative Fisheries Governance in Coastal Ghana
	Panel discussion and Q & A: 30mins
12.10pm	Lunch



Thursday 19th of November

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01.00pm	**Session 3: Knowledge pluralism and bottom up approaches** - Chair: Natasha Stacey
	Melissa Nursery-Bray: Blue Carbon for Blue Futures
	Dora Bowles: Sea Country Management Plan: From Community Aspiration to Implementation
	Vitor Renck: Mapping with, not for: Participatory engagement with local and traditional communities as a governance innovation across a network of Marine Protected Areas
	Frida Lamberth Wallensteen: Enacting futures in the Cooks River estuary, Australia: rupture and prefiguration in a permanently polluted waterway
	Jackie Gould 'This Country is Holding the Law': Transforming Marine Governance using Indigenous-Led Sea Country management
	Panel discussion and Q & A: 30*mins*
02.20pm	Afternoon tea



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02.50pm	**Session 4: Innovations in Fisheries governance -** Chair: Constance Rambourg
	Quentin Hanich: The evolution of allocation in transboundary fisheries; from economic theory to pragmatic necessity
	Duncan Leadbitter: Fishery Improvement Projects - a governance mechanism for aligning industry and government with the sustainable use of fishery resources
	David Fatai: Assessing inclusion of small-scale tuna fisheries actors in tuna fisheries governance: A case study of Solomon Islands
	Yuru He: Diagnosing Legal Fragmentation in Marine Fisheries Governance through Computational Mapping
	Panel discussion and Q & A: 30*mins*
04.10pm	Closing remarks and next steps in the development of the special issue - Michelle Voyer, Judith van Leeuwen
04.30pm	**Close Day 2**
06.00pm	**Reception Dinner**, The Boathouse, Cliff Drive, North Wollongong



Friday 20th of November

Workshop 2: From Reimagining to Experimentation

Time	Activity
09.00am	Brief recap of key themes and insights from Workshop 1 and Introduction to challenge areas and workshop approach. **Opening Panel – Challenge 1: Weaving Diverse Knowledge Systems** Panel discussion: Jodi Edwards, Gianluca Ferraro, Angelique Pouponneau How can governance better support meaningful knowledge sharing and decision-making? Art based methods for collaborative decision making - Agnieszka Golda: Introducing the collaborative art piece
10.00am	Morning tea
10.30am	**Design Workshop session 1: Identifying new models for knowledge co construction** Participants are invited to contribute to an evolving collective artwork that reflects the themes emerging through the symposium. In this session we will explore what this experience suggests about the contribution of arts-based and embodied approaches to plural knowledges and innovating ocean governance - Facilitator: Agnieszka Golda
12.00pm	Lunch



Friday 20th of November

Workshop 2: From Reimagining to Experimentation

Time	Activity
01.00pm	**Opening Panel – Challenge 2: Collaborative and Integrated Ocean Governance Models and Institutions:** Managing multiple uses, interests and values within shared marine spaces remains a significant governance challenge. Panel discussion: Maree Fudge, Ben Boteler, Senoveva Mauli What new governance arrangements, decision-making structures or forms of authority might be needed to address complex and interconnected ocean challenges?
01.45pm	**Design Workshop session 2: Reimagining integrated ocean governance in a rapidly changing world** - Travis Wall Using a method known as design fiction, participants will be guided through a process of responding to the outcomes of Workshop 1 by imagining an ocean future from the perspective of the ocean itself.
03.15pm	**Pathways Forward** Summary & wrap up, identifying: Priority policy interventions, Experimental governance approaches worth testing and Future research questions and collaborative opportunities.
03.30pm	**Close**

Saturday 21st of November

Field Trips



1. Above And Below Snorkel Trip - Great Southern Reef

- 5-6 hour boat expedition exploring Jervis Bay with local operator Woebegone Dive Jervis Bay
- Visit some of the region's most spectacular snorkelling locations while learning about the coastline, marine life, and remarkable underwater ecosystems
- Includes gear hire and morning tea on the boat
- Bus will depart Innovation Campus 6.30am (Belmore Apartments: 6.40, Sage Hotel 6.45am)
- Arrive Jervis Bay 8.30am
- Return: Depart approx. 3.00pm
- Arrive at accommodation approx. 4.30-5.00pm



2. Booderee National Park And Cultural Experience

- Experience the cultural and natural heritage of Jervis Bay through a guided excursion that combines Indigenous cultural knowledge with the region's spectacular coastal landscapes.
- Includes: Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, medicinal and cultural uses of native plants, boomerang throwing demonstration & more
- Self-funded lunch in Huskisson before a brief visit to Booderee National Park
- Bus will depart Innovation Campus 7.00am (Belmore Apartments: 7.10am, Sage Hotel 7.15 am)
- Arrive Jervis Bay 9.00am
- Return: Depart approx. 3.30pm
- Arrive at accommodation approx. 5.00pm