

## Human Rights and Climate Justice

This Webinar took place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and was hosted by The Centre for Applied Buddhism and SGI-UK.

**Michele Lamb** (Research Fellow – Centre for Applied Buddhism) chairs this panel discussion on **Human Rights and Climate Justice** –

How do we define Human Rights? And where do these ‘rights’ sit in relation to the climate crisis?

COP26, held in November 2021, highlighted the need for multi-faith, cross organisational and intergenerational collaboration in order to tackle the climate crisis. Michele offers up some discussion points around this topic and we hear from each speaker as they unpack the issues facing human rights from their own perspectives and areas of expertise.

**Professor Damien Short** is the co-director of the Human Rights Consortium and a professor of Human Rights and Environmental Justice at the School of Advanced Study, University of London. Damien initially worked in Australia, looking at indigenous peoples' rights and their reconciliation process which led to a developing of his understanding of the connection between human rights – and specifically indigenous rights - and environmental issues.

Damien went on to further his research in genocide studies before focusing on extreme energy, such as fracking, and its impacts in the realm of human rights.

We also welcome back two previous speakers from past webinar events:

**Dr. Shanon Shah** and **Dr. Alexandra Masako Goossens-Ishii**

**Shanon** is Director of Faith for the Climate, working together with members of various faith traditions to address the climate crisis. His work in human rights also includes having been Executive Director of Amnesty International Malaysia, and Shanon is also currently Senior Deputy Editor for Critical Muslim, a quarterly magazine as part of the Muslim Institute, London.

**Alexandra** is a program co-ordinator for the SGI Office for UN Affairs within the Human Rights Council in Geneva which involves following the work of and advocating towards the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) as well as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), working together with other faith-based human rights groups.