

Peter Stoett, PhD

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Global environmentalist and human rights advocate leads groundbreaking interdisciplinary research and programs at UOIT

Description

International environmental politics and human rights powerhouse Peter Stoett, PhD, is changing the social justice landscape. Renowned for his tireless advocacy of social inclusion and sustainable development initiatives, he is passionate about promoting interdisciplinary research to mitigate critical issues. His diverse personal research agenda focuses on transnational environmental crime, marine pollution prevention, climate justice, and Canadian-American environmental relations. He has also worked extensively on genocide and war crimes prevention and punishment.

On the global stage, he is collaborating on the development of a flagship United Nations (UN) publication, Global Environmental Outlook, and recently co-developed two UN-based MOOCs with the UNEP in Nairobi, Kenya. While in Tasmania on a recent sabbatical, he worked on marine plastic pollution prevention policies. Dr. Stoett also helped establish Future Earth, a major research consortium housed by Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec.

At UOIT, he aims to expand graduate and post-doctoral programs in burgeoning areas including environmental criminology, as well as undergraduate programs linked to sustainability studies, and to reaffirm the strong role of humanities in a highly technological age by exploring the ethical implications of artificial intelligence and mass surveillance.

Previously, Dr. Stoett was Director of the Loyola Sustainability Research Centre, and Chair of the Department of Political Science at Concordia University in Montreal. He has taught in many countries including Costa Rica, Italy, the Netherlands, and England, as well as at the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University, and several Ontario universities. He has written, co-written and co-edited more than 10 books including the best-selling international relations textbook Global Politics; published over 50 journal articles and chapters in edited books.

An early introduction to George Orwell's 1984 dystopian image of the future prompted his lifelong interest in themes of state power and legitimacy, democracy and human rights, and resistance to oppression. He earned his Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and a Master of Arts in International Development and Canadian Government and Politics from the University of Guelph. Inspired by the birth of his first child, he moved into the study of global environmental sustainability and received his Doctorate in Political Studies from Queen's University in 1994.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Government Relations, Plastics, Program Development, Public Policy, Research

Topics

Biodiversity Conservation, Climate and Environmental Justice, Conceptualizing Sustainable Futures, Genocide, War Crimes, and International Courts, Marine Pollution Prevention, Transnational Environmental Crime

Affiliations

Canadian Association of the Club of Rome , Pugwash Canada Group , Commission on Education and Communication, International Union for the Conservation of Nature , Alumni Council of the Fulbright and U.S. State Department International Visitorâ€™s Program, United States Consulate in Montreal , Sustainable Cities Advisory Committee, McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy, McGill University, Scientific Council, Human Rights and Conflict Prevention Centre, Faculty of Law, University in Bihac, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Past Talks

Traditional Indigenous Knowledge, Earth Law, and Environmental Justice: Integrating Knowledge and Reconceptualising Law and Governance

57th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Taskforce on Conceptual Foundations, Earth Systems Governance Representations of and Rights for the Environment Workgroup

Future Earth and UNESCO Partners

Responses to Transnational Environmental Crime

Faculty of Law, University of Tasmania

Governing the Plastic Plague

Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania

People and Plastic: The Oceans Plastic Crisis, Global Governance, and Development Norms

2016 Annual Meeting of the Academic Council on the United Nations System

Marine Obligations Ergo Omnes: Reducing the Plastic Heritage of Humankind

Global Governance Reform Initiative: Oceans Governance Conference

Greening the Grey Zone: Global Wildlife Crime Enforcement and Sustainable Development

2015 Annual Meeting of the Academic Council on the United Nations System

Codifying Ecocide or Promoting Environmental Justice: Towards a More Effective Contribution from Global Governance

2015 Annual Conference of the Canadian Political Science Association

A Mid-Range Theoretical Framework: The Internet in International Relations

International Political Science Association World Congress

Bioinvasion Policy Integration in North America and Europe

International Political Science Association World Congress

Education

Queen's University

PhD International Relations; Comparative Politics of Developing Countries

University of Guelph

MA International Development; Canadian Government and Politics

University of Guelph

BA (Honours) Political Studies (Major), History (Minor)

Harvard University

Certificate Executive Education for Sustainability Leadership

Accomplishments

Global Contributor, GEO-6

Nominated by the Government of Canada to contribute to the United Nations Environment Programme's flagship publication Global Environmental Outlook (GEO-6), Dr. Stoett is a Global Contributor in Governance, Outlooks and Policy sections as well as Regional Contributor/Lead Author in the Regional Assessment for North America. He is also the Co-ordinating Lead Author on the Biodiversity section for the Global Report due in 2018.

Taskforce Leader, Conceptual Foundations, Earth System Governance Platform

Dr. Stoett serves as a Co-convener of the Earth Systems Governance Representations of and Rights for the Environment Workgroup.

Alumni Council Member, Fulbright and U.S. State Department International Visitor's Program

Appointed to the Alumni Council of the Fulbright and U.S. State Department International Visitor[™]s Program of United States Consulate in Montréal.

Distance Mentor, University of Sussex, Brighton

Funded by the university's Institute of Development Studies, Dr. Stoett provides mentorship for Support to Improve Climate Research and Information Systems in South Asia.

Working Group Member, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Dr. Stoett has been appointed to the Working Group on Invasive Alien Species Indicators, Biodiversity Indicators Partnership with the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre.

Sustainable Cities Advisory Committee Member, McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy

Dr. Stoett was appointed to the Sustainable Cities Advisory Committee of McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy at McGill University, Montréal.

Editorial Board Member, Islamabad Law Review

Dr. Stoett is an Editorial Board Member for Review of Policy Research: the Politics and Policy of Science and Technology; International Wildlife Law and Policy; Islamabad Law Review (International Islamic University, Pakistan).

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