

# ALEX PUTZER

## RESEARCHER IN RIGHTS OF URBAN NATURES

What is the difference between a meticulously maintained city platanus and a presumably pristine rainforest mangrove? I explore the varying and sometimes contradicting answers to this and similar questions. As a Fulbright-Schuman Scholar, UN Harmony with Nature Expert, and member of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature Academic Hub, I use academia, arts, and activism to reimagine urban co-existences.

## EDUCATION

New York, USA 03.2024 – present	<b>Visiting Scholar</b>   New York University   Fulbright-Schuman Visiting Scholar Department of Environmental Studies Supervisor: Prof. Jeff Sebo
Pisa, ITA 10.2020 – 01.2024	<b>Ph.D. Human Rights and Global Politics</b>   Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies Institute of Law, Politics, and Development   Committee: Prof. Alberto Pirni & Prof. Elizabeth Cook & Prof. Mihnea Tănăsescu Dissertation: Rights of Urban Natures. How to Apply a Non-Anthropocentric Ethic to an Anthropogenic World
New York, USA 01.2023 – 04.2023	<b>Visiting Scholar</b>   The New School Urban Systems Lab   Schools of Public Engagement Supervisor: Prof. Timon McPhearson
Philadelphia, USA 09.2022 – 01.2023	<b>Visiting Scholar</b>   University of Pennsylvania Department of Philosophy Supervisor: Prof. Kok-Chor Tan
Cambridge, USA 03.2022 – 04.2022	<b>Visiting Scholar</b>   Massachusetts Institute of Technology Norman B. Leventhal Center for Advanced Urbanism   School of Architecture + Planning Supervisor: Prof. Sarah Williams
Hamburg, GER 10.2017 – 04.2020	<b>M.A. International Political Theory</b>   University of Hamburg Faculty of Business, Economics, and Social Sciences   Committee: Dr. Andreas Busen & Prof. Antje Wiener Thesis: Human Rights for Nature. Considerations on an Ethical Framework based on Environmental Personhood
Barcelona, ESP 09.2018 – 07.2019	<b>Erasmus+</b>   University of Barcelona Faculty of Law Model United Nations Human Rights Council   Extracurricular: Castells (UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage)
Hamburg, GER 10.2013 – 09.2017	<b>B.A. Media and Communication Science</b>   University of Hamburg Faculty of Humanities   Committee: Prof. Uwe Hasebrink & Prof. Jannis Androutsopoulos Thesis: Comparative Qualitative Website Analysis of European Right-Wing Populist Parties (in German)
Florence, ITA 10.2015 – 07.2016	<b>Erasmus+</b>   University of Florence Cesare Alfieri School of Social Science Model United Nations in Rome and New York

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Bolzano, ITA 05.2023 – 12.2023	<b>Fellow</b>   UNESCO Chair in Interdisciplinary Anticipation and Global-Local Transformation Advancing the UNESCO agenda on Futures Literacy through talks and seminars by collaborating with Roland Benedikter, programme Chair, and the Center for Advanced Studies at EURAC, a public-private co-funded institution for applied research
International 10.2021 – present	<b>Expert</b>   UN Harmony with Nature Program Co-curating the program's earth-centred law database, writing country reports, and consulting local and national policymakers to implement the rights of nature in their legal frameworks
International 08.2021 – present	<b>Member</b>   Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature Academic Hub Sharing advances in the field at regular meetings, developing, designing, and operating the Eco Jurisprudence Monitor, an online platform that compiles related resources for researchers, lawyers, policymakers, and activists, financed by Rockefeller Brothers Fund

## TEACHING

Linz, AUT 09.2023 – 01.2024	<b>Fellow</b>   Institute of Digital Sciences Austria x Ars Electronica Founding Lab Seminar on 'Digital Society and Policy: Tech-Diplomacy - Negotiating with Nature, Tech, and People'   Inaugural Fall Term
Vienna, AUT 03.2022 – 06.2022	<b>Lecturer</b>   University of Applied Arts Vienna 2 ECTS Seminar on 'Tracing the Right to the City. Juxtaposing Nature, Tech, and People'   B.A. Cross-Disciplinary Strategies
Amsterdam, NED 08.2020 – 10.2020	<b>Teaching Assistant</b>   University of Amsterdam 2 ECTS Tutorial on 'Law, Justice, and Morality II'   B.Sc. Politics, Psychology, Law, Economics

## PUBLICATIONS

### PEER-REVIEWED

2022	<b>The Rights of Nature as a Bridge between Land Ownership Regimes</b>   Open Access Putzer, A.; Lambooy, T.; Breemer, I.; Rietveld, A.   Subtitle: The Potential of Institutionalized Interplay in Post-Colonial Societies In: Transnational Environmental Law 11.3 (Symposium Article), Cambridge Core, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1017/S2047102522000334">https://doi.org/10.1017/S2047102522000334</a>
2022	<b>Putting the Rights of Nature on the Map</b>   Open Access Putzer, A.; Lambooy, T.; Jeurissen, R.; Kim, E.   Subtitle: A Quantitative Analysis of Rights of Nature Initiatives Across the World In: Journal of Maps 18.1, Taylor and Francis, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/17445647.2022.2079432">https://doi.org/10.1080/17445647.2022.2079432</a> .   Altmetric 97th percentile