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Animals as Citizens of Gaia Democracy

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Abstract: This lecture explores the turn to the ways biodiverse life animates and co-sustains life over four billion years as the guiding light for co-sustainable human governance within ‘Gaia [earth] democracy.’ The complementary turn in law is from seeing law as a human-imposed order by states or global legal orders to planetary ‘multispecies constitutionalism.’ This is the view that the ways biodiverse planetary life sustains life constitutes a complex constitutive order that humans should redesign their legal orders in accordance with to recover from the 6th mass extinction. Research in both systems theory and earth-based pedagogy show the ways forward.

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