

## International Trainers



### ADJUNCT PROFESSOR ROB FOWLER

Rob Fowler has been involved for over forty years in the field of environmental law, beginning at the Law School at the University of Adelaide in 1975. Whilst there, he co-founded the Australian Centre for Environmental Law (ACEL) and also served as Dean of the Law School from 1995-98. In 2000, he was appointed to a Chair in International Environmental Law at the University of South Australia. Since retiring from this position in 2008, Rob has held an Adjunct Chair in the Law School at UniSA.

He served as a member of the Board of the SA Environment Protection Authority from 2011 to 2017. He has also served in a number of voluntary positions in recent years, including as Chair of the Governing Board of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (IUCNAEL) (2008-2013); President of the Conservation Council of South Australia (2011-2014); and Vice President and Board member of the Australian Conservation Foundation (2008-2015). He also has served as Chair of the South Australian Environmental Defender's Office (2001-2009).

Rob became the Convener of the Australian Panel of Experts in Environmental Law (APEEL) in late 2014. This Panel of 14 environmental law experts, supported by 7 expert advisers, has designed a blueprint for the next generation of environmental laws in Australia (see [www.apeel.org.au](http://www.apeel.org.au)). He has also served since 2014 as the IUCNAEL Project Coordinator for the Training the Teachers project being conducted across 14 Asian countries with the support of the Asian Development Bank. This project aims to enhance environmental law teaching capacity in Law Schools within these countries

In November 2011, Rob was recognized by the Law Council of Australia with a special award for his "exceptional contribution to the development of environmental law". In 2015, he received a Fulbright Scholarship that enabled him to spend four months at George Washington University in Washington DC researching the subject of environmental federalism.



### PROFESSOR CARMEN GONZALEZ

**Carmen G. Gonzalez** is a professor of law at Seattle University School of Law. She has published widely in the areas of international environmental law, human rights and the environment, environmental justice, trade and the environment, and food security.

Professor Gonzalez was a Fulbright Scholar in Argentina, a U.S. Supreme Court Fellow, a visiting fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom, and a visiting professor at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center in Nanjing, China. In 2017, she served as the George Soros Visiting Chair at the Central European University School of Public Policy in Budapest, Hungary.

Professor Gonzalez is member of the Board of Trustees of Earthjustice (the largest public interest environmental law firm in the United States), Deputy Chair of the Governing Board of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature Academy of Environmental Law, and past president of the Environmental Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools. She has worked on environmental law

capacity-building projects in Asia, Latin America, and the former Soviet Union, and has represented non-governmental organizations in environmental treaty negotiations.

Professor Gonzalez is the co-editor of *International Environmental Law and the Global South* (Cambridge University Press, 2015). Her latest book, *Energy Justice: U.S. and International Perspectives*, will be published by Edward Elgar in Fall 2018. Professor Gonzalez holds a BA from Yale University and a JD from Harvard Law School.



#### **PROFESSOR DR. BHARAT H. DESAI**

**Professor Dr. Bharat H. Desai** holds the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru Chair in International Environmental Law as well as is Professor of International Law and Chairman of Centre for International Legal Studies in School of International Studies of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Yearbook of International Environmental Law (OUP: UK) and Chairman of Centre for Advanced Study on Courts & Tribunals (India).

Prof. Desai's significant books include: (i) *International Environment Court: A Legal Study of an Ideal* (Boston: Brill Nijhoff, 2018; forthcoming) (ii) *International Environmental Governance: Towards UNEPO* (Boston: Brill Nijhoff, 2014) (iii) *Multilateral Environmental Agreements: Legal Status of the Secretariats* (New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2010); Paperback edition 2013) (iv) *Institutionalizing International Environmental Law* (New York: Transnational Publishers, 2004).

Prof. Desai mooted two significant scholarly proposals for United Nations Environment Protection Organization (UNEPO) as well as revival of the UN Trusteeship Council with a new mandate for environment & the global commons in an invited talk on 15 January 1999 at Legal Department of the World Bank, DC. These have been published in important recent research papers such as: (i) *The Quest for a UN Specialized Agency for the Environment, The Round Table* (London), vol.101, no.2, April 2012 (ii) "UNEP: A Global Environmental Authority?", *Environmental Policy & Law* (IOS Press, Amsterdam), vol.36, nos.3-4, 2006.

Prof. Desai has been consulted by the Indian Ministries of Environment & Forests as well as Ministry of External Affairs and served as a member of the official Indian Delegations in various intergovernmental negotiations.