

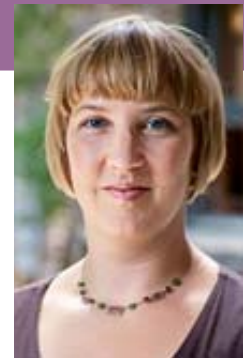
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Sustainable development, described in the ground-breaking Brundtland Report as meeting the needs of present generations without compromising future generations to meet their own needs, has at its heart a promise of integrating and reconciling environment, economy and society. Yet the challenge presented by this promise is immense. In this lecture, I will discuss the obstacles and potential pathways to integration, taking as my standpoint international environmental law. I will discuss the difficulties presented by bringing together a range of very different specialised discourses, notably law, politics, economics, science and morality. I will also discuss the additional difficulties of building bridges between these specialised discourses and the broader society.

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