

17th Annual

Douglas M. Johnston Lecture

Lived Experiences and Climate Justice: Reframing Priorities

International human rights processes have not only clarified applicable obligations and standards for States and business to protect human rights in the context of climate change, to ensure climate justice. They have also brought together a body of evidence based on the lived experiences and insights of the human rights holders most affected by climate change and certain climate solutions. This evidence sheds a new light on the root causes of climate change and other planetary crises, notably growing economic inequality. This in turn serves to understand which interventions should be prioritized and to question, constructively, which decision-making processes need reform to be better able to address root causes and advance priority actions.



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IN-PERSON EVENT

Thursday, January 15, 2026

Weldon Law Building, 6061 University Ave., Halifax

▶ **5:30 - 7:00PM** PRE-RECEPTION
Atrium, 2nd Floor

▶ **7:00 - 8:30PM** LECTURE
Room 105

All Welcome, Free & Open to the Public