Global environmental negotiations have become central sites for studying the interaction between politics, power, and environmental degradation. They provide legitimate frameworks for states to negotiate environmental protection measures and for scientists to exercise influence. By assembling diverse actors within the highly structured setting of international diplomacy, environmental negotiations set the stage for recognizing legitimate voices in global environmental politics, including those of scientists and other knowledge holders. This event will problematize the future of global environmental negotiations and critically assess the role of science, knowledge, and technology within this context. Experts from research and practice will reflect on current developments in the areas of biodiversity, ocean protection, and climate change and discuss specific avenues for strengthening the role of environmental knowledge for international cooperation and equitable sustainable futures.
PROGRAM

5:00 p.m. WELCOME

5:15 p.m. Opening

Manuela Baccarini | Vice Rector for Research and International Affairs, University of Vienna

Christian Sturmbauer | Professor of Zoology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Graz & Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW)

Gerhard Herndl | Professor of Marine Biology, University of Vienna & Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW)

5:45 p.m. Keynote Lecture

Alice Vadrot | Associate Professor of International Relations and the Environment, University of Vienna & Member of the Young Academy of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW)

How Science Shapes Environmental Policy: A Multi-Sited Approach

6:15 p.m. Roundtable

Can Science and Technology Fix the Future of Global Environmental Negotiations?

Gabriele Götsche-Wanli | Former Director of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the United Nations

Tilde Krusberg | Researcher, Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University

Gabriele Obermayr | Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK)

Katharina Rogenhofer | Board Member & Spokesperson, KONTEXT Institut für Klimafragen


7:00 p.m. Q&A

7:30 p.m. RECEPTION