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More than Human and Non-Human Relations in Law: A Jurisprudence of Gardens

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11:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., PST

Fraser Building Room 157

A plant-based lunch will be served

Hybrid event on Zoom: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/87086858784>

This talk centers on gardens, tracing the interrelations of gendered, speciesist and in-human violence and colonial legal enclosures in the Anthropocene. Drawing on posthumanist feminist, decolonial eco-feminist, and in-human theories, I walk through law's gardens to analyse historical roots and contemporary legal iterations of control, domination and oppression. The talk is an invitation to reconsider the place of gardens as placeholders of both historical struggles and as sites of possibilities for a radical jurisprudence of gardens: of care, resistance, and renewal in the face of pressing current concerns.

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