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Rights of Nature: Nature as a Subject of Law

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In recent decades, a number of new types of entities have been earning a status of a **legal person** (or a similar one), including animals (e.g. in Haryana, India) and elements of the natural environment, such as rivers or mountains (famous examples are the Whanganui River and Mount Taranaki in New Zealand, Ganga and Yamuna rivers in India or Mar Menor lagoon in Spain). It is often rather difficult to accommodate these legal provisions within the picture behind the orthodox view of legal personhood, which prevails in Western legal systems. According to this picture, legal personhood amounts to either holding of rights and bearing of duties, or the 'legal capacity' to hold rights and bear duties. This difficulty poses a general problem for policy-makers and advocates of Right of Nature movement.

We wish to further explore this problem by focusing on its **theoretical** aspect as well as on the **legislative practice** in a comparative perspective. We invite articles that focus on the following questions:

- (Q1) What types of entities are or can be legal persons?
- (Q2) Are there any sufficient and/or necessary features of legal personhood?
- (Q3) To what extent can nature be considered an agent?
- (Q4) What enables and what limits recognition of environmental entities as legal persons?
- (Q5) Are different legal systems/their institutions comparable with regard to how they recognise subjectivity of environmental entities?
- (Q6) What kind of problems does recognition of subjectivity of environmental entities meet with regard to civil law/property laws?
- (Q7) What kind of problems does recognition of subjectivity of environmental entities meet with regard to criminal law?

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