

I. The Indigenous-Led Whale Protection and Legal Personhood Declaration: *A conversation on Indigenous knowledge and environmental leadership, law, and the science of whale rights*

Location: NYU School of Law, Wilf Hall, Room 512, 139 MacDougal St. 5th Floor

Date: Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. ET

Language: English

RSVP: [Google Forms](#) or [Join via Zoom](#)

Panelists: Aperahama Edwards (Hinemoana Halo), Simon Mitchell (Hinemoana Halo), David Gruber (Project CETI), César Rodríguez-Garavito (NYU Law / MOTH)

Summary: Signed in March 2024 by the late Māori King from Aotearoa (New Zealand) and other Pacific leaders, *He Whakaputanga Moana* — The Whale Protection and Legal Personhood Declaration — is grounded in Te Ao Māori teachings and Polynesian values which recognize whales as both ancestors and sentient beings. Join us to hear from the Indigenous-led organization behind the Declaration for a conversation that brings together Indigenous knowledge on the rights of whales, legal expertise on more than human rights, and cutting-edge science on whale communication.



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II. Living Data, Living Lands: Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Biodiversity Monitoring

Location: NYU School of Law, Vanderbilt Hall, Room 206

Date: Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025

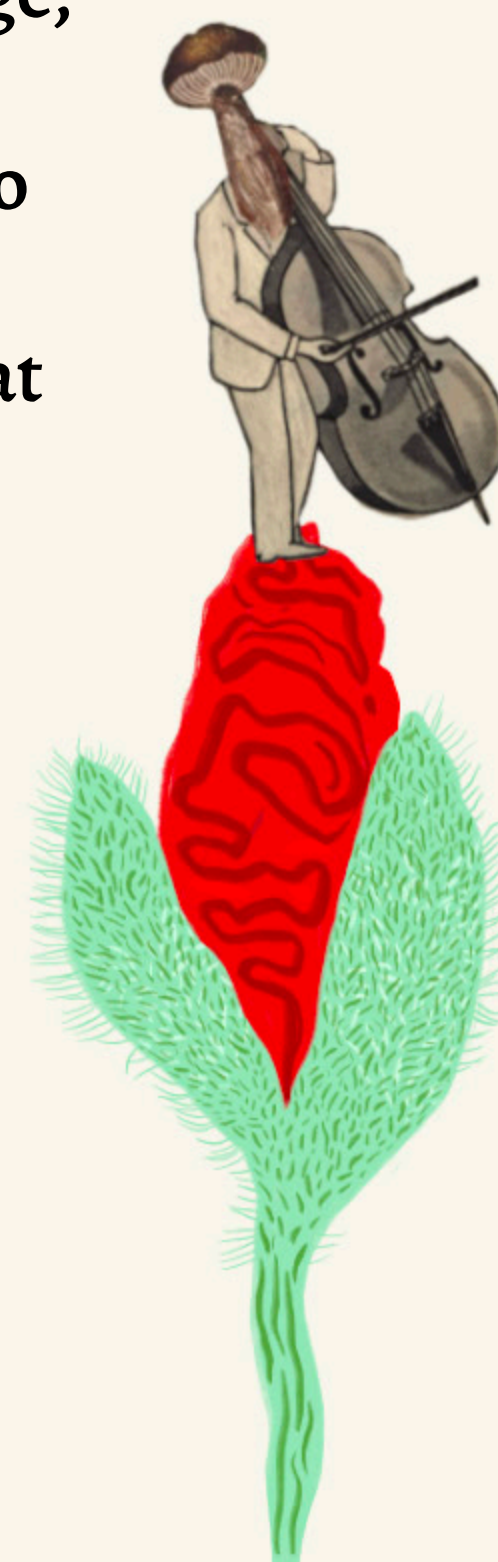
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. ET

Language: English and Spanish

RSVP: Please RSVP to join.

Panelists: Stephanie Carroll (Ahtna); Jane Anderson, Lydia Jennings (Pasqua Yaqui); Darren Ranco (Penobscot); Suzanne Greenlaw (Maliseet); José Gualinga (Kichwa de Sarayaku); Maheata White Davies (Tahiti); Erin Robinson, and Neil Davies

Summary: With current threats to biodiversity, it is tracked by billions of data points worldwide. Technology today prioritizes global aggregation, severing ties between data and the communities who have been stewarding and caring for these biodiverse lands and waters. The pace of technology change is only accelerating this extractive norm. At 2025 NYC Climate Week, Local Contexts, the Indigenous Data Exchange, Center CIRCL and the NYU MOTH Program seek to interrupt this cycle. Join us to reimagine and put into practice Indigenous-led biodiversity data infrastructures. Our focus is on building a future that connects and empowers rather than extracts and disconnects.



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III. Film Screening & Panel: *Allpa Ukundi, Ñukanchi Pura* (Underground, Around, and Among Us)

Location: NYU School of Law, Tishman Auditorium, 40 Washington Square South

Date: Wednesday, September 24th, 2025

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. ET

Language: English and Spanish

RSVP: [Google Forms](#)



Panelists: José Gualinga, Samai Gualinga, César Rodríguez-Garavito, Eriberto Gualinga, Jane Anderson, Adriana Corrales, Carlos Andrés Baquero Díaz

Summary: Join the Kichwa Indigenous People of Sarayaku, the NYU MOTH Program, Selvas Producciones, Local Contexts, Fungi Foundation, Cosmo Sheldrake, SPUN, and o7o for an exclusive screening of *Allpa Ukundi, Ñukanchi Pura* (Underground, Around, and Among Us), a powerful new documentary directed by Natalia Arenas, Diego Forero, and Eriberto Gualinga that traces a groundbreaking collaboration between the Sarayaku People of the Ecuadorian Amazon and a global alliance of scientists, artists, and advocates.

The film captures the alliance's efforts to advance Indigenous sovereignty and defend the Sarayaku peoples' ancestral territory against extractive threats by documenting fungal and sonic life in the Amazon, all set against the backdrop of Sarayaku's intrepid Kawsak Sacha proposal for life. Following the screening, participants can stay for a discussion with members of the collaboration to explore how science, sound, and sovereignty intersect in the fight to defend the Living Forest.



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IV. *Intangible Zone*: Film Screening & Discussion with the Amazon Conservation Team



Location: NYU School of Law, Wilf Hall 5th Floor, Room 512

Date: Thursday, September 25th, 2025

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. ET

Language: English and Spanish

RSVP: [Google Forms](#)

Panelists: Brian Hettler, Juana Hofman, and Daniel Aristizábal

Summary: Join the Amazon Conservation Team (ACT) and NYU's MOTH Program to view *Intangible Zone*, learn more about the ACT's work with Indigenous peoples living in voluntary isolation, and discuss the rights of these nations and the legal and political mechanisms available for their protection. *About the film:* In the Colombian Amazon, the Indigenous reserve Resguardo Curare Los Ingleses survives and fights to protect the Intangible Zone, a thriving territory inhabited by isolated Indigenous peoples, from the perils of the outside world.

