



THE EARTH
HERE AND NOW

Debates & Films

September – December at the Institut français, London and Edinburgh

On the occasion of the COP 26 held in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November 2021, the Institut français du Royaume-Uni is launching a series of talks and films on the environment, as part of its strand, the Earth Here and Now.

In the talk series organised in partnership with publisher Polity, guest speakers will discuss the way one can rethink ecological activism and practices, by imagining new types of alliances and cohabitation with the living world.

Philosopher **Mark Alizart**, author of the essay *The Climate Coup (March 2021, Polity)*, will open the series on **23 September** with his translator **Robin Mackay**. This first event will centre around the emergency of the current situation and dire need for action and will highlight how this environmental challenge is closely intertwined with political and financial matters.

Philosopher **Vinciane Despret**, author of *Living as a Bird*, recently published in English at Polity, will be joining the series on **10 November**. She sheds fresh light on the ways that birds construct their worlds enabling us to become more aware of the multiple modes of existence on the planet we share with other species. She will be discussing these topics and the environmental issues underlined in her book with social anthropologist and Professor **Garry Marvin**, a specialist in Human-Animal studies.

On **8 December**, decolonial ecology will be the focus of the discussion. Civil and environmental engineer and Doctor of political philosophy **Malcom Ferdinand**, author of *A Decolonial Ecology: Thinking from the Caribbean World* (Polity, 2021) will be speaking alongside **Shela Sheikh** who co-leads the Goldsmiths Critical Ecologies research stream.

Our film season includes *Becoming Cousteau*, a documentary by Liz Garbus following the life and career of the famous French ocean explorer and screenings of **Graduation Projects from the National Film and Television School**.

In addition, the **Institut français d'Écosse in Edinburgh** has launched a **new series of video interviews** with experts in environmental, ecological, or sustainable initiatives, invited to reflect on the future and discuss their expectations for the highly anticipated COP 26.

[Check out The Earth Here and Now programme](#)

Watch the video interviews: [What do you expect from COP 26?](#)

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