



## ***Right to a Sustainable Nature - Rights for Scientists to Frame it***

*An international seminar organized by The Committee for the Protection of Scientific and Scholarly Work (UBVA), The Confederation of Professional Associations in Denmark, The Danish Society of Engineers IDA, and the Danish UNESCO National Commission*

*When and where: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 9.30 – 15.00 in The Danish Society of Engineers IDA, Kalvebod Brygge 31-33, Copenhagen V*

Climate change has had an enormous impact on our nature, our biosphere, which demands us to ensure a balanced co-living of human beings and nature. For decades, scientists have without success stressed that changes would soon be here and are truly now, but too often scientific research has been neglected. The risk of self-censorship, pre-expected results of research, and harassment of scientists can have a damaging effect. Thus, for the sake of our future, we must demand freedom of research and freedom of speaking about it. Academic freedom with the rights for scientists to frame our challenges must be protected, and critical voices can include all citizens involved in ensuring a sustainable nature.

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### **Program:**

- 09h30      Registration and coffee
- 09h45      Opening of the Conference, moderator **Mogens Blicher Bjerregård**,  
freelance International  
Deputy director of The Confederation of Professional Associations in Denmark  
(Akademikerne), **Janus Broe Malm**  
Chair of the UBVA, **Morten Rosenmeier**
- 10h10      Opening note (keynote): *Why is it important to link the fight for a Sustainable Nature with good governance and critical voices?* **Mads Randbøll Wolff**, the Danish expert on the UNESCO program “Man and the Biosphere.”
- 10h40      Challenges for scientists and reporting:
- *When scientists are threatened*, **Mirna Fernandez**, Bolivian activist, Global Youth Biodiversity Network
  - *Challenging the mainstream green strategy*, **Kåre Press-Kristensen**, Senior adviser, Green Transition Denmark

- *What happens on reporting when local journalism run dry?* **Lucie Sykorová**, Freelance journalist and advocating for local journalism
- *When science is for sale – the reason why climate, health and environment is losing in the public debate*, **Stiig Markager**, professor, Department of Eco Science, the University of Århus
- *Challenges for next generation*, **Elise Sydendal**, Climate activist, The Green Youth Movement
- *Greenwashing*, **Emil Blicher Bjerregård**, MSc Biology.

11h00 Coffee Break

11h15 Interventions continue followed by debate

12h00 Lunch

12h45 The role of UNESCO  
Opening note by **Malene Nielsen**, The Danish delegation at UNESCO

13h15 International approach:

- *How can EU contribute* – **Janica Borg**, Expert and coordinator of the EU biodiversity strategy at the European Environment Agency
- *What could wildlife monitoring teach us about Conservation field teach us about conservation?* **Tomáš Jůnek**, PhD, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague
- *How NGO's contribute to find solutions*, **Michael Løvendal Kruse**, board member of The Danish Society for Nature conservation
- *How scientists can make a difference*, **Michael Søgaard Jørgensen**, Associate Professor, Aalborg University, Chairman of The Society of Green Technology, IDA

14h15 Debate

14h40 *Presenting the frame of a monitoring unit for scientific and academic freedom*, **Mogens Blicher Bjerregård**

14h50 Keynote listener – **Julian Lo Curlo**, The Danish UNESCO National Commission

15h00 Closure of the event  
**Michael Søgaard Jørgensen**, Chairman of The Society of Green Technology, IDA and **Mogens Blicher Bjerregård**