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# CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY RESEARCH (CSS)

MIT PROF. DR. LOUIS KOTZÉ (NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY, SOUTH AFRICA)

Das Center for Sustainable Society Research feiert die Einweihung der neuen Räumlichkeiten in der Max-Brauer-Allee 60 und lädt herzlich ein zu einem Vortrag im Rahmen der CSS Lecture Series „After Sustainability“ sowie im Anschluss zu Empfang mit Fingerfood und Wein!

Keynote Vortrag

PROF. DR. LOUIS KOTZÉ (NWU)

*„Environmental Law After Sustainability“*

In this lecture, Louis Kotzé, Research Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law, North-West University, South Africa and Senior Professorial Fellow in Earth System Law at the University of Lincoln, UK, talks about how humans, through our social regulatory institutions, consciously, but most often unconsciously, contribute to the deepening planetary crisis instead of addressing it. Many of these institutions, such as law, and specifically environmental law, have been created to protect nature. But through its cornerstone principle of sustainable development that environmental law fully embraces and promotes, law as an instrument to direct human behavior has become unable to keep humans within the limits of the planetary boundaries' safe operating space. He will attempt to expose the principle of sustainable development for the predatory, neoliberal, capitalist principle that it is, and will show that the major paradigm shift we urgently require to confront the planetary crisis will ultimately depend on unconditionally rejecting this principle in favor of far more radical principles centered on notions of care, humility, and co-existence that collectively recognize and respond to the vulnerability of the entire Earth system. The talk concludes by briefly exploring the emerging notion of 'Earth system law', which offers a promising framework to reimagine a post-sustainability alternative for law in the Anthropocene.

Mit einem Grußwort von Prof. Dr. Cord Jakobeit (Dekan der Fakultät für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften)

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**um 18:30 Uhr**

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