

# INVITATION TO BOOK LAUNCH

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE IN THE ANTHROPOCENE



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# BOOK LAUNCH AND DISCUSSION ON GOVERNANCE IN THE ANTHROPOCENE

FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY / 10:00 - 12:30 / @ INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (IVM) / HOSTED BY PHILIPP PATTBERG (VU) AND FARIBORZ ZELLI (LUND UNIVERSITY)

If it is true that we have entered a new geological epoch called 'the Anthropocene' where humans are the dominating force of nature, what does that mean for global environmental governance? This is the central question for a new book edited by Philipp Pattberg and Fariborz Zelli. It consists of 12 contributions trying to make sense of the Anthropocene, explore its implications for institutional design, and core questions on accountability and legitimacy. During the book launch we will present and reflect on each questions together with chapter authors and distinguished scholars in the field. A sandwich lunch and tea/coffee will be provided, and there will be much room for questions and discussion from the audience.

10:00 – 10:20	Welcome
10:20 – 10:40	Making sense of the Anthropocene
10:40 – 11:00	Accountability and legitimacy in the Anthropocene
11:20 – 11:40	Institutions in the Anthropocene
11:40 – 11:50	Reflections by Frank Biermann (UU)
11:50 – 12:20	Interactive discussions
12:20 – 12:30	Wrapping up

**Speakers:** Frank Biermann, Aysem Mert, James Patterson, Oscar Widerberg

Coffee and tea will be served, the event will be followed by a sandwich lunch

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