

# Hydropower: Social Impacts and Resistance Webinar

## MEET OUR SPEAKERS



### DR. LEAH TEMPER

is a lecturer at McGill University, Montreal and a Campaigner with the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment. She is the co-founder and co-director of the Global Atlas of Environmental Justice ([www.ejatlas.org](http://www.ejatlas.org)), an initiative mapping ecological conflicts and spaces of resistance around the world.



### DR. AMELIE HUBER

is a freshwater project manager and campaigner at EuroNatur. She coordinates legal and policy work for halting destructive hydropower development in Europe. From 2011 to 2019, she researched extensively on social impacts, environmental conflicts and politics associated with the hydropower boom in the Eastern Himalayan region of India.



### LEJLA KUSTURICA

is the director of the Foundation "Atelier for Community Transformation" in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Since 2020, Lejla has successfully mobilized community organizations and activists to fight against hydropower development on Bosnian rivers and has spearheaded the formation of a new Pan-Balkan alliance for the protection of the rivers in the region.



### SHPRESA LOSHAJ

is an environmental activist from Kosovo and founder of the NGO Pishtarët ("Torch"). She has been fighting and legally challenging hydropower development in Kosovo for years by bringing international attention to the environmental degradation and illegal operation of hydropower projects by Austrian energy producer Kelag International. In 2020, Kelag filed a defamation lawsuit against her, suing €100,000 in damages.



### ANNETTE SPANGENBERG

is the Head of Conservation at EuroNatur. Her focus is on the protection of the primary and old-growth forests in Romania (Save Paradise Forests campaign) as well as of the last free flowing rivers on the Balkan Peninsula. Annette has been involved in the campaign "Save the Blue Heart of Europe" since its start in 2011.



### MANSHI ASHER

is an activist-researcher and co-founder of an autonomous support group called Himdhara Collective based in Himachal Pradesh, Western Himalayas, India. Since 1998, she has been part of various social organisations lending solidarity to community-led movements and initiatives working for environmental justice.



### ANDREJA SLAMERSEK

is a nature conservationist, president of the Slovenian Native Fish Society (DPRS) and a professor of chemistry and biology. Since 2015, she has been legally challenging hydropower plants on Slovenian rivers, and has coordinated the successful campaign for the establishment of the 5-country UNESCO Biosphere Reserve "Mura-Drava-Danube"



### NINA KRESEVLJAKOVIC

is an activist and environmental lawyer with the Aarhus Centre and the Atelier for Community Transformation in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Through her work she has actively challenged the booming construction of small hydropower plants in BiH. Currently, Nina works on 30 different cases of protection of human rights in environmental issues.



### ULRICH EICHELMANN

is CEO of Riverwatch and coordinator of the international campaign "Save the Blue Heart of Europe", which aims to save the Balkan rivers against the construction of about 3,500 hydropower plants. From 1990 until 2007 he worked as a freshwater campaigner for WWF Austria, where he was involved in several dam-related struggles and the establishment of the Danube Auen National Park