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The World Politics of Protecting Nature

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While the environment and climate change have become central concerns of international politics, the protection of nature –biodiversity, habitats, and ecosystems –remains comparatively underexplored within the study of world politics. This panel seeks to foreground nature protection as a critical and urgent domain of political contestation.

Recent developments such as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), the growing prominence of biodiversity COPs, and the inclusion of nature-based solutions in climate finance and loss and damage debates signal a shifting landscape. These changes invite renewed attention to how nature is conceptualised, valued, and contested across borders and disciplines.

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