



## Abridged Biography | Prof Laura Pereira

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Laura Pereira is the Exxaro Research Chair at the Global Change Institute at Wits University and a researcher at the Stockholm Resilience Centre. Laura is an interdisciplinary sustainability scientist, having been trained in ecology, law, zoology and human geography. Following her undergraduate at Wits, she went on to complete her DPhil in Geography at Oxford University in 2012, before undertaking post-docs in sustainability science at Harvard's Kennedy School and under the Bioeconomy chair at the University of Cape Town.

She has subsequently worked at Stellenbosch University, City University of London and Utrecht University. She is interested in the interface between traditional knowledge and innovation, the role of futures techniques in enabling transformative change and developing innovative methods for knowledge co-production in Global South contexts.

Laura was nominated to sit on the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Task Force on scenarios and models and was previously a member of their expert group. She is also member of the FACCE-JPI Scientific Advisory Board and sits on the Advisory Committee of the MACSUR Science-Policy Knowledge Hub. She was one of the Chapter Lead Authors of the Africa Chapter for the IPBES Africa Regional Assessment and a Co-ordinating Lead Author for UN Environment's GEO-6 report. She is also a member of the Earth Commission's Working Group 4 on Transformations.

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