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Dear Madam or Sir,
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A very warm thank you for the support you have shown towards our MARIPOLDATA research and activities in 2023, and all the best for 2024!

After six years of research funded by the excellence scheme of the European Commission, the ERC project [MARIPOLDATA](#) ends in June 2024. It has been an intense research journey, and we would like to **use this opportunity to thank everybody who supported our work**, all interviewees, advisors, speakers to our ocean seminar, distinguished colleagues, and friends.

Our research achievements will keep our work alive: We are turning our homepage into an **MARIPOLDATAarchive** to ensure the data we collected, the publications we wrote, the blogs we circulated, and the events we hosted continue to be accessible for all. In addition, we have recently signed a contract with [AUSSDA](#), who will be hosting our **MARIPOLDATABase**. Starting in 2018, the MARIPOLDATABase systematically catalogues Collaborative Event Ethnography (CEE) observations covering the entire BBNJ (Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction) negotiations until June 2023. By providing primary data on the whole negotiation process, the MARIPOLDATABase supports empirical scholarly work on diverse aspects of international marine biodiversity politics with specific value for researchers who, in the past, struggled to access the BBNJ negotiations as well as for scholars who wish to follow marine biodiversity negotiations in the future.

We have more good news to share. This year, [Alice Vadrot received an ERC Consolidator Grant \(2 Million EUR\) for her research project TwinPolitics](#), which will open a new chapter in ocean political science research at the University of Vienna. Hiring will start in Spring 2024. We are looking for two Post-doctoral researchers and four doctoral students. The project's start date is July 2024. We will keep you posted.

Check out our latest [publications](#), [events](#) and [MARIPOLDATA activities](#) below and have a look at our [Ocean Seminar series programme](#). At our next seminar on 23.1.2024 (5pm CET) Alice Vadrot will present the **Oral History of Marine Biodiversity** Interviews conducted from 2020-2023. Prof. Lisa Levin from Scipts will be the discussant and share her experiences as interviewee.

We wish you all a wonderful wintertime and festivities as well as a happy new year!

Warm regards,
Alice (Vadrot) and the MARIPOLDATA Team



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWS FROM OUR SISTER PROJECT MARCO-BOLO

The MARCO-BOLO project is fostering a dynamic **Community of Practice (CoP)** that connects biodiversity data generators and users. This collaborative project with 28 partners aims to co-design and co-create data products and tools, ensuring that project outcomes are aligned with by stakeholders' needs. Its aim is to cater to end users at the local, national, regional, and international levels, while also facilitating stronger integration of data into policy processes to support the EU in achieving its biodiversity targets. Our role within the project is to research the CoP with aim to advise and support the planning of co-design workshops. To this end we have conducted a **survey with 850 respondents** inquiring about the data needs and challenges of different stakeholders involved in marine biodiversity monitoring which we currently analyze.

We thank all of you who participated in the survey and helped spreading it throughout the world!

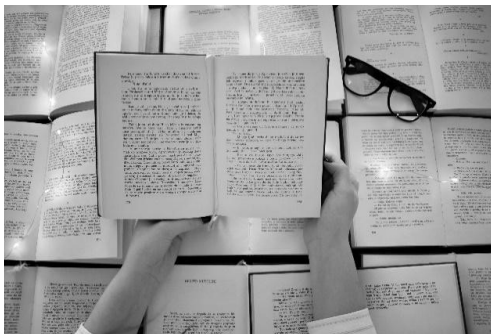
ERC CONSOLIDATOR GRANT FOR ALICE VADROT

The ERC project TwinPolitics investigates the development of digital twins as a (geo)political phenomenon that could permanently change the interface between science and politics. The focus here is on the question of whether, and if so, how digital twins can contribute to a fairer organisation of multilateral negotiations in the future. TwinPolitics will develop new methods to empirically investigate digital twins as socio-technical and political relationships and to model their emergence at the interface between science and politics. To this end, Alice Vadrot and her research group will combine methods from ethnography and computational social science and apply them to digital ocean twins in the EU, China and the USA. In order to identify which features of digital twins promote inclusion, diversity and equity, ethnographic data will be collected at different policy levels and from a variety of research sites. These will then be fed into socio-technical models. In a final step, the use of digital

twins in multilateral negotiations will be tested using three examples: the International Seabed Authority, negotiations on a new UN plastics agreement and negotiations on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity.

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We are looking very much forward to this new chapter, the findings it will bring, and, more than anything, keep on exchanging with the wonderful community we have been closely working with in the past years during the MARIPOLDATA Project!



PUBLICATIONS

PAST

Langlet, A. & Vadrot, A. (2023). [Negotiating regime complexity: Following a regime complex in the making](#). Review of International Studies (pp-1-21).

Vadrot, A. (2023). Chapter 4. [Protecting Life Below Water: Competing Normative, Economic, and Epistemic Orders \[SDG 14\]](#). In Partzsch, L. (Ed.), The Environment in Global Sustainability Governance (pp.72-95). Bristol: Bristol University Press.

Hughes, H., & Vadrot, A. (Eds.). (2023). [Conducting Research on Global Environmental Agreement-Making](#). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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Vadrot, A., & Hughes, H. (2023). [Starting: Practical and Ethical Considerations](#). In H.

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Langlet, A. & Vadrot, A. (2023). [Not ‘undermining’ who? Unpacking the emerging BBNJ regime complex](#). Marine Policy 147: 105372



PRESENTATIONS

UPCOMING

Paper presentation - Contesting climate change in BBNJ negotiations: Practices of linking and unlinking marine biodiversity and climate change politics

Alice Vadrot, [ISA Conference 2024](#), 03 April 2024, San Francisco, USA.

Paper presentation - Tracing scientific influence in negotiations: the case of the new treaty for marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction

Alice Vadrot, [ISA Conference 2024](#), 05 April 2024, San Francisco, USA.

Roundtable - Authors meet critics: Conducting research on Global Environmental Agreement-Making

Alice Vadrot, Kimberly R. Marion Suiseeya, Jennifer Allan, Marcela Vecchione Goncalves, Joshua W. Busby, Maria Ivanova, [ISA Conference 2024](#), 06 April 2024, San Francisco, USA.

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Paper presentation - Boundary work on ocean space: Competing knowledge claims in the making of marine protected areas

Silvia C. Ruiz Rodríguez, Alice Vadrot, [ESG Conference 2023](#), Session: [Knowledge Systems Panel](#), 25 October 2023, Nijmegen, Netherlands.

Paper presentation - Not in my waters: Linking and unlinking marine biodiversity in the negotiations of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Silvia C. Ruiz Rodríguez, Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, Alice Vadrot, [ESG Conference](#), Session: [Biodiversity Governance: The Road Ahead 2023](#), 26 October 2023, Netherlands.

Paper Presentation - A fallacy of the commons in the making? Mapping science-patent relations to inform governance of marine genetic resources

Paul Dunshirn, [ESG Conference](#), Session: [Biodiversity Governance: The Road Ahead 2023](#), 26 October 2023, Netherlands.

Paper presentation - Science-Policy-Industry Relations from Marine Laboratory Perspectives

Alice Vadrot, Krystel Wanneau, Arne Langlet, Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, [ESG Conference 2023](#), Session: [The Future of Oceans](#), 24 October 2023, Nijmegen, Netherlands.

Paper presentation - Not in my waters: Linking and unlinking marine biodiversity in the negotiations of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity

Framework

Silvia C. Ruiz Rodríguez, Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, Alice Vadrot, [EISA-PEC Conference](#), [Panel: International Marine Biodiversity and Plastics Negotiations](#), 09 September 2023, Potsdam, Germany.

Paper Presentation – Four Years of Marine Biodiversity Negotiations in One Data Set: New Empirics for the Study of Global Environmental Agreement-Making

Arne Langlet, Alice Vadrot, [DACH-Tagung 2023](#), [Panel 8](#), 13 September 2023 Linz, Austria.

Paper Presentation – Four Years of Marine Biodiversity Negotiations in One Data Set: New Empirics for the Study of Global Environmental Agreement-Making

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EVENTS

UPCOMING

The Oral History of Marine Biodiversity

With Alice Vadrot, University of Vienna

Discussant: Lisa Levin, University of California

[MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 23 January 2024, Online](#)

Negotiating knowledge on marine protected areas? Struggles in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

With Silvia C. Ruiz-Rodríguez University of Vienna

Discussant: Lisa Campbell, Duke University

[MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 21 February 2024, Online](#)

You can find all the upcoming MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminars [here](#)



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MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar Series



The monthly MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar Series offer a virtual space to get information and engage in exchanges on ocean governance issues, through presentations by international experts from academia, governments, international organisations and civil society. This term, we will present our MARIPOLDATA research and invite international experts from different fields to discuss our work.

Book presentation Conducting Research on Global Environmental Agreement-Making

October 11th, 2023 | 5.00-6.30 pm (CET)

Dr. Hannah Hughes, Aberystwyth University
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alice Vadrot, University of Vienna
Discussants: Arne Langlet, University of Vienna,
Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, University of Vienna

Zooming-into agreement-making: Tracing the BBNJ negotiations with the MARIPOLDATABASE

November 8th, 2023 | 5.00-6.30 pm (CET)

Arne Langlet, University of Vienna,
Simon Fellingner, University of Vienna,
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alice Vadrot, University of Vienna
Discussant: Prof. Jean-Frédéric Morin, Université Laval

Pathways of Scientific Input into Intergovernmental Negotiations: the BBNJ case

December 5th, 2023 | 5.00-6.30 pm (CET)

Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, University of Vienna
Discussant: Senior Researcher Christian Prip, Fridtjof Nansen
Institute

The Oral History of Marine Biodiversity

January 23rd, 2024 | 5.00-6.30 pm (CET)

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alice Vadrot, University of Vienna
Discussant: Prof. Lisa Levin, University of California

Negotiating knowledge on marine protected areas? Struggles in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

February 21st, 2024 | 5.00-6.30 pm (CET)

Silvia Ruiz-Rodríguez, University of Vienna
Discussant: Prof. Dr. Lisa Campbell, Duke University

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Expert Group Meeting - Expert group meeting on marine pollution

With Arne Langlet, University of Vienna

20-24 November 2023, United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Vienna, Austria

Book presentation - Conducting Research on Global Environmental Agreement-Making

With Dr. Hannah Hughes, Aberystwyth University & Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alice Vadrot, University of Vienna

Discussants: Arne Langlet, University of Vienna & Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, University of Vienna

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 11 October 2023, Online

IPW Lectures- Mapping the governance system of space sustainability: Insights from a new dataset

With Prof. Jean-Frédéric Morin, Université Laval, Québec, Canada

Discussant: Assoc. Prof. Nina Klimburg-Witjes, Universität Wien.

[31.10.2023, Hörsaal 2, Oskar-Morgenstern-Platz 1, 1090 Wien](#)

Climate Change and the Deep Sea: Science-Policy perspectives

With Lisa Levin, Distinguished Professor at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, USA

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 18.01.2023, 🗣️ New: Recording available [online](#)

Is two weeks enough for an equitable and effective treaty design? Hurdles and gaps in the BBNJ process

With Elizabeth Mendenhall, Assistant Professor in the Marine Affairs Department at the University of Rhode Island, USA, and Rachel Tiller, Chief Scientist at SINTED Ocean, Norway

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 15.02.2023, 🗣️ New: Recording available [online](#)

The marine manager portal and how it could assist in the implementation of the BBNJ agreement

With Dr. Tim White, Senior Manager, Global Fishing Watch

MARIPOLDATA Ocean Seminar, 08.03.2023, Online

The Politics of Marine Carbon Storage

With Asst. Prof. Jessica Lehman, Department of Geography, Durham University, United Kingdom



MARIPOLDATA BLOG ARTICLES

[The BBNJ treaty as a pioneer in genetic resource governance? Impressions from the Edinburgh High Seas Treaty Symposium](#)

By Paul Dunshirn

[Understanding Deep-Sea Life through marine scientific research: The case of Scripps Institution of Oceanography](#)

By Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki

[Marine Issues and Digital Sequence Information at CBD COP15.2: Lessons and implications for the upcoming BBNJ negotiations?](#)

By Silvia Ruiz-Rodríguez and Paul Dunshirn

[Navigating the marine biodiversity regime complex – How will the BBNJ instrument interact with other organizations?](#)

By Arne Langlet and Simon Fellingner

[Life in the Ocean – a common heritage of the planet: Do we have a responsibility in the High Seas?](#)

By Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki

[A new Marine Biodiversity Treaty in Sight](#)

By Arne Langlet, Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki, Paul Dunshirn, Silvia Ruiz Rodríguez, Krystel Wanneau, Simon Fellingner and Alice Vadrot

[“The ship has reached the shore”: why the historic Agreement to protect the High Seas matters and what happens next](#)

By Arne Langlet and Ina Tessnow-von Wysocki

[Exploring Deep Sea Ecology and Ecosystems at the Oceanographic Institute, University of São Paulo \(IOUSP\)](#)

By Arne Langlet

[A laboratory ethnographer in the deep-sea lab BEEP of IFREMER](#)

By Krystel Wanneau

[Tweeting Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction \(#BBNJ\): the story of a hashtag](#)

By Arne Langlet, Paul Dunshirn & Glen Wright



IN THE MEDIA

Das Klima zwischen Politik und Wissenschaft, **02.06.2023**

Audimax Podcast in Rudolphina Magazin with Alice Vadrot and Nils Güttler

Wem gehört der Ozean? **25.07.2023**

Interview with Alice Vadrot and Paul Dunshirn in "Ö1 Dimensionen"

Wozu das Ganze? **22.11.2023**

FALTER Interview with Alice Vadrot

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