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## **Biography**

Professor David Takacs is a proud UC Hastings alumnus. He also holds an LL.M. from the School of Oriental & African Studies at the University of London, and a B.S. (Biology), M.A., and Ph.D. (Science & Technology Studies) from Cornell University. He has been a consultant for international NGOs and US government agencies, analyzing legal and policy issues pertaining to REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation) and global climate change. His scholarly work addresses carbon offsetting, biodiversity conservation law, and the human right to water. He is the author of *The Idea of Biodiversity* (Johns Hopkins U. Press). In 2017, he received the Rutter Award for Outstanding Teaching at UC Hastings. Before his legal career, David was a professor in Earth Systems Science & Policy at CSU Monterey Bay, a lecturer in the John S. Knight Writing Program at Cornell, and a Peace Corps Forestry Volunteer in Senegal.

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## **Expertise**

Education/Learning, Training and Development

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Climate Change Law, Environmental Law, Earth Systems Science, Biodiversity Law, International Environmental Law, Global Climate Change

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## **Education**

**University of California Hastings College of the Law**  
J.D. Law

**University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies**  
LL.M. International Law

**Cornell University**  
Ph.D. Science & Technology Studies

**Cornell University**  
M.A. History and Philosophy of Science

**Cornell University**  
B.S. Biology

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