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Good evening, everyone.

I hope you're enjoying the celebration so far. I'm deeply honored to receive this international scientific recognition. My warm thanks to Dr Hans Gunther Brauch and the Hans Gunther Brauch Foundation for Peace and Ecology in the Anthropocene, as well as to the selection committee for doing my dissertation worthy of this award and recognition. My congratulations as well to the other recipients tonight. It's inspiring to be in your company. I'm sorry I cannot be with you in person for the ceremony. I wish you all a wonderful evening of celebration. In this dissertation, I explored the links between nature, conflict, and peacebuilding on literature from peace studies and environmental peacebuilding. I argue that environmental issues, especially related to the distribution of natural resources, are central to understanding structural conditions allowing for both conflict and peace.

In order to answer the research question, I explored how nature is understood, valued, and exploited, and how this contributes to the creation of unjust structures that promote conflict and violence. I center resource inequality at the root of environmental conflicts, thus providing a structural account of how they affect violence through the idea of the continuum of peace and violence. Ultimately, I show that building sustainable peace requires reshaping structures of distribution of both resources and power to promote not only negative peace but also create the transformative conditions for positive peace. Since finishing the PhD, I have joined SIPRI, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, as a researcher in the Climate Change and Risk Program. This award, and especially the book contract with Springing Nature's Anthropocene series, will be vital for the next step of my career and for bringing this work to wider scholarly, policy and community audiences.

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Thank you.