

*Professor Mark Poustie* has worked at the University of Strathclyde Law School since 1992. He was previously a UK government linguist and qualified as a lawyer in Scotland in 1992. He was appointed Professor in 2003 and was appointed Head of the Law School in 2007. Following the end of his term as Head of the Law School in 2013 he was appointed Vice-Dean (Internationalisation) for the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. He has also lectured in China, the USA, Hungary and Poland. He was appointed as an Oriental Scholar at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics in January 2014 for a 3 year period. As well as teaching international and comparative environmental law he will be conducting research on the enforcement of Chinese environmental law.

Professor Poustie has extensive experience teaching and researching in the environmental and land use planning law fields and has taught in these fields and more broadly at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. He has supervised three PhDs successfully to completion and is currently first supervisor of 5 other PhDs on environmental law topics. He has also acted as the external examiner for several PhDs.

Professor Poustie is currently Scottish Editor of the Environmental Law and a member of the editorial board of the Edinburgh Law Review. He was elected to the governing Council of the UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA) in 2007 until 2010.

Professor Poustie has also served in an advisory capacity to governmental bodies, notably as a member of the Sustainable Development Research Network Expert Advisory Group on Environmental and Social Justice (2004-5) which advised the UK Government on developing the environmental and social justice aspects of the UK's new sustainable development strategy, *Securing the Future* (2006) and he was a member of a key stakeholder group which developed the 2004 Scottish Executive Consultation Paper, *Rights of Appeal in Planning* which led to significant reforms in the Scottish system of land use planning law appeals.

He conducted Scottish Executive funded research jointly with the University of Westminster which informed the 2006 Scottish Sustainable Development Strategy. Professor Poustie has also conducted research funded by the Environment Agency and the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency into the extent to which environmental law frameworks can promote environmental justice. He has published many books and articles in the area.

His principal current research projects are (1) a monograph of land use planning law in Scotland and (2) a comparative monograph on enforcement of Chinese Environmental law.