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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Fighting giants: eco-activist Vandana Shiva on her battle against GM multinationals. The formidable Indian environmentalist discusses her 50-year struggle to protect seeds and farmers from the 'poison cartel' of corporate agriculture. [Read more ...](#)

'Not just a problem of science': how the environmental crisis is also cultural. An interrogative exhibition at the New-York Historical Society examines the social, cultural and civil rights impact of development and devastation. [Read more ...](#)

Inside big beef's climate messaging machine: confuse, defend and downplay. A Masters of Beef Advocacy program teaches 'scientific sounding' arguments on cattle's sustainability in an all-out public relations war. [Read more ...](#)

Students occupy schools and universities across Europe in climate protest. Twenty-two institutions have been shut down as part of proposed month-long campaign. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Sudan fighting: BBC reporter's perilous journey to leave Khartoum. BBC Arabic reporter Mohamed Osman reflects on the difficult decision to leave his homeland and make the perilous overland journey to Egypt. [Read more ...](#)

Sudan's neighbours have little to offer refugees, warns UN. Thousands of Sudanese are crossing borders into countries already severely stressed by drought, conflicts and food insecurity, say UN officials. [Read more ...](#)

What is the state of press freedom in the world today? To mark World Press Freedom Day, Al Jazeera looks at where the media is most restricted around the globe. [Read more ...](#)

Who is Paraguay's president-elect, Santiago Pena? Pena, candidate of right-wing Colorado Party and former IMF economist, defeated centre-left challenger Efrain Alegre. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

May 2nd to 13th at Maketank: *Make your own book* – Exhibition and Workshops. [Details ...](#)

Deadline 12th May Join RAMM's Community Panel giving give local people the opportunity to help shape the creative programme and wider activities at the museum. [Details ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Bonfire of EU laws watered down to just 800 after meeting of Brexiter MPs. Sources confirm government's climbdown on legislation that originally aimed to scrap 4,000 statutes by end of 2023.

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Champion of the gorillas: the vet fighting to save Uganda's great apes. *Walking With Gorillas: The Journey of an African Wildlife Vet* by Dr Gladys Kalema-Zikosoka. [Read more ...](#)

Bucolic scenes on UK milk adverts hide reality of life for 'battery cows'. Consumers are being 'misled' into believing dairy cattle graze in fields, says animal rights campaign. [Read more ...](#)

Blackpool Zoo's seagull-scaring jobs attract 200 applicants. Nearly 200 people from around the world have applied for jobs at a zoo to wear bird costumes as part of official seagull-scaring duties. [Read more ...](#)

Dos De Mayo – A history of Madrid and Spain. Commemorated as a public holiday in the city of Madrid, it celebrates the uprising of the Madrid populace against Napoleon's army which led directly to Spain switching sides during the Peninsular War and the "Declaration of Independence" from France.

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'It's an incredible feeling': the Greek skateboarders getting girls and refugees onboard. A grassroots charity in Athens is giving lessons in skateboarding to children of refugees and to increasing numbers of girls across the city. [Read more ...](#)

Campaigns ...

War on Want: Resist Anglo American's greenwashing and destruction. [Petition ...](#)

Debt Justice: Stop cowboy lenders. Right now, countries in debt crisis are being held to ransom by big banks and hedge funds, like financial giant BlackRock. [Details ...](#)

350.org: The U.S. insurance giant, Marsh, is backing a disastrous project that will generate over 34 million tons of carbon emissions every year and put us further away from global climate targets: the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP). [Petition ...](#)

Campaign updates ...

War on Want: Climate-colonialism: Anglo American's mining expansion in Chile endangers millions. [Read more ...](#)

Medical Aid for Palestinians: British parliamentarians raise attacks on healthcare and call for accountability in Commons debate. [Read more ...](#)

Everyday Plastic: The Murky World of Soft Plastic Recycling. [Read more ...](#)