

RELIGION, ECOLOGY, AND OUR PLANETARY FUTURE

October 14-16, 2016

Center for the Study of World Religions

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 14, 2016

Session A

I. BETWEEN THEN AND NOW

1:00 pm Opening Session

Welcome: Francis X. Clooney, Director, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University

Overview: John Grim & Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University

1:30-3:00pm

Retrospective and Prospective: Abrahamic Traditions

Judaism: Hava Tirosh-Samuels, Arizona State University

Christianity: Heather Eaton, St. Paul's University, Ottawa

Islam: Mohammed Rustom, Carlton University

Moderator: Francis X. Clooney, SJ, Director, CSWR

3-3:15 Break

3:15-4:15pm

Retrospective and Prospective: South Asian Religions

Jainism: Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University

Hinduism: David Haberman, Indiana University

Moderator: Charles Hallisey, Yehan Numata Senior Lecturer on Buddhist Literatures

4:15-4:30 Break

4:30-6:00pm

Retrospective and Prospective: East Asian Religions

Buddhism: Christopher Ives, Stonehill College

Daoism: James Miller, Queen's University

Confucianism: Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University

Moderator: Karen Thornber, Director, the Harvard Asia Center and Director, the Harvard Global Institute Environmental Humanities Initiative

6:15- 7:00 Reception

7:00pm Dinner for invited participants

Informal after dinner reflections by Martin Kaplan, Nancy Klavans, and Irene Krarup

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15, 2016

Session B

9:00-11:00am

Retrospective and Prospective: Indigenous Traditions

– in the Americas:

Frédérique Apffel-Marglin, Smith College, emerita

Melissa Nelson, San Francisco State University

– in Africa:

Teresia Hinga, Santa Clara University

Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University

– in Asia and Oceania:

Elizabeth Allison, California Institute of Integral Studies

Dan Smyer Yu, Yunnan Minzu University, PRC

Moderator: John Grim, Yale University

11-11:15 Break

II. THE PRESENT: EMERGING ISSUES, FRESH QUESTIONS

Session C

11:15am-12:15pm

Earth: Food and Agriculture

Dan McKanan, Harvard University

Whitney Sanford, University of Florida

Norman Wirzba, Duke University

Moderator: Ahmed Ragab, Richard T. Watson Assistant Professor of Science and Religion

12:15-1:15pm

Air: Climate Change and Social Justice

Sofia Betancourt, Yale University

Laurel Kearns, Drew University

Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Graduate Theological Union

Moderator: Roger Gottlieb, Professor of Philosophy, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

1:15- 2:15 Lunch

Session D

2:15-3:45pm

Fire: Sustainable Energy

Erin Lothes Biviano, College of St Elizabeth

Dan Spencer, University of Montana

Mark Wallace, Swarthmore College

Moderator: Diane Moore, Director, Religious Literacy Project, Harvard Divinity School

3:45- 4:00 Break

4:00-5:30pm

Water: Sacred and Sufficient

Catherine Keller, Drew University

Eliza Kent, Skidmore College

Kimberley Patton, Harvard Divinity School

Moderator: Diana Eck, Director of the Pluralism Project

5:45-6:30 Reception

6:30pm Dinner for invited participants

After dinner reflections by Steven Rockefeller, Earth Charter Commissioner and Middlebury College (emeritus)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16, 2016

III. LOOKING AHEAD: QUESTIONS TO DRIVE THE CONVERSATION

Session E

9:00-11:00am

In Dialogue with Environmental Humanities:

Willis Jenkins, University of Virginia

Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico

Karen Thornber, Harvard University

Moderator: Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, Director of Jewish Studies and Irving and Miriam Lowe Professor of Modern Judaism, Arizona State University

In Dialogue with Animal Studies:

Paul Waldau, Canisius College

Laura Hobgood, Southwestern University

Moderator: Matthew Riley, Yale University

11-11:15 Break

11:15am-12:45pm

Emerging Voices

Roundtable discussion with

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University

Melanie Harris, Texas Christian University

Munjed Murad, doctoral student, Harvard University

Elias Nelson, doctoral student, Harvard University

Moderator: John Grim, Yale University

12:45-1:30 Lunch

Session F

1:30-2:45pm

Ecology, Economics, and Ethics: The Role of Religion and Ecology

Roundtable discussion with

Gus Speth, Former Administrator, United Nations Development Programme;

Co-Chair, Next System Project, Co-Founder of NRDC and WRI

Juliet Schor, Boston College

Moderator: Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-4:00pm

A Concluding Conversation: Toward the Future

Open discussion led by John Grim, Mary Evelyn Tucker, Francis Clooney