

EcoRes Forum

Exploring the Ethical, Political and
Socio-Cultural Aspects of Climate Change



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From Anthropocentrism to Ecocentrism: Making the Shift

Online E-Conference: 14-30 April 2007

You are invited:

EcoRes Forum, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to the **free exchange of knowledge and ideas concerning society and climate change**, invites you to join us for the first in a series of online e-conferences focusing on the ethical, political and socio-cultural aspects of climate change. The series, which will be offered free of charge, starts off in April 2007 with a two-week dialogue on a topic of increasing urgency: expanding and accelerating an ecocentric philosophy among societies around the world.

The need for such a shift has long been recognized. At the November COP gathering in Nairobi, Kofi Annan cautioned, **“The question is not whether climate change is happening but whether, in the face of this emergency, we ourselves can change fast enough.”** As US political hopeful Al Gore observed, based on the UN's Rio Declaration of Environment and Development, “Our challenge is to accelerate the needed change in thinking about our relationship to the environment in order to shift the pattern of our civilization to a new equilibrium -- before the world's ecological system loses its current one.”

Panelists for the April discussion, internationally known for contributions in their fields, represent a wide variety of perspectives. Listed among the group are **Donald Brown**, advocate for the ethical dimensions of climate change, Penn State University; ecological ethicist and biochemist **W. Malcolm Byrnes**, ecological imperative proponent, Howard University College of Medicine; ecotoxicologist and long-time voice for sustainable use of the biosphere, **John Cairns, Jr.**, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; social movement and activism expert **Mary Lou Finley**, Antioch University; environmental education campaigner **Lev Fishelson**, marine biologist and ecologist, Tel Aviv University; author, educator, and conservationist **Michael Frome**, widely recognized for his activities related to national environmental stewardship; conservation research leader **John Lemons**, biologist and environmental studies professor at the University of New England; ecospherics expert and coauthor of *A Manifesto for Earth*, **Ted Mosquin**; New York Times environment reporter and author **Andrew Revkin**; and ecologist **Colin Reynolds**, known for his holistic analyses of ecosystem functions. Additional panelists are being announced throughout March.

We invite you to join us as we explore this topic with academics and activists, scientists and social critics, community leaders and citizens, all focused on looking for methods to make this paradigm shift a reality.

We look forward to sharing this stimulating discussion with you!

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