

**2015 Uehiro-Carnegie-Oxford Conference**  
**on**  
**“Global Warming-Environmental Ethics and Its Practice”**  
**October 28-29, 2015**

**Venue:** Carnegie Council, 170 East 64th Street, New York City

**Organizers:** Uehiro Foundation on Ethics and Education, Tokyo  
Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, New York  
Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, Oxford University

**Background**

“Enough: Staying Human in an Engineered Age” was written in 2013 by Bill McKibben, author and environmentalist. McKibben argues that we are being confronted with “the end of nature” rather than “the end of history.” From on the ice which covers the South Pole to the tropical rainforest of the Amazon, we cannot escape from the influence of human civilization. We damage the ozone layer which protects the earth from solar radiation and we continue to pump carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. McKibben warns that these and other factors are partially responsible for negative impacts on the growth of plants, the chemical structure of rain and the ability of clouds to form. Quoting McKibben, Peter Singer takes aim at this dangerous global situation, saying “either human beings change voluntarily or the climate of this planet changes and transforms every country. We’ve got to choose between the two.”

International treaties, including Conferences of the Parties, have been signed and global warming countermeasures are being proposed all over the world. Today, we would like to think about how we can use the results from psychology and thoughtful reflection to create a process for solving the problem of global warming in a way that is ethical.

Our conference participants will address the following questions:

- Is it possible to establish an environmental ethics to combat global warming? Are there any major differences in environmental philosophies between Eastern and Western thought? What are the key values that are necessary to make people recognize the importance of sustainability? How can ethics solve obstacles to prevention of global warming?
- How can we get bystanders and free riders to feel a sense of responsibility?
- What should be our role in helping to preserve sustainable environment? Is environmental education helpful for sustainability?

**Wednesday, October 28, 2015**

- 8:30AM** Breakfast Available (**Board Room**)
- 9:00AM** Welcome and Opening Remarks (**Auditorium**)  
**Noboru Maruyama**, Executive Secretary General, The Uehiro Foundation on Ethics and Education  
**Joel H. Rosenthal**, President, Carnegie Council  
**Julian Savulescu**, Director, Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics  
**Hisateru Onozuka**, Director, The Uehiro Foundation on Ethics and Education
- 9:30AM** **Stephen Gardiner**, Professor of Philosophy and Ben Rabinowitz Endowed Professor of Human Dimensions of the Environment, University of Washington on “Accepting Collective Responsibility for the Future”
- 10:10AM** **Toshio Kuwako**, Graduate School of Decision Science and Technology, Tokyo Institute of Technology on “Theory and Practice of Environmental Ethics Facing the Benefits and Risks from Complex Interaction between Human Activities and Dynamics of the Globe”
- 10:50AM** **Evan Berry**, Associate Professor, Philosophy and Religion, American University on “Is Climate Change One Problem? Culturally Particular Notions of Harm in a Warming Planet”
- 11:30AM** **Guy Kahane**, Deputy Director, Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics on “Climate Change and Human Moral Psychology”
- 12:15PM** **Lunch (Board Room)**
- 1:30PM** **Peter Higgins**, University of Edinburgh on “TBA”
- 2:10PM** **Narumi Yoshikawa**, Assistant Professor, Institute for Waseda Environmental Science on “TEIKEI Movement and Agricultural Ethics”
- 2:50 PM** **Break**
- 3:00PM** **Dale Jamieson**, Professor of Environmental Studies, New York University on “How to Live in the Anthropocene”
- 3:40PM** **Mitsuyo Toyoda**, Associate Professor at Tokyo Institute of Technology, Academy for Global Leadership on “Re-constructing Democratic Culture at the Age of Environmental Crisis”
- 4:20PM** **Ingmar Persson**, Professor of Practical Philosophy, University of Gothenburg on “Climate Change – The Hardest Moral Challenge”
- 5:00PM** **Break**
- 6:00 PM** **Reception & Dinner (Board Room)**

**Thursday, October 29, 2015**

**9:00AM** Breakfast Available (**Board Room**)

**10:00AM** **Gustaf Arrhenius**, Professor of Practical Philosophy, Stockholm University on  
“TBA”

**10:40AM** **Takako Takano**, Waseda University on “Ethical Consequences of ‘Educations’  
Linked to Sustainability

**11:20AM** **Julian Savulescu**, Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics on “The Psychology  
and Ethics of the Tragedy of the Commons”

**12:00PM** **Lunch (Board Room)**

**2:00PM** Presentation by **Paul Gallay**, President, Riverkeeper

Riverkeeper is an environmental non-profit membership organization dedicated to the protection of the Hudson River and its tributaries, as well as the watersheds that provide New York City with its drinking water. It was the first "keeper" to be founded; today, there are over 150 "keepers" around the globe, all members of the Waterkeeper Alliance umbrella organization.

**3:30PM** Closing Remarks  
**Joel H. Rosenthal**, President, Carnegie Council