



Announcement

A Social Contract for Sustainability. But what if we fail?

University of Copenhagen is pleased to invite you to the seventh Copenhagen Sustainability Lecture of the year with Professor Hans Joachim Schellnhuber who will give the lecture: "A Social Contract for Sustainability. But what if we fail?" It takes place on the 18th of November from 10 - 11 am

"The world as we know it, i.e., the globalized industrial metabolism that emerged after World War II, is destined to end. The question is how and when. The German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU) has recently outlined a scientific, economic and political program that can bring about the necessary transformation in a proactive and participatory way (*World in Transition – A Social Contract for Sustainability*. WBGU Report, 2011). Much is at stake. In particular, three crucial challenges have to be addressed: (i) avoiding dangerous climate change, (ii) building an efficient and renewable energy system, and (iii) managing the global demographic transition. Meeting these challenges requires an unprecedented level of worldwide innovation and cooperation." H. J. Schellnhuber

Professor Schellnhuber founded the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research in 1991

and has been its director since. He is currently chair of the German Advisory Council on Global Change, governing board chair of the Climate-KIC of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology and chair of the standing committee on climate, energy and environment of the German National Academy.

Prof. Schellnhuber is a long-standing member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. He served as chief government advisor on climate and related issues during the German G8/EU twin presidency in 2007 and as a principal advisor to the European Commission President Barroso for several years. He is a member of numerous national and international panels addressing scientific strategies and sustainability issues.

Schellnhuber has authored, co-authored or edited more than 250 articles and more than 50 books in the fields of condensed matter physics, complex systems dynamics, climate change research, Earth System analysis, and sustainability science.

In other words: He is a capacity, and the Sustainability Science Center is proud to host his lecture in Copenhagen.

Copenhagen Sustainability Lectures 2011 is a lecture series aiming to create attention and visibility of the challenges of global sustainability. Danish and foreign speakers will visit University of Copenhagen to focus on a broad array of topics concerned with sustainability, pass on their experiences, and give their opinions on how to approach the challenges we are facing now and in the future.

Practical details

Date: 18th November 2011 at 10 – 11 am

Place: Faculty of Life Sciences, Auditorium 1.01
“Festauditoriet”, Bülowsvej 17, Frederiksberg C

Moderator during the debate: Prof. Katherine Richardson

Host: Sustainability Science Centre, University of Copenhagen.

The lecture and debate will be in English.

Participation is free of charge. Sign up before the 17th of November 2011 at 15 pm at

http://klima.ku.dk/sustainability_lectures/tilmeldinger/

Further information

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