

**Fondazione Lanza
Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Climate Change**

VI International Conference on Ethics and Environmental Policies

ETHICS AND CLIMATE CHANGE. SCENARIOS FOR JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY

Padova, 23-26 October 2008

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

PRESENTATION

Themes and Contents

Motivated by the awareness of the urgency and complexity of the challenges presented by climate change and its interaction with social systems, the event intends to offer its contribution in identifying shared and equitable ethical criteria useful for the international debate and for the elaboration of 2012 post-Kyoto international protocol. International economic and political positions and local efforts in facing the expected climate changes in the world will be then presented together with appropriate ethical and cultural arguments on values and principles necessary to guide people's concrete choices at political, economic and social levels.

The issue of global warming urges our societies to modify not only their organizational models and development choices, but also their production and consumption modalities, behaviors, and lifestyles in order to achieve sustainable development.

The Conference, through a positive interaction and dialogue among the fields of science, ethics and politics, intends to focus on and identify some ethical principles, especially on justice and responsibility matters, crucial for the promotion of sustainability processes to be implemented under post-Kyoto agreements. Goal of the event is to encourage the debate on issues of social, environmental, and economic justice concerning the climate change matter.

Which justice and equity criteria shall guide economic and political decisions for the next post-Kyoto international judicial agreements? How to divide, among Developing Countries, the fallouts of mitigation and adaptation policies, and the costs to implement such measures? What level of responsibility are the rich Northern Countries willing to assume? How can changes in behaviours and lifestyles be perceived as improvements in the quality of life?

These are only few of the questions that are, already, at the core of the international public debate. Learning to share costs and responsibilities is a crucial step in the promotion of new scenarios of justice and sustainability dealing with future climate change challenges.

To deal with such impellent and crucial issues the Conference Scientific Committee has identified and invited high-level and well-known international speakers expert in diverse disciplines.



DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday, October 23

Evening: 8.45-11.00 pm Public debate

Opening Session - Science, ethics, and politics facing climate change

Round table with:

Antonio Navarra, CMCC Director (Italy)

Wolfgang Sachs, Wuppertal Institute (Germany)

Carlo Carraro, Fondazione ENI – E. Mattei, CMCC (Italy)

Chairman: Antonio Autiero, University of Münster (Germany) Fondazione Lanza Scientific Committee (Italy)

Friday, October 24

1st Plenary Session - Science and climate change

- *Climate Transformations*
Jim Hansen* (NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, NY, Columbia University, NY, USA)
- *Impacts on Societies and Global Environment*
Jared Diamond* (USA)
- *Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies*
Carlo Jaeger* (Posdam Institute for Climate Impact research, Germany)
- Discussion

Afternoon

First part: 2.30-4.30 pm

Parallel Sessions: From Analysis to Visions

1. Communicating Climate Change

- Citizens' Perception/understanding of the issue: the role of media
- Future Visions: the communication contribution

Agnes Allansdottir (Eurobarometer Italy – Iceland)

For the definition of the Program we are in touch with Observa – Science and Society and GreenAccord

2. Cities and Climate Change: the Covenant of Majors

- Sustainable Cities experiences overview
- Future City: strategies and scenarios

Majors from important European cities will attend.

3. Health and Climate Change

- Overview on health consequences and North/South inequalities
- Adaptation Strategies

Bettina Menne* (OMS, Rome)

Hank Ten Have (Division of Ethics of Science and Technology, UNESCO)

Second Part: 5.00-7.00 pm

Paper/Poster Sessions

1. Science and Climate
2. Equity and Sustainability
3. Communication and Society
4. City and Climate Change
5. Adaptation and Health

Saturday, October 25

Morning: 9.00 am-1.00 pm

2nd Plenary Session - Sustainability and Equity: post-Kyoto Ethics and Law

- *Human Rights and Equity in the re-distribution of climate-changing emissions*
Wolfgang Sachs* (Wuppertal Institute, Germany)
- *Post-Kyoto Justice and Equity: the point of view of developing countries*
Jiahua Pan* (Executive Director, Research Centre for Sustainable Development, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing, China)
- *International post-Kyoto negotiations: which future?*
Corrado Clini (Italian Ministry of Environment, Italy)
Jennifer Morgan (Director Climate Change Programme E3G – Third Generation Environmentalism, Germany)
- Discussion

Afternoon: 2.30-4.30 pm

Paper/Poster Sessions

(Same as above)

Special Session (5.00-7.00 pm)

Spirituality and Religions dealing with Climate Change Issues

(Discussants to be identified)

- Discussion

Sunday 26 October

Morning: 9.00-12.00 am

3rd Plenary Session - Climate Change: political and economic responses

Invited: Experts and Representatives from the European Commission, the United Nations Environment Programme, and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development

Conclusions: Presentation of the Conference Final Document

- *Invited speakers*



CALL FOR PAPERS

Participants

The initiative is directed to representatives from Universities and Research Centers, Local, National and International Institutions, Business Sectors, NGOs and Environmental Associations, Churches and Civil Society, Press and Media.

Scientific Committee

For the event a Scientific Committee has been established *ad hoc*. International experts in various disciplines have been involved in identifying the themes and contents of the Conference and their support will be crucial in evaluating and selecting the papers to be presented at the event.

Organizing Subjects

The Conference is promoted by the **Fondazione Lanza** "Ethics and Environmental Policies" Project, whose activities aim at supporting a new responsibility towards the environment and sustainable development, together with the **Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change**.

Other organizations and institutions involved in supporting the Conference are: *Observe-Science and Society, Italian Network Local Agenda 21-Italy, Climate Alliance-Italy, WWF Italy, Center of Human Ecology, University of Padova, Kyoto Club.*

Patronage from: *Municipality of Padova, Province of Padova, Veneto Region, Italian Ministry of the Environment, Council of Europe, European Union, UNESCO.*

Call for papers

We ask for papers and preformed paper panels pertaining to all aspects of the Conference issue. Interdisciplinary approaches and best practice examples are especially welcome. To facilitate paper presentation, proposals are encouraged to focus on the following topics (keywords are suggested):

1. **Science and Climate:** climatic change and scientific expectations; scientific uncertainty and political action; new technology;
2. **Equity and Sustainability:** climate change, International community, and International law; climate change and responsible subjects (state, local authorities, enterprises, civil society); climate change and ethics; religions and sustainability;
3. **Communication and Society:** communication means; role of the media; education;
4. **Cities and Climate Change:** transportation; wastes; energy; bio-architecture, lifestyles, participation; local sustainable policies; social impacts;

5. **Health and Adaptation Strategies:** health and social dimensions; economic and entrepreneurial dimensions; prevention and emergencies, environmental refugees.

The proposals should also try to deal with the following conceptual dualities:

- Analysis/conflicts
- Scenarios/creativity
- Best practices/facts

Each Session will feature at most 10 presentations, strictly limited to a maximum of twenty minutes each, with time for questions and discussion. All or part of these Sessions will be activated according to the number and subjects of the papers selected.

Abstracts (30-60 lines in English) for papers and posters must be sent by May 31, 2008.

Please include a title, your name, institutional affiliation, contact and information.

Proposals will be subjected to a review process by the Conference Scientific Committee. All abstracts selected will be notified not later than **June 30, 2008**. Not chosen proposals could be presented under a panel format.

Final papers will have to be sent and received by **August 31, 2008**. Paper format: 10 pages maximum (20,000 characters / 2,000-character page) in English.

Registration fee

The Conference Registration Fee is 200 euro.

It is under consideration the possibility of offering, for participants coming from Non-European countries (with particular attention to Eastern European and Mediterranean countries), **financial support** covering (totally or partially) the participation costs. Such financial support will be limited and granted only to applicants presenting papers relevant to the Conference topics. The Scientific Committee will evaluate the papers and select a number of titles.

Sustainability

Conference activities will be organized to minimize environmental impacts.

For more information visit the dedicated site: www.webethics.net

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