

CONFERENCE

CLIMATE ETHICS AT THE CROSSROADS

MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER - TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2024

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Monday November 4th - SUAD Campus

- ▶ 09h30 **Welcome address**
 - **Bertrand Haan** Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi
- ▶ 09h45 - 10h00 **Introduction**
 - **Jean-Cassien Billier**, Sorbonne Université
 - **Claude Vishnu Spaak**, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi
- ▶ 10h00 - 10h45 **Modals of lost responsibility for a liveable world for all**
 - **Divya Dwivedi**, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- ▶ **Coffee Break**
- ▶ 11h15 - 12h00 **Géophénoménologie de l'éthique climatique**
 - **Eric Pommier**, Université de Tours
- ▶ 12h00 - 12h45 **Why most burden sharing models for international climate finance risk letting the global rich off the hook, and what can be done about it**
 - **Fausto Corvino**, UCLouvain
- ▶ **Lunch**
- ▶ 14h00 - 14h45 **Sufficiency limits in decarbonizing transitions – a triangular affair**
 - **Ivo Walliman-Helmer**, Université de Fribourg
- ▶ 14h45 - 15h15 **Phenomenological tools for the ethics of climate change**
 - **Claude Vishnu Spaak**, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi
- ▶ **Coffee Break**
- ▶ 15h45 - 16h15 **Is climate change a utility monster?**
 - **Jean-Cassien Billier**, Sorbonne Université
- ▶ 16h30 - 17h15 **Is there a right to tourism?**
 - **Juliette Roussin**, Université Laval



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Tuesday November 5th - SUAD Campus

- ▶ 09h00 - 9h45 **Climate change, ethics and wild animals**
 - Clare Palmer Texas A & M University
- ▶ 09h45 - 10h30 **Are Carbon dividends fair?**
 - Pierre André, UCLouvain
- ▶ **Coffee Break**
- ▶ 11h15 - 12h00 **Eco-anxiety and climate justice**
 - Michel Bourban, University of Twente
- ▶ 12h00 - 12h45 **Division of moral labour and individual duties of climate justice**
 - Ilias Voiron, Université Lyon III
Université de Fribourg
- ▶ **Lunch**
- ▶ 14h30 - 15h30 **Representing nature and future generations**
 - Céline Spector, Sorbonne Université



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Conference description:

Climate Ethics at the Crossroads

The ethics of climate change is at a crossroad. Mainly driven by American and British philosophers (Steve Gardiner, Henry Sue, Dale Jamieson, Simon Caney), the ethics of climate change emerged as a specific field in the early 1990s, focusing on issues such as the distribution of the costs and benefits of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions between states, responsibility towards future generations, human rights and the fair distribution of emission rights. At the root of this conference is the idea that there is a relative consensus that has emerged during the last decade about the application of distributive justice to climate change, but that fundamental disagreements are now concentrated at the interface between climate ethics and four key areas.

The first is normative ethics, metaethics and metaphysics, with, in particular, the continuation of a reflection on our entry into the Anthropocene, the accentuation of questions linked to population ethics and the motivation of agents, and the rise of a non-anthropocentric branch in climate ethics, in close relation with animal ethics and environmental ethics, breaking with the exclusively anthropocentric perspective that characterized for the most part the ethics of climate change until the 2010s.

The second is geoengineering, with lively debates on two controversial issues: solar geoengineering and carbon capture and sequestration, or negative emissions.

The third is economics, with two controversial issues: carbon taxation and the prioritization of the distribution of funds for mitigation, adaptation and compensation.

The fourth is political, with debates on the democratic governance of climate change policies, the governance of migration caused by climate change, the value of activism, the emergence of collectives, and individual political and ethical commitment.



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These four areas, and not just the first, are all integral to contemporary thinking on the ethics of climate change, which today involves an ethics of geoengineering, an economic ethics and a political ethics applied to climate change.

1. Normative ethics, metaethics & metaphysics:

- 1.1 Anthropocene, value of nature, post-natural world
- 1.2 Maintaining or abandoning anthropocentrism
- 1.3 Population ethics & climate change
- 1.4 Motivation of moral agents, climate anxiety and actor paralysis

2. Geoengineering:

- 2.1 Solar geoengineering
- 2.2 Negative emissions, carbon capture and sequestration

3. Economics:

- 3.1 Carbon tax, carbon market, international agreements or clubs of states to regulate carbon taxation
- 3.2 Prioritization in the distribution of funds for mitigation, adaptation or compensation

4. Policy:

- 4.1 Democratic governance, procedural rules
- 4.2 Governing climate migration
- 4.3 Activism and the emergence of collectives
- 4.4 Individual commitment and duties

