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Summer Seminar Series: Empowering Sustainability on Earth

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July 23-27, 2012

The UCI Summer Seminar Series "Empowering Sustainability on Earth" presents fifteen seminars during the week of July 23, 2012 for members of the next generation of leaders of global sustainability from over 70 countries around the world.

Details coming soon.

University of California – Irvine “Empowering Sustainability on Earth” July 2012

EDU 1111
Berkeley Place

Welcome:

Wendell Brase, Vice Chancellor of the University California, Irvine and Chair, University of California Climate Solutions Steering Group.

Monday

Morning 9:00 a.m.

Can law save the planet?

Professors DiMento and Camacho from the School of Law are organizing this program. Environmental law professor, Solange Teles da Silva, from Brazil, will speak about the new Brazilian Forest Code and ecosystem services.

Afternoon 1:30p.m.

How viable is renewable energy in the global energy context?

This is being organized by Professor Scott Samuelsen from the National Fuel Cell Research Center in the School of Engineering.

Evening 7:30 p.m.

Movie at Edward Cinema across from UCI in the Market Place
"Last Call at the Oasis"

This addresses interesting and compellingly the future of freshwater for the needs of the Planet. A "star" of the movie is the speaker for Friday afternoon, Professor Jay Famiglietti, Director of the UCI Center for Hydrologic Modeling

Tuesday

Morning

Presentations by UCI Sustainability Fellows

Afternoon

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Wednesday

Morning

9:00 a.m.

Introduction by Professor Dele Ogunseitun, Program in Public Health and Chair Department of Population Health and Disease Prevention, Program in Public Health
The plight of the world's children.

Kerry Constabile, United Nations Children's Fund, New York City

11:00 a.m.

Preparing for Orange County' Future: The Conversion of a Cold War Military Airfield into the Orange County Great Park.

Tom Sweet and Tom Herbel, Orange County Great Park

Wednesday

Afternoon

Presentations by UCI Sustainability Fellows

Thursday

Morning 9:00 a.m.

How viable is Green Business in Orange County?

This is being organized by Professor John Graham and Dr. William Hernandez Requejo from the Paul Merage School of Business

11:30 "The Path to CSR" (Corporate Social Responsibility)

Andrea Robinson, Founder and Director of ARC Sustainability

Afternoon 1:00

Is human security possible for the 200 million people whose water supply is threatened by the melting of Himalayan glaciers? What are the lessons from the work of the international community to reduce conflict over natural resources in fragile states? Richard Matthew, Center for Unconventional Security Affairs in the School of Social Ecology.

2:30 Photo with Chancellor Michael Drake
Aldrich Park in the center by the rocks

4:00 Preserving the California Coast and the World's oceans
Harry Helling from Crystal Cove Alliance will present as he did last year.
Valarie Van Cleave from OCEANA will make a presentation about the significant accomplishments of the decade-old international volunteer organization, OCEANA.

Friday

Morning 9:00

Can bitterly divided cities of the world come together in addressing their long term problems of living and sustainability?

Professor Scott Bollens, the Warmington Chair in the Social Ecology of Peace and International Cooperation.

Afternoon 1:30

Is it possible to ensure a sustainable water future for the world? Is there sufficient vision and leadership for this significant challenge?

Professor Jay Famiglietti from Earth System Science and Civil and Environmental Engineering and colleagues from the Center for Hydrologic Modeling