

Reimagining the Good Life

Environmentalism often focuses on the bad things people do—burning fossil fuels, destroying biodiversity, creating pollution—essentially, our whole unsustainable way of living on earth. And indeed our way of life may need to change, as recent crises ranging from climate to credit have suggested. But change is not just about doing less bad: we also need to reconstruct a larger vision of the good life in the midst of these crises to guide our hopes and our hard work. Environmental Affairs Symposium 2009 will bring together religious leaders, political commentators, economists, artists, and others working alongside environmentalists and environmental scholars to reimagine the good life and discuss what it means for the crises we face today.



12th Annual Symposium on Environmental Affairs



Keynote address

Building Foundations for the Good Life

Riane Eisler is best known for her work *The Chalice and the Blade*. Her newest book, *The Real Wealth of Nations*, offers a roadmap to a more caring, equitable, and sustainable economic system. Eisler is cofounder of the Spiritual Alliance to Stop Intimate Violence and president of the Center for Partnership Studies.

October 27, 7 p.m.
Agnes Flanagan Chapel

Event cosponsored by the Chamberlin Lecture Series

Sessions All panel discussions and workshops will take place in Templeton Campus Center.

October 27, 3 p.m.

Visions of the Good Life

What visions of the good life have guided the American environmental movement and society? What roles may technology, culture, psychology, and politics play as we try to attain these visions?

October 27, 5 p.m.

Blending Religious and Economic Insights on the Good Life

Despite their differences in focus, both religion and economics can play crucial roles in helping people live the good life. What common ground is possible for these areas in reimagining the good life?

October 28, 3 p.m.

Whose Good Life?

Not only are there differing visions of the good life, but there are widely differing realities facing people—and other living beings—in our world. So, whose good life are we talking about?

October 28, 5 p.m.

Beauty and Pleasure in the Good Life

As crucial as material security is to the good life, we know that the aesthetic dimensions of life are important too. How can beauty in nature, art, and science help us reimagine a pleasurable good life?

October 28, 7:30 p.m.

Eco-Spirituality, Ethics, and the Good Life

How might the good life emerge from a religious commitment that cares for creation? Local clergy and scholars discuss economics, worship, and the manifestation of a “post affluenza” age.

October 29, 5 p.m.

Which Way to the Good Life?

Community members are invited to join symposium panelists in a discussion guided by the Coalition for a Livable Future to consider and plan how we can get to the good life we have been reimagining.

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Free and open to the public ■ Parking is \$4 before 4 p.m., \$2 from 4-7 p.m., and free after 7 p.m.
Information: 503-768-7719 or go.lclark.edu/environmental_affairs_symposium

