

Dear Friends of HUCE,

This email contains event listings for Thursday, November 29 through Thursday, December 13, 2007. Please check the HUCE calendar on our website, www.environment.harvard.edu, for the most up-to-date listings and complete event descriptions throughout the semester.

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Please distribute this email to your students, faculty, colleagues, and anyone else who may be interested in environmental events around the community. We hope to see you soon and often.

Highlights:

***Monday, December 3:** "Climate Change: Is Economics the Source of the Problem or the Key to the Solution?" with Harvard University Center for the Environment Visiting Scholar Charles Kolstad, University of California, Santa Barbara.

***Wednesday, December 5:** "Biodiversity and Global Change: Are we Yet a Predictive Science?" with Peter Reich, whose recent research at the University of Minnesota focuses on the impact of environmental change on terrestrial ecosystems. The second lecture in the *Biodiversity, Ecology, and Global Change* lecture series.

***Friday, December 7:** The Commissioner for Energy of the European Union, Andris Pielbags, discusses "Climate Change and Energy; Europe Takes the Lead" as part of the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century: European and American Perspectives Series.

Calendar Listings:

Thursday 11/29/2007

4:00p

OEB Seminar

"The role of phenotypic plasticity and selection in the colonization of a novel environment". Speaker Trevor Price, University of Chicago

Bio Labs Lecture Hall, 16 Divinity Ave, Harvard Campus, Cambridge

Contact: Katie Parodi, kparodi@oeb.harvard.edu, www.oeb.harvard.edu/seminars.htm

5:00p - 7:00p

Science and Democracy Lecture Series: Why Environmentalism Needs History as much as Science

"Saving Nature in Time" Speaker: William Cronon. In this lecture, drawn from a forthcoming book of the same title, William Cronon will examine the key cultural assumptions about humanity and nature that have characterized modern American environmental thinking.

Science Center Lecture Hall A, 1 Oxford St., Cambridge, MA

Contact: Lisa Matthews, lisa_matthews@harvard.edu, 617-495-8883, www.ksg.harvard.edu/sts/

5:30p

Arnold Arboretum: Landscape Institute Information Session

Attend an Information Session to learn about the academic programs offered by the Landscape Institute. 29 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

Contact: landscape@arnarb.harvard.edu, 617.495.8632

Friday 11/30/2007

8:30a - 9:30p

Friday Chalktalk: "Insights into the Ecology of Environmental Microbial Fuel Cells"

Speaker: Helen White, MSI Postdoctoral Fellow, OEB, Girguis Lab

Haller Hall, 24 Oxford St., 1st floor Geological Museum, Cambridge, MA
Contact: Christy Herren, herren@fas.harvard.edu, (617) 495-8643, www.msi.harvard.edu/fridays.html

10:00a

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11:00a - 12:00p

Harvard Forest 2007 Seminar Series

Michael Bank – Harvard School of Public Health Mercury in the environment: pattern and process
Harvard Forest Seminar Room, Harvard Forest, Petersham, MA

Contact: Audrey Barker Plotkin, aabarker@fas.harvard.edu, (978) 724-3302

12:00p - 1:00p

Harvard Ecology Discussion Group

Please check the Ecology Group website for topics of discussion.

Hoffman Faculty Lounge, 20 Oxford St., 4th Floor, Cambridge, MA

Contact: Mike Dietze, mdietze@oeb.harvard.edu, hcs.harvard.edu/hedg

Saturday 12/1/2007

11:30p - 3:30p

Ethics and International Affairs Conference

Featuring a workshop on environmental sustainability.

Bowie-Vernon Room (N262), CGIS Knafel Bldg., 1737 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA

Contact: hyunjin@fas.harvard.edu

Monday 12/3/2007

12:00p - 1:00p

Harvard Energy Journal Club

Visit the HEJC website for current topics of discussion.

HUCE Seminar room, 24 Oxford St., Cambridge, MA

Contact: Kurt House, khouse@fas.harvard.edu, www.hcs.harvard.edu/hejc/index.html

4:00p

Earth and Planetary Sciences Department Colloquia

Lectures take place at 4:00pm in Haller Hall. Refreshments to follow, Hoffman 4th floor. Check seminar Web site for speaker information.

Haller Hall, 20 Oxford St., Harvard Campus, Cambridge, MA

Contact: miller@eps.harvard.edu, www.eps.harvard.edu/seminars/epscollo...

4:00p - 5:30p

Climate Change: Is Economics the Source of the Problem or the Key to the Solution?

Speaker: Charles Kolstad, Harvard University Center for the Environment Visiting Scholar from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Allison Dining Room, Taubman Building, 5th Floor, Belfer Center, 79 JFK St., Cambridge, MA

Contact: Jennifer Shultis, jennifer_shultis@harvard.edu, 617-496-8054

Tuesday 12/4/2007

9:30a - 11:00a

The Role of Scientists in the Science and Technology Policymaking in China

Energy Technology Innovation Policy seminar series. Speaker: Peng Ru, ETIP Fellow.

L-369, Belfer Center Library, 79 John F. Kennedy St., Kennedy School of Government

Contact: ETIP Coordinator, sam_milton@harvard.edu, (617) 496-5584, www.energytechnologypolicy.org

12:00p

Biological Anthropology Seminar: Social learning and traditions in wild capuchin monkeys

Speaker: Dr. Susan Perry, Department of Anthropology, UCLA

HUCE Seminar Room, 3rd Floor, 24 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA

Contact: Meg Lynch, mlynch@fas.harvard.edu

12:00p Herbaria Seminar Series

Rare, endangered, and improbable plants of New Jersey with Jean Marie Hartman, Rutgers University.

Herbaria Seminar Room, 22 Divinity Avenue, Harvard Campus, Cambridge

Contact: www.huh.harvard.edu/seminar_series/

3:00p - 4:00p

ClimaTea Lecture/Journal Club

Visit the Atmosphere, Ocean, and Climate Dynamics website for current speakers.

Geological Museum, Room 418, 26 Oxford St., Cambridge

Contact: Kate Dennis and Martin Tingley, www.seas.harvard.edu/climate/seminars...

4:00p

Earth History and Paleobiology seminar: "The Preservation of Burgess Shale fossils"

Speaker: Dr. Andrea Grotoli, Ohio State University. "Stable Carbon Isotopes in Corals and Sclerosponges: Implications for Paleooceanography and Biology."

Haller Hall, 20 Oxford St., Harvard Campus, Cambridge, MA

Contact: Phoebe Cohen or Jon Wilson, pacohen@fas.harvard.edu, jpwilson@fas.harvard.edu

6:00p

Institute of Politics Forum: Overcoming Nuclear Danger

A 2007 Albert H. Gordon lecture by Mikhail Gorbachev, President, Soviet Union (1990-1991)

Institute of Politics, JFK School, Harvard University, 79 JFK St., Cambridge, MA

Contact: 617 496 3864, www.iop.harvard.edu

CORRECTION (previously listed on 12/5/07)

7:00p

Screening: King Corn

A new documentary about the state of agriculture and food systems in America today.

Hilles Cinema, 59 Shepard Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

Contact: Jessica Zdeb, jessica_zdeb@harvard.edu, 617.496.6201

7:30p

Center for Astrophysics: Author Night

"Planets, Stars, and Galaxies," with David Aguilar, Center for Astrophysics.

60 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA

Contact: pubaffairs@cfa.harvard.edu, (617) 495-7461, www.cfa.harvard.edu/events/public_eve...

Wednesday 12/5/2007

12:00p - 1:00p

Harvard Ecology Discussion Group

Peter Reich, F.B. Hubacheck, Sr. Chair in Forest Ecology and Tree Physiology, University of Minnesota.

HUCE Seminar Room, 24 Oxford St., 3rd Floor, Cambridge, MA

Contact: Mike Dietze, mdietze@oeb.harvard.edu

4:15p - 5:30p

Seminar in Environmental Economics and Policy

Charles Kolstad and Nicholas Burger, University of California, Santa Barbara. "Voluntary Public Goods Provision, Coalition Formation, and Uncertainty"

L-382, 79 John F. Kennedy St., Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA
Contact: Jennifer Shultis, jennifer_shultis@harvard.edu, (617) 496-8054

5:00p

Biodiversity, Ecology, and Global Change

"Biodiversity and Global Change: are we yet a Predictive Science?" Speaker: Peter Reich, F.B. Hubacheck, Sr. Chair in Forest Ecology and Tree Physiology, University of Minnesota.
Bio Labs Lecture Hall, 16 Divinity Ave., Harvard Campus, Cambridge, MA
Contact: Lisa Matthews, lisa_matthews@harvard.edu, 617-495-8883

Thursday 12/6/2007

8:00a - 10:00a

Harvard Recycling Appreciation Breakfast

Join recyclers from across the University as we celebrate recycling 50% of campus refuse.
Holyoke Events and Information Center, 1350 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA
Contact: Rob Gogan, rob_gogan@harvard.edu, 617-495-3042

2:00p - 6:00p

NEXUS Exhibitor Showcase: Green is Affordable

Ttour the NEXUS Green Building Resource Center Exhibit Hall and speak with vendor representatives.
NEXUS Green Building Resource Center, 38 Chauncy St., 7th Floor, Boston, MA
Contact: Aaron Desatnik , aaron@greenroundtable.org, 617-374-3740 x.127

4:00p OEB Seminar Series

"Putting real adaptation into comparative tests of adaptive hypotheses: the way forward?"
Speaker: Dr. Steve Orzack, The Fresh Pond Research Institute. Bio Labs Lecture Hall, 16 Divinity Ave, Harvard Campus, Cambridge
Contact: www.oeb.harvard.edu/seminars.htm

6:00p

Carpenter Center Lecture: Understanding Anthropogeomorphology

Speaker: Matt Coolidge, the director of the Center for Land Use Interpretation (CLUI).
Carpenter Center, 24 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA
Contact: 617.495.3251, www.ves.fas.harvard.edu/coolidgematt...

7:00p

Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics: Family Friendly Nights

A Star is Born, with Meredith Hughes. How are stars made, and what happens when their lives are over?
60 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA
Contact: pubaffairs@cfa.edu, (617) 495-7461, www.cfa.harvard.edu/events/ffn.html

Friday 12/7/2007

8:30a - 9:30a

Friday Chalktalk: "Genes, Proteins and Organelles Responsible for Dinoflagellate Bioluminescence and the Mechanism of the Regulation of Flashing"

Dr. Woody Hastings, Molecular and Cellular Biology.
Haller Hall, 24 Oxford Street, 1st floor Geological Museum, Cambridge, MA
Contact: Christy Herren, herren@fas.harvard.edu, 617-495-8643, www.msi.harvard.edu/fridays.html

11:00a - 12:00p

Harvard Forest 2007 Seminar Series

Scott Ollinger – Complex Research Systems Center, University of New Hampshire Canopy nitrogen, carbon assimilation and energy exchange in forest ecosystems: an unrecognized feedback in the ...
Harvard Forest Seminar Room, Harvard Forest, Petersham, MA
Contact: Audrey Barker Plotkin, aabarker@fas.harvard.edu, (978) 724-3302

12:00p

Atmospheric Sciences Seminar

Speaker: Jintai Lin, Univ. of Illinois, with hosts Michael McElroy & Yuxuan Wang.

Pierce Hall, Room 100F, 29 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA

Contact: bmathieu@seas.harvard.edu, www-as.harvard.edu/seminar.html

12:30p - 2:00p Environmental Statistics Seminar: "Topics in Environmental Health"

Tom Webster, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Health, Boston University School of Public Health

HSPH Building 2, Room 426, Boston, MA

Contact: www.hsph.harvard.edu/biostats/events/...

2:15p - 4:00p

Challenges of the Twenty-first Century: European and American Perspectives Series

"Climate Change and Energy; Europe Takes the Lead" with speaker Andris Pielbags, Commissioner for Energy, Commission of the European Union.

Lower Level Conference Room, 27 Kirkland Street at Cabot Way, Cambridge, MA

Contact: Renee Haferkamp, haferkam@fas.harvard.edu

Sunday 12/9/2007

2:00p

Sunday Family Program: Mammals in Winter: Survival and Adaptation

When the ground is covered with snow and the trees are bare, just how do mammals survive?

Harvard Museum of Natural History, 24 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA

Contact: hmnh@oeb.harvard.edu, (617) 495-3045

Monday 12/10/2007

12:00p - 1:00p

Harvard Energy Journal Club

Visit <http://www.hcs.harvard.edu/hejc/schedule.html> for current topics of discussion.

HUCE Seminar room, 24 Oxford St., Cambridge, MA

Contact: Kurt House, khouse@fas.harvard.edu, www.hcs.harvard.edu/hejc/index.html

7:30p Harvard Museum of Natural History Public Lecture Series

Raising Tomorrow's Naturalists: Film screening and conversation with E. O. Wilson and T. Berry Brazelton.

Science Center, One Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA

Contact: hmnh@oeb.harvard.edu, (617) 495-3045

Tuesday 12/11/2007

3:00p - 4:00p ClimaTea Lecture/Journal Club

Visit the Atmosphere, Ocean, and Climate Dynamics website for current speakers and topics of discussion.

Geological Museum, Room 418, 26 Oxford St., Cambridge

Contact: Kate Dennis and Martin Tingley, www.seas.harvard.edu/climate/seminars...

7:30p

Cambridge Entomological Club Meeting

"Interactions between invasive species: woolly adelgid, elongate scale, and the fate of New England's hemlock forests" with Evan Preisser, University of Rhode Island

Museum of Comparative Zoology, 101, 26 Oxford Street, Harvard University Campus, Cambridge, MA

Contact: entclub@entclub.org, entclub.org/

Wednesday 12/12/2007

4:00p Origins of Life Initiative Forum

Microbial Population Structure of the World's Oceans: An Underexplored "Rare Biosphere" with speaker Mitchell L. Sogin Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole & Brown University

Bio Labs Lecture Hall, 16 Divinity Ave, Harvard Campus, Cambridge, MA

Contact: Carol Knell, cknell@cfa.harvard.edu, origins.harvard.edu/OriginsForum.html

Thursday 12/13/2007

4:00p

HUCE Green Conversations Series

Join us for a conversation with three representatives from GridPoint technologies.

Pierce Hall, Room 209, 29 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA

Contact: Lisa Matthews, lisa_matthews@harvard.edu, 617-495-8883

4:00p

OEB Seminar: Evolutionary Biorobotics: Navigating Simulated Selection Environments to Test Adaptation Hypotheses

Speaker Dr. John Lang, Vassar College

Bio Labs Lecture Hall, 16 Divinity Ave, Harvard Campus, Cambridge

Contact: Katie Parodi, kparodi@oeb.harvard.edu, www.oeb.harvard.edu/seminars.htm