

ECOHEALTH & WELLBEING RESEARCH WEBINAR 27 October 2023, 10:15am-13:15pm

Debating global warming, disaster risks and food security in wellbeing contexts



Recent years have seen a global upsurge in both the number and severity of natural disasters. At least in part, many of these events have been attributed to global warming. In turn, extreme weather phenomena such as droughts, floods, and severe storms pose ever increasing risks to food security in many regions of the world. Having to confront these challenges impacts both objective and subjective human wellbeing in a number of different ways. The aim of this webinar is to explore the intersections between global warming and its associated extreme weather events, food security, and wellbeing in both global and regional contexts. The organisers invite all interested scholars to join the webinar discussions as outlined.

Facilitators	Time		Presenters
	10:15	(Facilitator: Prof Elize S Van Eeden, Social Science, NWU) Welcoming Address: Prof Thomas M Mogale (Executive Dean, UNISA)	
	10:30	(Facilitator: Prof Werner Nell, Social Science, NWU) Keynote: Prof Jörn Ahrens (Justus Liebig University Giessen (JLU), Germany) The Decline of the 'Bright Side of Life': Is There a Good Life in the Anthropocene Apocalypse?	
	11:15	Leg stretch & tea break	
	11:30	Couch Session: Voices from International Environmental Experts (Facilitator: Prof Dewald van Niekerk, Program Manager, Disaster Studies, Environmental Sciences, NWU) Panellists: Dr Sizwile Khosa (Stockholm Environmental Institute, Taiwan) Prof Emmanuel Raju (University of Copenhagen: Copenhagen Centre for Disaster Research) Prof JC Gaillard (The University of Auckland: Disaster, Environment and Society Research Group) Prof Lizzie Kendon (UK Met Office and Professor of Climate Science at the University of Bristol)	   
	12:30	(Facilitator: Prof. Eric Nealer, UNISA) Prof Bethuel S Ngcamu (UNISA) Considering the Impact of Disasters, and Risks in Human Inhabited Environments	
	13:00	(Facilitator: Prof Elize S Van Eeden, Social Science, NWU) Recap & Closure: Dr Nomonde Madubula (Researcher, Financial and Fiscal Commission, Midrand)	

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