

The Salon

Friday, February 8

3:00-5:00 PM, KU 222

Robert Brecha

A Conservative Proposal Concerning the Global Climate Commons

Leading the series on February 8 will be Professor Robert Brecha from the Department of Physics and Renewable and Clean Energy Program, who serves as the UD Sustainability, Energy and the Environment initiative coordinator. Our current, rapidly changing climate will increasingly present challenges to societies across the planet. For over a century it has been clear that carbon dioxide released by combustion of fossil fuels and from other sources will lead to warming. Scientists continue investigating the details of climatic processes, but the relative constancy of climate over the past several millennia has been very beneficial to the development of complex societies. Given the clear link between CO₂ and climate change, and the likely negative effects of inaction, a conservative approach to dealing with uncertainties would be to take action now, especially if that action can be seen as having multiple positive advantages. In this brief presentation and hoped-for lengthy conversation Brecha will present the outlines of a proposal which aims to distribute rights to the global atmospheric commons equally among all of Earth's citizens, based on the premise that emissions of CO₂ by one person are spread around the globe and have an impact lasting for centuries.



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