

CLIMATE CHANGE: HOW SAFE ARE YOU?

Food, water, disease, health, conflict and your pocketbook and what may be coming down the pipe

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Safety and Risk: Why Values Matter

Presented by

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Room 1900, SFU Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings

Abstract: Are you a risk-taker or do you avoid taking risks? Do you feel that the world is less or more secure today than in the last century? In promoting safety in an era of global climate change, should we seek to advance the greatest good overall, or are other criteria more important in environmental decision making? This presentation suggests that answers to these and similar questions about safety and climate change are not value-free. In fact, issues of safety and risk in an era of climate change are very much impacted by peoples' perceptions, attitudes, judgments, emotions and ethical points of view. We will discuss how hidden worldviews and value systems often affect our assessments of risk. The challenge for decision makers is to ensure that such taken for granted judgment calls are made explicit and critically evaluated as part of the larger risk assessment process.

Bio: Ingrid Leman Stefanovic is Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Environment at Simon Fraser University, and Professor Emeritus, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto. She has served as Executive Co-Director of the International Association for Environmental Philosophy and Senior Scholar at the Center for Humans and Nature, Chicago and New York. Her teaching and research center on how values and perceptions affect public policy, planning and environmental decision making. Recent books include *Safeguarding Our Common Future: Rethinking Sustainable Development* and the co-edited volume entitled *The Natural City: Re-Envisioning the Built Environment*. Current SSHRC-funded research examines interdisciplinarity in university environmental programs, as well as water ethics and public policy.

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Climate Change: How Safe Are YOU? Series

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Because global climate change is making us less secure, this series will report on what experts can now see happening to our food and water, to our health and wellbeing, to international conflict, and even to our pocketbook. Loss of security will affect everyone, but there are also pressing ethical dimensions to the unfolding crisis. This series is a call to reasonable, sustained action by us all. We need to lead our leaders.

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