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## SUSTAINABILITY SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

The University of St Andrews Summer Lecture Series will explore the concept of 'sustainability' across five interactive lectures, allowing participants to explore the topic from different perspectives. These will include biology, earth sciences, people, policy, economics and ethics. Five online lectures will be delivered by leading academics and practitioners throughout July and August 2021

To register for the lecture series, please complete the [online booking form](#). A fee of £50 will enable access to all five interactive lectures. Recordings of the lectures will be available to you shortly after the live event.

More information: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/sustainability-summer-short-course/>

### Introduction to the Lecture & Sustainability - 15 July

This lecture addresses the sustainability problem by examining trends in resource use. In particular, the lecture will look at ten synoptic trends which affect the future of food, an essential component of human life. This will show that there are important drivers of misalignment between human demand for resources and the supply of resources from the planet. [Read more.](#)



#### Professor Sir Ian Boyd, School of Biology

An internationally recognised marine and polar scientist, and recently elected Fellow of the Royal Society, Professor Sir Ian Boyd is leading the move to sustainability at St Andrews.

### Educating for Climate Justice: the Third Generation Project - 22 July

The second lecture will look at how education on climate justice - with communities at its center at different levels - allows academic study and policymaking to be grounded in a collective response to generations of colonial, social, economic, environmental, and racial injustices and in a transition out of systems that perpetuate cycles of inequality and inequity. [Read more.](#)



#### Professor Ali Watson, School of International Relations

Originally trained as a macroeconomist at the University of Dundee, during her time at St Andrews, Professor Ali Watson's focus in teaching and research has increasingly been based around an examination of the rights of marginalised actors and communities.

### Climate Change and the Doomsday Glacier - 29 July

Glaciers, ice caps and the Antarctic are often the very real and immediate media focal points of changes to our climate. This lecture will look at research into glacier dynamics and ice-ocean interactions, particularly the causes and effects of glacier surges and iceberg calving. [Read more.](#)



#### Professor Doug Benn, School of Geography and Sustainable Development

A renowned expert in glaciology and climate change, Professor Doug Benn has been studying glaciers and climate since he was a teenager. A professor of glaciology at the University Centre in Svalbard, Doug has studied aspects of glacier science both in the lab and all across the globe.

**Climate Emergencies, Energy Transitions and the Pursuit of a 'Green' Future - 12 Aug**  
Research in energy ethics tackles the questions around how global economic processes intersect with intimate moral views. Approached from a diverse range of expertise from academia, industry and communities, this area of research looks to address societal questions about how to create a better energy future for everyone. [Read more.](#)



**Dr Mette High, Department of Social Anthropology**

Dr Mette M. High is the Director of the Centre for Energy Ethics, leading a large multi-disciplinary research team. Focusing on natural resources such as metals and fossil fuels, her research explores how global economic processes intersect with intimate moral views.

**Liter of Light, Brazil - 22 August**

Present in the 5 regions of the country, Litro de Luz Brasil brings solar lighting to communities without adequate access to energy through solar street lights, solar hand lights, and solar internal lights composed of simple materials such as Plastic bottles and PVC pipes, in addition to solar panels, batteries and LEDs. [Read more.](#)



**Vitor Belota, co-founder and former president of Litro de Luz Brasil**

Vitor Belota Gomes is a cofounder and former president of Litro de Luz Brasil, the 2016 St Andrews Prize for the Environment Winner. Since 2014 Vitor has worked in several organizations in the social impact sector, such as Yunus Social Business, accelerator of the Nobel Peace Prize Muhammad Yunus. Currently Vitor works as the Impact and Sustainability Manager at Group Splice, a holding company in São Paulo Brazil.

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