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INTRODUCTION

This symposium aims to call attention not only to the climate crisis, but also to what is at stake in the kinds of responses to it that are proposed. Many of the proposed “fixes” are rooted in the same political economic paradigms and worldviews that created the current climate and ecological crises in the first place; they often not only pose great environmental risks themselves, but also threaten to gravely deepen existing gender, racial and global inequalities. However, there are also encouraging signs that many activists and researchers are approaching climate breakdown with a global justice perspective. Our goal is to highlight, among them, the critically important work being done by diverse feminist thinkers, from feminist political economists and ecologists to indigenous and racial justice activists, who outline the sorts of radical solutions that the crisis demands, proposing fundamental shifts in the dominant global economic model. Throughout, we explore how intersectional feminist analysis, with an emphasis on global justice, can lead to the fundamental transformations urgently needed to forestall climate catastrophe.

About the Symposium



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OVERVIEW

Weds
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10 minutes of breath and energy work between panels led by Mariama Williams

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FEMINIST APPROACHES TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Wednesday, October 7th | 9:00 - 11:30am (Boston, GMT-4)

Moderated by
Elora Chowdhury

Framing the Symposium

Carol Cohn, *Director, Consortium on Gender, Security & Human Rights*

Indigenous Feminism & Challenging the Climate Crisis Narrative

Deborah McGregor, *Associate Professor & Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Environmental Justice, York University*

Indigenous women have distinct contributions to make to the international dialogue on global environmental/climate crisis while providing a powerful critique of colonialism, race and gendered power relations. This presentation will focus on the contributions that Indigenous feminism theory and practice can make to envision a future in the face of the climate crisis for all life. The questions it will address include: What actions have Indigenous women taken to address their distinct experiences, concerns? What do Indigenous women envision as their future?

Toward an Ecofeminist Green New Deal? Reflections on Politics, Process & Prospects

Sherilyn MacGregor, *Reader in Environmental Politics, University of Manchester*

This contribution combines an ecofeminist critique of mainstream Green New Deal (GND) discourses and some reflections on what an ecofeminist GND might look like. MacGregor will draw on her involvement in process of drafting a feminist GND for the UK to discuss the politics, process and prospects of finding inclusive, intersectional feminist visions for a climate just and sustainable future.

Petro-Bromance: Masculinities Driving the Climate Crisis

Joni Seager, *Professor of Global Studies, Bentley University*

At just the moment that economic and environmental logics are shifting away from fossil fuels, there is a political mobilization of an increasingly stubborn and irrational attachment to them. How is this political support synergistically tied to conservative, often explicitly misogynist, definitions of manliness? And how does this “petro-bromance” further drive the policy and cultural phenomenon of climate denial?

The Politics & Possibilities of Co-Creating Anti-Capitalist & Decolonial Feminist Movements for Climate Justice

Ruth Nyambura, *Kenyan, Feminist Political Ecologist*

What are the possibilities of co-creating transnational ecological-feminist movements that centre the politics and praxis of anti-capitalism and decolonization?

Pandemic & Protest as Potential Portal beyond Patriarchy

Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, *Founding Pastor of New Roots AME Church, Dorchester, MA*

Reverend Mariama will explore how this moment has exposed the oppression and fragility of our current systems and offered us an opportunity to imagine and build something new. She will focus in on how we have a powerful opening for building an intersectional ecological community that works for both people and planet.

FEMINIST CRITIQUES OF MAINSTREAM "SOLUTIONS"

Thursday, October 8th | 9:00 - 11:00am (Boston, GMT-4)

Moderated by
Sindiso Mnisi Weeks

Climate Non-Negotiables: Not “Something that Markets Can Handle”

Anita Nayar, *Director, Regions Refocus*

The main policy responses to the global environmental crises have been to turn to market and technological “fixes,” such as carbon trading, agrofuels, nanotechnology, geoengineering and synthetic biology. However, these technologies are no “fix” for today’s multiple social, economic, ecological and political crises; the resulting technocratic-industrial complex is part of the problem, not a pathway to a better future.

Rebooting the Scarcity Scare: Population, Conflict & Climate Change

Betsy Hartmann, *Professor Emerita of Development Studies, Hampshire College*

Today old narratives of population pressures causing poverty, migration, environmental degradation and war are being re-cloaked in the green language of climate change. This development diverts attention from the role of powerful fossil fuel interests, contributes to the resurgence of population control and Far Right ecofascism, and threatens to further militarize climate policy. How can we mount an effective challenge and advance progressive feminist alternatives?

Injustices of Solar Geoengineering: A Feminist, Antiracist Perspective on the Ultimate Technological Fix

Jennie Stephens, *Director, School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs; Dean’s Professor of Sustainability Science & Policy; Director for Strategic Research Collaborations, Global Resilience Institute, Northeastern University*

As the climate crisis has worsened, advocacy for advancing research into solar geoengineering has been steadily increasing. Solar geoengineering research is being advocated by a small group of primarily white men at elite institutions in the Global North, funded largely by billionaires or their philanthropies who are envisioning a militarized approach to controlling the earth’s climate. Researching this climate intervention perpetuates injustices by reinforcing systems that allow the rich and powerful to control conditions for everyone else.

Women, E-Waste & Technological Solutions to Climate Change

Lucy McAllister, *Postdoctoral Researcher of Sustainability, Technical University of Munich, Center for Energy Markets*

The informal disposal of electronic waste unfairly and disproportionately burdens women in less developed countries by affecting their mortality/morbidity, fertility, and the development of their children. As technological solutions to climate change increasingly enter the waste stream, there is a need for greater inclusion and recognition of women waste workers and other disenfranchised groups in forging future climate agreements.

Confronting the Climate Crisis: A View From Feminist Economics

Julie Nelson, *Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of Massachusetts Boston*

Mainstream economics promotes a narrow mindset when it comes to climate, yet many who criticize the mainstream have narrow views as well. What might be possible if we think past the binary of “hard” versus “soft” solutions?

More than (Wo)men: Why Intersectionality is Critical for Effective & Just Adaptation

Edward Carr, *Director & Professor of the International Development, Community, & Environmental Department, Clark University*

Most “gender-sensitive” approaches to adaptation project design and implementation rest on binary constructions of gender and identity that can obscure the needs of the most vulnerable, marginalized, and challenged in a given population. Adopting and implementing intersectional approaches to identity is a critical means of identifying and addressing these needs, and thus moving toward just and effective adaptation policy and projects.

Weathering Development on an Empty Stomach: Women Farmers, Climate Precarity, & the Fate of the "Green Revolution" in Mozambique

Heidi Gengenbach, *Associate Professor of History, University of Massachusetts Boston*

In southern Mozambique, an area defined by increasingly unpredictable and extreme weather events, female farmers are five years into a Western donor-funded scheme to reduce chronic malnutrition by “modernizing” smallholder agriculture. However, the scheme’s failure to involve rural women in project design and deafness to their agroecologically expert critique of the project once underway threaten to worsen hunger vulnerability in the very communities the scheme purports to help.

Gender Perspectives in UN Climate Processes

Maria Ivanova, *Associate Professor of Global Governance & Director of Center for Governance & Sustainability* and Candace Famiglietti, *PhD student, Global Governance & Human Security, University of Massachusetts Boston*

To what degree and in what ways have people tried to get gender analysis or feminist perspectives into UN climate processes, and what has happened when they tried? What might be fruitful entry points for researchers and advocates who would like to try to bring these perspectives more centrally into UN climate processes?

Feminist Fears in Gender(ed) Discourses of Sustainable Development & the Environment

Kiran Asher, *Professor of Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst*

Although feminist and environmental justice struggles are interrelated, explicitly *political*, projects, institutionalized environmental conservation and sustainable development endeavors are often policy driven, *technical* projects. Asher draws on long-term fieldwork with Afro-Colombian social movements to explore this disjunction, tracing the synergies and slippages—in ideas and intent—when feminist inspired concerns about women and gender are addressed in sustainable development projects.

Trade, Climate Change & Gender: Challenges for Development & Social & Gender Equity

Mariama Williams, *Program Coordinator, Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Gender, South Centre*

This talk uses a feminist lens to explore the connections between international trade, infrastructure development projects and the extractive economic model that underlies the climate crisis. While work making the interconnections between these topics is at a very early stage, it is clear that there are a number of key challenges and constraints underlying this relationship which rotate around the nature of the “greening” of infrastructure and the continuing reliance on neoliberal economic models that reinforce the drivers of climate change and exacerbate gender inequality.

FEMINIST PATHWAYS TO JUST & SUSTAINABLE FUTURES, PART 1

Friday, October 9th | 9:00 - 11:00am (Boston, GMT-4)

Moderated by
Diana Duarte

Engendering Just Transitions: Dilemmas in Climate Policy

Seema Arora-Jonsson, *Professor, Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences*

In attempts towards a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy, the imperative of just transitions has gained ground in climate policy debates. Climate interventions may be perpetuating inequalities and creating new ones. I will reflect on, what can justice from a feminist perspective mean in times of transition? Can active work with social policy enable a just transition?

Feminist "Just Transitions" & the Sustainability of Peace

Carol Cohn, *Director, Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights* and
Claire Duncanson, *Senior Lecturer in International Relations, University of Edinburgh*

Efforts to build sustainable peace after armed conflict, already fraught with failure, will be made increasingly difficult by burgeoning climate and ecological crises. In what ways does taking these crises seriously change the ways we think about peacebuilding? And could a transition from post-war economic recovery models based on extractivism to models based on regeneration, rooted in feminist conceptions of care and global justice, contribute to a more just, inclusive and sustainable peace?

Towards Gender-Transformative Change: Experience of the Climate Investment Funds

Anne Kuriakose, *Senior Social Development Specialist, Climate Investment Funds (CIF)*

Climate change threatens poverty and development gains, with differential impacts for women and men, including indigenous groups, farmers, and migrants. The Climate Investment Funds (CIF) foster transformational change towards climate-resilient, low carbon development in developing countries, and seek to advance gender equality through mitigation and resilience investments that improve women's asset position, voice, livelihoods, and gender-responsiveness of local and national institutions in climate planning. Case examples from CIF's portfolio in renewable energy, sustainable forest management, and climate resilience are discussed.

Care Not Growth: Rethinking Sustainability

Giovanna Di Chiro, *Professor of Environmental Studies, Swarthmore College*

Many feminist critics argue that the corporate-led, privatized, and individualistic "Green Economy" basically serves to sustain global capitalism's pro-growth agenda while it reproduces and leaves intact deep-rooted colonialist relationships. In the face of the growing crises of poverty, dispossession, and climate disruption, can feminist and anti/de-colonial approaches lead to a more "just transition," imagining and practicing more just and care-based forms of "sustainability"?

FEMINIST PATHWAYS TO JUST & SUSTAINABLE FUTURES, PART 2

Friday, October 9th | 11:30am - 1:30pm (Boston, GMT-4)

Moderated by
Claire Duncanson

Healing the Land is Healing Ourselves: Indigenous Solutions to Climate Change

Lindsey Bacigal, *Communications Director, Indigenous Climate Action*

Climate change and environmental degradation have had adverse effects on Indigenous Peoples all over the world. Indigenous womxn are often acutely affected by these ills, but also drive the resistance against climate change and the systems of oppression that accelerate it. This talk will speak to the leadership of Indigenous womxn in the fight for climate justice, along with profiling Indigenous solutions to the climate crisis.

Towards a Feminist Green New Deal

Bridget Burns, *Director, Women's Environment & Development Organization*

Some say we are living in the decade of the Green New Deal, with unprecedented political and popular momentum for sweeping, ambitious climate justice policies. But what does this look like from a feminist and global justice perspective & how can we build power to influence change?

Fertilizing Engagement: Building Trans-Community Collaborations Inspiring & Moving Us toward Climate Justice

.O, *Climate & Social Justice Activist in Philadelphia*

.O will share her experience as an activist and community organizer in Philadelphia working in collaboration with faculty, students, and community residents to support and sustain the transformation that is needed at this time in his/herstory for global healing. She will focus on two climate justice organizations, Serenity Soular and Philly Thrive.

Revolutionary Power: An Activist's Love Letter to Heal the Planet & Transform Our Energy System

Shalanda Baker, *Professor of Law, Public Policy & Urban Affairs, Northeastern University*

Stemming from her work in Mexico, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, Baker will discuss energy policy through the lens of a queer woman of color, arguing that the climate crisis gives us an unprecedented opportunity to reshape the energy system with justice (and love) at the center.

Transnational Feminist Analysis: Spotlighting Pitfalls & Pathways on the Road to a Just, Sustainable Future

Diana Duarte, *Director of Policy & Strategic Engagement, MADRE*

We need more than new policy prescriptions to chart pathways to sustainable futures: we need entirely new paradigms to shape and evaluate policy. A transnational feminist analysis lights the way to making those vital shifts, revealing for instance that any effective Green New Deal must prioritize global justice, center a gender analysis, and be driven by grassroots leadership from the frontlines of climate breakdown. This talk will share principles and learnings from the Feminist Green New Deal campaign and explore the need for a specifically transnational and global approach to feminist analyses.

SPEAKERS & MODERATORS



Seema Arora-Jonsson

Seema Arora-Jonsson is Professor and Chair of Rural Development at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences with a focus on Europe. She works with questions of sustainability and justice in relation to environmental governance, climate politics and rural development. Her work is shaped by the need to examine rural development in its particular situation, but in the context of wider transnational currents and relations. Questions of gender, race, ethnicity, class and geography are central to her analyses. Issues of research approach a) the doing of the research - participatory research and ethics and b) analyzing environmental questions in a North-South perspective in the globalizing context of environmental governance are central in her work.



Nada Mustafa Ali*

Nada Mustafa Ali is a scholar who engages with questions about social change and transformation in Sudan and beyond through her teaching, research, and activism. Dr. Ali teaches in the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program at University of Massachusetts Boston, and is Faculty Fellow in the Center for Governance and Sustainability. She is currently working on a digital ethnography on women, social media, and activism in contemporary Sudan, and is also researching gender, militarization, and peacebuilding in Sudan and South Sudan, in addition to gender and HIV/AIDS. Dr. Ali is the author of *Gender, Race and Sudan's Exile Politics: Do We All Belong to this Country?* (2015).

*Moderator



Kiran Asher

Kiran Asher is Professor in the Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is a biologist-turned-social scientist (B.Sc Life Sciences, St Xavier's College, Bombay, 1987; Masters, Environmental Management, Duke University, NC, 1990; Ph.D. Comparative Politics, University of Florida, 1998) with three decades of field-based research on wildlife conservation, international development, and struggles for social change in Latin America and South Asia. Her publications include a monograph, *Black and Green: Afro-Colombians, Development, and Nature in the Pacific Lowlands* (Duke University Press, 2009). She is currently working on a book entitled *Fieldwork: Nature, Culture, and Gender in the Age of Climate Change*, which foregrounds the complex and contradictory intertwining of natural-cultural worlds, and the challenges these pose for 21st-century struggles for environmental and social justice. In 2021, she will return to India on a Fulbright-Nehru fellowship to understand the gendered effects on pastoral communities in Kutch as they rapidly integrate into the region's cash economy.



Lindsey Bacigal

Lindsey Bacigal is of Chickasaw, Polish and Irish descent. She was born and raised in MI, but now lives on Algonquin territory in Ottawa, Ontario. Lindsey comes from a working-class family and was not raised around activism, so her activist journey didn't begin until her secondary education. Attending a primarily white, Catholic institution presented itself with many opportunities to work against conservative values and through this, Lindsey became an outspoken advocate for the rights of structurally oppressed groups. Following her graduation, Lindsey then earned a Master's in Gender, Globalisation and Rights from the University of Ireland, Galway. Her final thesis explored the intersections between gender-based environmental violence, Indigenous womxn, colonialism, and human rights. Lindsey then moved to so-called Canada, beginning work as the Communications Coordinator at Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada and becoming heavily involved with the climate justice movement. She is now the Communications Director at Indigenous Climate Action.



Shalanda Baker

Professor Shalanda H. Baker is a Professor of Law, Public Policy and Urban Affairs at Northeastern University. Professor Baker is an affiliate faculty member in Northeastern's Global Resilience Institute and Department of Political Science. She teaches courses at the law school and in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities. Baker was awarded a 2016-17 Fulbright-García Robles grant, which she utilized to explore Mexico's energy reform, climate change and indigenous rights. Before joining Northeastern's faculty, Professor Baker spent three years as an associate professor of law at the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i, where she was the founding director of the Energy Justice Program. Prior to that, she served on the faculty at University of San Francisco School of Law. Baker holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the United States Air Force Academy, a Juris Doctor from Northeastern University School of Law, and an LLM from the University of Wisconsin School of Law, where she also served as a William H. Hastie Fellow. Immediately after law school, before working as a corporate and project finance attorney in both the Boston and Tokyo offices of the law firm of Bingham McCutchen, Professor Baker clerked for then-Associate Justice Roderick Ireland of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. She serves on the boards of the Solutions Project and the Clean Energy Group. She is the Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Initiative for Energy Justice.



Bridget Burns

Bridget Burns is a feminist and environmental activist specializing in policy advocacy, research and movement building at the intersection of gender equality, women's rights and climate justice. For over a decade, she has worked to integrate gender equality into the decisions and outcomes of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). In her work at the international policy level, she has facilitated travel support and capacity building for over 300 women from the Global South to participate as part of their national delegations in UNFCCC meetings and intersessionals, under WEDO's flagship Women Delegates Fund (WDF) programme. In addition, Bridget serves as the co-Focal Point of the Women and Gender Constituency, which supports the political participation of women's rights advocates into the climate process. Through synergies with key civil society activists, this work has supported the integration of gender equality language across 70 programs and decisions of the UNFCCC. In 2019, Bridget helped kickstart a collective of feminist orgs and activists developing a feminist analysis of the Green New Deal in the United States. Bridget holds a Masters in Gender, Development and Globalization from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



Edward R. Carr

Edward R. Carr is Professor and Director of International Development, Community, and Environment (IDCE) at Clark University, Director of the Humanitarian Response and Development Lab (HURDL) at Clark, and the Climate Change Adaptation Adviser on the Scientific and Advisory Panel (STAP) of the Global Environment Facility (GEF). A geographer and anthropologist, Dr. Carr has more than twenty years of experience working at the interface of climate change adaptation and global development as an academic, through policy and technical positions with bilateral and multilateral development donors, and in various roles on global environmental assessments, including serving as a lead author for the ongoing IPCC AR6. His work contributes to fields including livelihoods studies; socio-ecological resilience; climate change adaptation; critical development studies; weather and climate services; gender, identity, and development; environmental migration; food security; and climate-smart agriculture. He also draws upon this academic and professional experience to build innovative academic units that advance development and adaptation goals by connecting research, teaching, policy, and implementation in novel ways, producing more impactful research and students. Dr. Carr holds a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Kentucky, a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Syracuse University, a MA in Anthropology from Syracuse University, and a BA in American Studies and Archaeology (with high distinction) from the University of Virginia.



Elora Chowdhury*

Elora Chowdhury is Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and Director of the Human Rights Minor at University of Massachusetts Boston. Her research and teaching interests include transnational feminisms, gender violence, and human rights cinema. She is the author of *Transnationalism Reversed: Women Organizing Against Gendered Violence in Bangladesh* (2011) and *South Asian Filmscapes: Transregional Encounters* (with Esha De, 2020). Elora is also an Affiliated Researcher with the Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights.

*Moderator



Carol Cohn

Carol Cohn is the founding Director of the Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights. She works across scholarly, policy, and activist communities to create the multidimensional, feminist gendered analyses that are imperative to finding sustainable and just solutions -- not only to wars, but to the structural inequalities and environmental crises that underlie them. Her scholarship has addressed topics such as: the gender dimensions of nuclear and national security discourse; gender mainstreaming in international security institutions, gender integration issues in the US military, and the strengths and limitations of the international "women, peace and security" agenda, and she has published a textbook on *Women and Wars* (Polity Press, 2014). Her current focus is on bringing feminist political economic analysis into both the Sustaining Peace and the Women, Peace and Security agendas through a collaborative international knowledge building project to create a "Feminist Roadmap for Sustainable Peace."

(<https://genderandsecurity.org/feminist-roadmap-sustainable-peace>). Recent work in that project, co-authored with Claire Duncanson, includes a report, "What Kind of Growth? Economies that Work for Women in Post-War Settings," "Whose Recovery? IFI Prescriptions for Postwar States" in *Review of International Political Economy* and "WPS in a Changing Climate" in the *International Feminist Journal of Politics*.



Giovanna Di Chiro

Giovanna Di Chiro is Professor of Environmental Studies at Swarthmore College where she teaches courses on environmental justice theory, action research methods, ecofeminism(s), and community sustainability. She is a co-founder and faculty partner with Serenity Soular, a campus-community collaborative in North Philadelphia working to build community and worker-owned solar energy cooperatives, to train local youth in solar systems installation, and to provide affordable rooftop solar for low-income residents. Formerly, Di Chiro was a policy advisor with Nuestras Raíces (our roots), a community organization that focuses on urban agriculture, food justice, and resiliency in the Puerto Rican/Latinx communities of Holyoke, Massachusetts. Di Chiro has published widely on the intersections of environmental science, policy, and activism addressing issues of human rights, food security, and environmental and climate justice.



Claire Duncanson

Claire has published widely on issues relating to gender, peace and security, with a particular focus on gender and peacebuilding. She teaches and supervises in these areas to undergraduate and postgraduate students at the University of Edinburgh. Her current work aims to bring a feminist analysis to the political economy of building peace. She is the author of *Gender and Peacebuilding* (Polity Press, 2016), several articles on the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda and publications on gender in militaries. Claire works with Carol Cohn on the “Feminist Roadmap for Sustainable Peace” Project (<https://genderandsecurity.org/feminist-roadmap-sustainable-peace>), co-authoring “Whose Recovery? IFI Prescriptions for Postwar States” in *Review of International Political Economy* and “WPS in a Changing Climate” in the *International Feminist Journal of Politics*. Claire is an active member of WILPF Scotland, and has co-authored with fellow WILPF member Vanessa Farr on the implementation of the WPS agenda in Afghanistan for Sara Davies and Jacqui True’s Oxford Handbook on the WPS Agenda.



Diana Duarte

Diana Duarte is the Director of Policy and Strategic Engagement at MADRE, leading the organization's policy, public education and communications work, and designing and implementing initiatives to advance women's human rights worldwide. She also directs MADRE's Feminist Policy Jumpstart initiative, partnering with grassroots women worldwide and bringing their perspectives and analysis to shape US policymaking. For more than 14 years, she has worked in policy analysis and communications to advocate for human rights, gender justice, and progressive change.



Heidi Gengenbach

Heidi Gengenbach is Associate Professor of History at the University of Massachusetts Boston. She is the author of *Binding Memories: Women as Tellers and Makers of History in Magde, Mozambique* (Columbia University Press, 2005), and is currently working on her second book, *Recipes for Disaster: Gender, Hunger, and the Remaking of an Agrarian Food World in Central Mozambique, 1500-2000*. In a multi-country collaborative study funded by the National Science Foundation, she is also investigating the food security impact of a donor-funded cassava “value chain” project in southern Mozambique, which buys this starchy food staple from poor women farmers to make Impala, the world’s first cassava-based commercial beer.



Betsy Hartmann

Betsy Hartmann is professor emerita of Development Studies at Hampshire College in Amherst, MA. She is a longtime activist in the international women's health movement and a frequent commentator on population, environment, migration and security concerns in popular, policy and scholarly venues. She writes both nonfiction and fiction. Her most recent book, *The America Syndrome: Apocalypse, War and Our Call to Greatness*, explores the influence of apocalyptic thinking on American foreign policy, environmental politics and the present linkages made between climate change and security. Her feminist classic *Reproductive Rights and Wrongs: The Global Politics of Population Control*, tackles the powerful myth of overpopulation and its negative consequences for women's reproductive health and rights. She is the co-author of *A Quiet Violence: View from a Bangladesh Village* and co-editor of *Making Threats: Biofears and Environmental Anxieties*. Her two political thrillers, *The Truth about Fire* and *Deadly Election*, explore the threat the far right poses to American democracy. Betsy has consulted for the UN Environment Programme and UN Women, and in 2015 was a Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Chair based in New Delhi, India. She received her BA in South Asian Studies from Yale University and her PhD from the London School of Economics. Betsy has recently completed a novel on the opioid crisis in northcentral Massachusetts. She is also involved in exposing the greening of hate, the white supremacist scapegoating of immigrants for environmental degradation and climate change. For more, see <http://www.betsyhartmann.com>.



Maria Ivanova

Maria Ivanova is Associate Professor of Global Governance and Director of the Center for Governance and Sustainability at the University of Massachusetts Boston. She is also a visiting scholar at the Center for Collective Intelligence at MIT. She studied international environmental policy at Mount Holyoke College and pursued a joint master's degree in International Relations and Environmental Management and then her PhD at Yale. Her work focuses on the performance of international institutions, implementation of international environmental agreements, and sustainability. She has been studying the United Nations Environment Programme and her biography of UNEP, *A Revisionist History of the World's Leading Environmental Institution: UNEP at Fifty*, will be published by MIT Press in early 2021. Her current work examines national performance on global environmental conventions. From 2014 to 2018, Maria Ivanova served on the Scientific Advisory Board of the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. She was a coordinating lead author for the policy chapter of the fifth Global Environmental Outlook (GEO-5). She is the Chair of the Board of UN University's Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability and an Andrew Carnegie Fellow. In 2018, she chaired the jury for the \$5 million New Shape Prize for global governance by the Global Challenges Foundation.



Anne Kuriakose

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Sherilyn MacGregor

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Deborah McGregor

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