

Join us for a Discussion Forum at the Greenpeace Climate Hub in Katowice

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Radical Realism for Climate Justice: 1.5°C is possible!

12 December 2018 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

The event is hosted by the Heinrich Böll Foundation together with Action Aid, Center for International Environmental Law, Climate Justice Alliance, ETC Group, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, Health of Mother Earth Foundation, Indigenous Environmental Network, La Via Campesina, Oil Change International.

Speakers include: Teresa Anderson, Nnimmo Bassey, Jaron Browne, Neth Daño, Lili Fuhr, Hannah McKinnon, Steve Kretzmann, Cynthia Mellon, Carroll Muffett, Doreen Stabinsky, Amaru Torrez and others.

PROGRAMME

6:30-6:45 Welcome & Introductions

6:45-7:30 Part 1: Radical Realism for Climate Justice

Limiting global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels is feasible. And it is our best hope of achieving environmental and social justice, of containing the impacts of a global crisis that was born out of historical injustice and highly unequal responsibility. To do so will require a radical shift away from resource-intensive and wasteful production and consumption patterns and a deep transformation towards ecological sustainability and social justice. Demanding this transformation is not 'naïve' or 'politically unfeasible', it is radically realistic: <https://www.boell.de/en/radicalrealism>

In this part we will learn about the recent findings of the IPCC's special report on 1.5°C warming, its core messages and constraints. But most of all we will hear about real solutions from a wide variety of activists and scholars and explore questions such as: How can we best protect ecosystems and food systems? What does plastic have to do with the climate crisis? What's the real plan for a managed decline of the fossil fuel industry? We will also discuss what 1.5°C has to do with human rights and what strategies can be used to hold big polluters accountable for climate crimes.

7:30-8:15 Part 2: Hands Off Mother Earth – No to geoengineering!

Geoengineering refers to large-scale technological interventions in the Earth's oceans, soils and atmosphere with the aim of weakening some of the symptoms of climate change. Geoengineering perpetuates the false belief that today's unjust, ecologically- and socially-devastating industrial model of production and consumption cannot be changed and that we therefore need techno-fixes to tame its effects. However, the shifts and transformations we really need to face the climate crisis are fundamentally economic, political, social and cultural: <http://www.geoengineeringmonitor.org/> // <https://www.boell.de/en/geoengineering>

In this session we will give an introduction to the topic of geoengineering, the various technologies proposed and researched, outdoor experiments planned and key drivers behind the push for carbon dioxide removal and solar radiation management. We will present the

Hands Off Mother Earth (HOME) Manifesto that shows that a large number of civil society organizations, popular movements, Indigenous Peoples, peasant organizations, academics, intellectuals, writers, workers, artists and other concerned citizens from around the world, oppose geoengineering as a dangerous, unnecessary and unjust proposal to tackle climate change. Representatives from the Climate Justice Movement in the US will give us an update on what is happening in terms of geoengineering in North America and what they intend to do about it.

8:15-8:30 Break

8:30-9:30 Part 3: Debate!

The last part of the evening will be moderated discussions at various tables or corners of the room diving into some of the issues presented beforehand in more detail. We will invite participants to discuss with us:

- Geoengineering and the HOME Campaign: how can we work together?
- Radical realism and missing pathways for ecosystems & food systems: what is really needed to limit global warming to 1.5°C?
- Holding big polluters accountable: how can we use the human rights framework and other legal norms, principles and avenues to claim climate justice?

9:30 END

During the event non-alcoholic drinks and small snacks will be provided. Other drinks can be bought at the bar.