



The Center for Ethics and Human Values and the School of Environment and Natural Resources welcomes

Creating, Preserving, and Reengaging the Paris Agreement on Climate Change

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DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN ETHICS

In December 2015 over 190 countries met in Paris for the 21st meeting of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change where they succeeded in creating a new and ambitious international climate agreement. Many have heralded the outcome as a groundbreaking achievement for international diplomacy and global climate action. Others have argued that the climate commitments in it are ultimately too weak to achieve the agreements' lofty aspirations.

On June 1, 2017, President Donald Trump announced the intention of the United States to leave the Paris Agreement, a process that will be completed on November 4, 2020, one day after the U.S. election. Former Vice President Biden has promised to rejoin Paris if elected, as soon as inauguration day in January.

To better understand the significance of the agreement, and its value, we will review the recent history of the UN climate negotiations, and how this outcome evolved from earlier failed attempts in this process, finally overcoming the immense hurdle of justly assigning responsibility for hitting global emission reduction targets. If President Trump wins, we will look at what the future holds for global climate cooperation in a world without the participation of the U.S. federal government. If Vice President Biden wins, then we will examine the steps toward U.S. reengagement in this process, as well as the prospects for future U.S. leadership on climate change.

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Time: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Zoom registration: go.osu.edu/andrewlight

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