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Globalization and Urbanization – Deane Neubauer

In the year 2000 for the first time in history more people come to be in ‘cities’ than in ‘rural’ areas. Actually, these terms are themselves being subjected to radical change. This session focuses on the patterns of urban settlement associated with contemporary globalization, with particular attention to those places that have been labeled ‘megacities’ or ‘conurbations.’ The focus will be on how such settlement patterns affect ‘other ways of doing things’ such as conventional urban governance.

Global America and the Pacific Century – Manfred Steger

With the deepening of globalization during the past several decades, higher education institutions have been undergoing rapid internationalization. Students are crossing borders in unprecedented and ever increasing numbers. This presentation will provide an overview of global trends and the political and economic impacts of international student mobility in the context of ‘ever-increasing globalization.’

Globalization and Food – Aya Kimura

Food systems have changed dramatically and are increasingly globalized. This lecture will examine a range of changes in agriculture, rural society, and food consumption in global food systems. Posing the question, ‘Where are the women?’ the lecture will particularly highlight women as producers and consumers of food.

Agrifood Movements – Aya Kimura

This lecture will examine various social mobilizations that are trying to address issues related to food security and food sovereignty, such as organic food, fair trade, local food, and food sovereignty movements. The lecture will pose questions about the environmental sustainability as well as the social justice implications of these alternative ‘agrifood’ movements.

Violence and Non-violence in the World’s Religions – Ramdas Lamb

Of all the creations of humanity that have led to violence in the world, few match religion. At the same time, of all the concepts of humanity that have inspired compassion, forgiveness, and non-violence, few match religion. My talk will look at why these co-relations exist, what are the reasons that lead to each, and what can we do as humans to promote the latter over the former.

Security and Global Crime – Deane Neubauer

One feature of contemporary globalization has been the vast expansion of networks of exchange for goods and services that exist ‘outside’ conventional legal frameworks, and which are conventionally thought of as types of ‘crime’ and other deviant activities. Within this category exist the trade in ‘drugs’ and other illegal substances, human trafficking, arms sales, various modalities of cybercrime, and financial crime. This lecture makes an effort to account for such activities both within existing structures of national and global regulation, and in ‘geo-spaces’ where such regulation for one reason or another tends to be absent.

Social and Biological Feedbacks of Climate Change – Camilo Mora

Human impact on biodiversity is leading to the extinction of species at a rate that largely exceeds natural background rates. This is impeding the capacity of ecosystems to deliver basic goods and services to humanity; and in turn, it is undermining efforts to improve human welfare, especially for the nearly one billion people that go hungry every day. This presentation, describe global scale analyses into the impacts of climate change on marine ecosystems and how they are making a large fraction of the world’s human population vulnerable to losing important sources of revenue, food, and jobs.

The Inclusive Cost of Pandemic Influenza Risk – Victoria Fan

I will examine the risk of pandemic infection in the world.