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## SYMPOSIUMS: THE NEW DIMENSIONS AND IDEAS IN ENVIRONMENTAL ANTHROPOLOGY

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### ABSTRACT

Discussions on environmental challenges frequently center on human dependence, susceptibility, and resilience. Yet, the subject matter of the present anthropological discussion regarding the ecological framework has mainly concentrated on spatial advertising and scientific investigation. In this panel discussion, the focus will be expanded to include human anthropology as a fundamental element of the political notion of environmental sustainability and the foundation for effective local, national, and global actions. Humanity's entire dependency on the environment stems from our essence. However, we further rely on sociopolitical and legal frameworks, which are open to capture, misdirection, confusion, and deceit.

With this viewpoint in mind, the panel discussion will look at how neoliberalism, both international and national legal and political frameworks; and other factors have influenced how we perceive the world around us. It is going to capitalize on environmental anthropology's observations as well as additional crucial elements to evaluate the spread of sustainable solutions to environmental issues and look at the ways in which forces like globalization and technological advancement might give people a "false" sense of invulnerability. While significant, the assumptions of mitigation as well as adaptation require as well to be looked into. The expansion of industries, greater manufacturing, and consumerism are goals of globalization and another neoliberal socio-economic reconfiguration, which has a tendency to encourage human abuse of the environment and reduce our ability to respond to issues related to the environment.

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## GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- “How can we effectively discuss sustainable development in environmental anthropology?”
- “What is the right balance of development vs. Sustainable development responses for addressing environmental issues?”
- “What is the role of concepts like “mitigating measures” and insurance in environmental discourse?”
- “How do we define “justice” and with who or what are we concerned when the issues relate to the environmental anthropology?”
- “How can we engage with local, state and federal government to coalesce the will to solve problems practically and transcend political partisanship?”
- “How can we engage with each other to create the shared context that will reveal commonalities and options for consensus-based policy development?”
- “What has been the role of international and transnational environmental anthropology operating within our neoliberal era in initiating, perpetuating, and responding to environmental crises?”
- “What should the role of global organizations in the wake of threats like climate change, biodiversity loss, and air pollution?”
- "How have discussions about environmental anthropology and human anthropology shifted over time?"

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