

International Conference Celebrating 25 Years of the Global Ecological Integrity Group - GEIG, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, June 27 – 30, 2017:

Friday, 30 June

Special Topic:

“Ecological Integrity and Democracy at a Tipping Point”

Are we experiencing the end of democracy as we know it? What are the prospects for preserving the integrity of Earth’s ecological systems in a world occupied with fear, xenophobia and nationalism? This Special Topic Day is dedicated to exploring the identity crisis in the US and Europe and ideas for a renewed democratic culture capable of tackling the big issues of our time. The format is for presentations (incl. Q & A) and general discussions.

9:00am Klaus Bosselmann (NZ) “Two Worlds Colliding: Ethical discourses and institutional failures”

9:30 Ron Engel (US) "Can the American Civil Religion Be Redeemed?"

10:00 Katy Gwiazdon (US) “A Way Forward: Environmental Ethics Serving the Public Welfare”

10:30 Colin Soskolne (Can) “Are We on the Side of Good or Evil? Deconstructing the Global Anti-democratic Trajectory”

11:00 Don Brown (US) “Restoring Democracy: Discourse Theory vs Instrumental Rationality”

11.30 Bruce Jennings (US) t.b.c.

12:00 – 1.30 Lunch Break

1.30 – 3.30 General discussion (panelists and participants)