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Is Anyone Listening? Our Climate Crisis and Hopeful Ways Forward

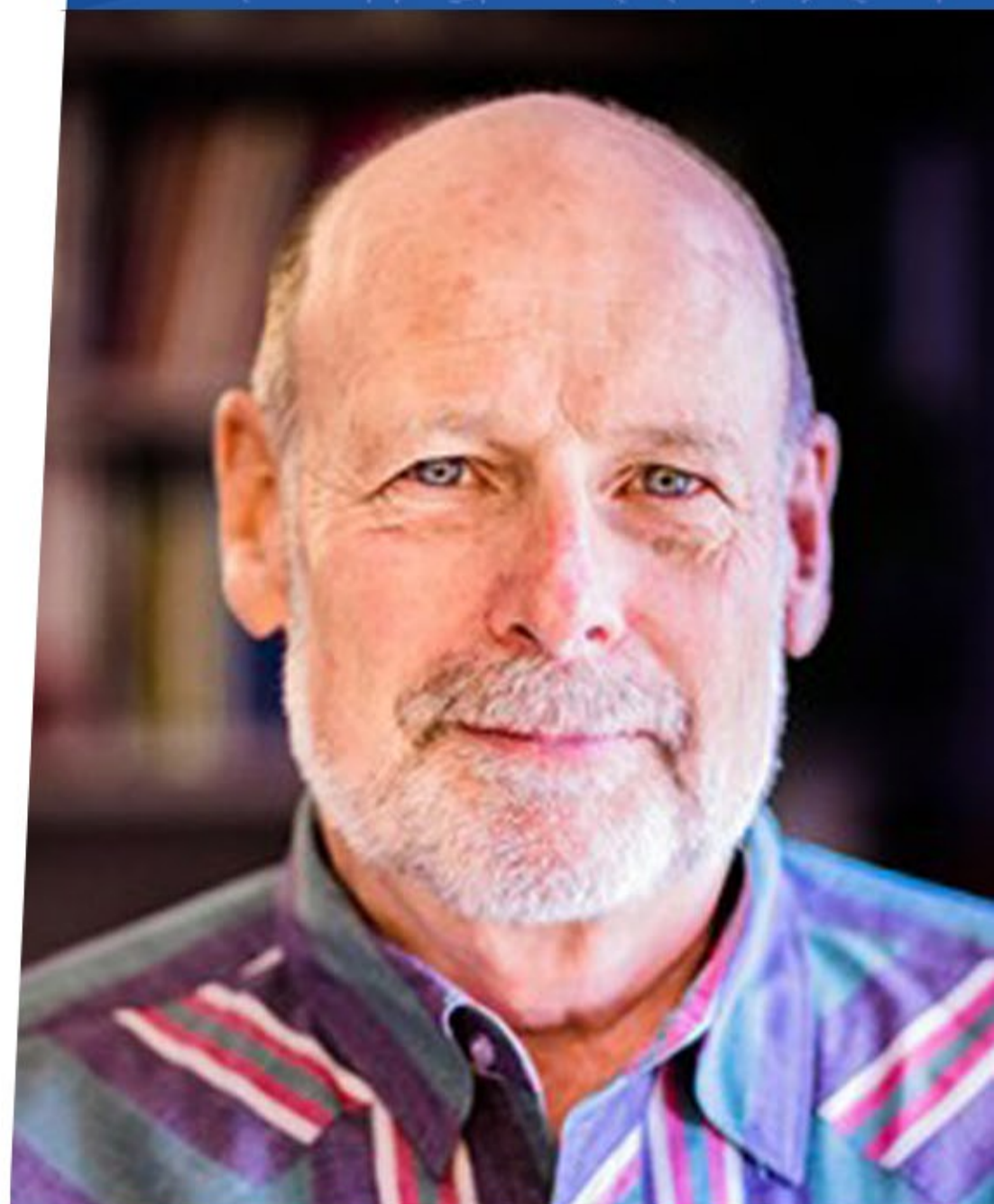
Date: 21 November 2024 (Thursday)

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Venue: Rm G7603, Yeung Kin Min Academic Building,
City University of Hong Kong

ABSTRACT

Evidence for a changing climate is even more compelling than we thought likely a few years ago. Dread and despair need not impede commitment, action, innovation, and hope. There are pathways to transition. The presentation shares many of the promising efforts to mitigate and adapt to our new reality of a warmer planet.



Prof. John Spengler

GUEST SPEAKER'S PROFILE

John Spengler, Akira Yamaguchi Professor of Environmental Health and Human Habitation, and Co-Director of the JPB Environmental Health Fellowship Program at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, has over 40 years' experience in environmental health and exposure science, characterizing the exposure to and effects of contaminants in outdoor and indoor environments. Through studies of homes, office buildings, schools, and transit systems, Spengler's research has investigated design, materials, maintenance, and behaviors that mitigate exposures to harmful contaminants. During the SARS CoV-2 pandemic, his team examined transmission and mitigation of airborne viruses in schools, airplanes, airports, and buses. Several recent studies have looked at health and the built environment and the wellbeing benefits of exposure to Nature, including using Virtual Reality to explore physiologic and cognitive effects of exposures to nature in indoor and outdoor settings. For the past decade, Spengler's teaching and research have increasingly focused on issues related to climate change and sustainability. Motivated by the urgency conveyed by the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), his team has formed collaborations with professional organizations, NGOs, and companies to affect evidence-based decisions more rapidly in other sectors of society.

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