Climate Justice: Economics and Philosophy

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Call for Papers

Climate justice requires sharing the burdens and benefits of climate change and its resolution equitably and fairly. It brings together justice between generations and justice within generations. In particular it requires that attempts to address justice between generations through various interventions designed to curb greenhouse emissions today, do not end up creating injustice in our time by hurting the currently poor and vulnerable. More generally, issues of distribution and justice are of paramount importance in any discourse on climate change.

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) summit in September 2015, and the forthcoming Conference of Parties (COP) in December 2015, will bring climate change and its development impact, including climate justice center stage in global discussions. This conference builds on the momentum of these meetings to take stock of and advance the analysis of climate change from a distributional and justice perspective in an interdisciplinary perspective. The organizers invite submissions of completed papers or substantial abstracts (7-10 pages) from across philosophy and economics.

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Submissions, completed papers or substantive abstracts (5-7 pages) should sent to Ravi Kanbur, sk145@cornell.edu, by December 1, 2015. Decisions will be communicated by February 1, 2016. The conference will meet the travel costs of one person per accepted paper.