



Environmental Science
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at Michigan State University

Distinguished Lecture Series

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From Agent Orange to Climate Security: The Emerging Field of Environmental Peacebuilding

ABSTRACT: In fitful starts, the international community has increasingly recognized the linkages between the environment, conflict, and peace. International awareness started with the Vietnam War and the widespread use of Agent Orange—and faded until the 1990-91 Gulf War, when Iraq ignited more than 600 oil wells. Through the 1990s, there was growing attention to the potential for conflicts over scarce resources (such as water and land) or over valuable resources (such as oil and gas) to cause conflict. And starting in the early 2000s, countries and international organizations realized that land, forests, minerals, and other natural resources are essential to helping countries emerging from conflict to rebuild their economies and reweave the social fabric.

The emerging field of environmental peacebuilding provides a conceptual and operational framework for governing and managing natural resources and the environment to support a durable peace. Carl Bruch ('89) directs International Programs at the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, DC. His presentation will draw upon 20 years of work in conflict-affected countries. In addition to sharing lessons from around the world, he will explore areas for further research and work in the field of environmental peacebuilding.

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Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

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This event is free and open to the public.

Refreshments will be served.

