Climate Change: It's a Relationship Problem

A lecture by Dr. Karen O'Brien
Monday, October 25, 2021 at 4:00pm
Steger Hall Auditorium, Room 145

Zoom Webinar Link

Dr. Karen O'Brien is a professor in the Department of Sociology and Human Geography at the University of Oslo, Norway. She is an internationally recognized expert on climate change and society, focusing on themes such as climate change impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation including how climate change interacts with globalization processes and the implications for human security. She is interested in how transdisciplinary and integrated approaches to global change research can contribute to a better understanding of how societies both create and respond to change, and particularly the role of beliefs, values, and worldview in transformations to sustainability. She is passionate about what potential there is in quantum social theory and the implications for climate change responses. She is the co-founder and partner in cCHANGE, an Oslo-based company. cCHANGE is a beacon for individuals and organizations seeking a new perspective, inspiration, knowledge, and tools on climate change and sustainability transformations.

Dr. O'Brien was named by Web of Science as one of the world’s most influential researchers of the past decade in 2019 and 2020. In 2019 she received a Research Excellence Award from the AAG Human Dimensions Specialty Group. In 2021 she was co-recipient of the BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Award for Climate Change.

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AUTHORED BOOKS by Dr. O'Brien
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