



ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION TALK

Challenges of the Anthropocene

A lecture by Emeritus Professor Will Steffen, Australian National University (ANU) on the challenges of anthropocene, and a conversation with Keri Facer, Zennström Professor in Climate Change Leadership at Uppsala University and Professor of Educational and Social Futures at the University of Bristol

Date and time: October 4th, 2019, 13.00-15.00
Place: Kollaboratoriet, Östra Ågatan 19, Uppsala

Another Development Foundation is happy to invite to a lecture by Will Steffen, one of the most well renowned Earth System Scientist, as well as Honorary Advisor for Another Development Foundation. We are also happy to welcome Keri Facer who focuses on the forms of knowledge and educational practices needed to create flourishing communities in conditions of disruptive technological and environmental change. She also has particular interest in informal learning in cities and communities and the role of the arts, myth and storytelling as powerful educational resources.

Why a talk on the challenges of anthropocene?

The Anthropocene has been proposed as a new geological epoch in Earth history as well as an abrupt change to the planetary conditions which have allowed human societies to thrive. The Anthropocene is far more than a scientific curiosity. It represents the ultimate challenge to society - the need to change the current direction of our highly consuming and polluting societies towards a much more sustainable future.

This lecture by Professor Will Steffen will outline the scientific basis for the Anthropocene, and then turn to some thoughts and suggestions about humanity can rise to the challenge of not only surviving the Anthropocene, but also surviving in it. The lecture will be commented by Professor Keri Facer from the basis of her research interest. The dialogue will be facilitated by Ingvar Rönnbäck, Founder and Chair of Board for Another Development Foundation.

REGISTRATION: September 26th, 17.00, ira@anotherdevelopmentfoundation.se

PROGRAMME

13:00 – 13:10	Welcome by Ira Sundberg, Co-founder and Member of the Board For Another Development Foundation
13:10 – 13:40	Lecture by Will Steffen on The Challenges of Anthropocene
13:40 – 14:10	A conversation between Will Steffen and Keri Facer
14:10 – 14:30	Questions from the audience
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee/Tea

WILL STEFFEN - BIO

Will Steffen, honorary advisor for Another Development Foundation, is an Earth System scientist. He is a Councillor on the publicly-funded Climate Council of Australia that delivers independent expert information about climate change, an Emeritus Professor at the Australian National University (ANU); Canberra, a Senior Fellow at the Stockholm Resilience Centre, Sweden; and a Fellow at the Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics, Stockholm. Will Steffen is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Canberra, working with the Canberra Urban and Regional Futures (CURF) program, and is a member of the ACT Climate Change Council. He is chair of the jury for the Volvo Environment Prize; a member of the International Advisory Board for the Centre for Collective Action Research, Gothenburg University, Sweden; and a member of the Anthropocene Working Group of the Sub-committee on Quaternary Stratigraphy. From 1998 to mid-2004, Will Steffen served as Executive Director of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme, based in Stockholm, Sweden. His research interests span a broad range within the fields of climate and Earth System science, with an emphasis on incorporation of human processes in Earth System modelling and analysis; and on sustainability and climate change.



KERI FACER - BIO

Keri Facer is Zennström Professor in Climate Change Leadership at Uppsala University and Professor of Educational and Social Futures at the University of Bristol. Her work focuses on the forms of knowledge and educational practices needed to create flourishing communities in conditions of disruptive technological and environmental change. She has a particular interest in informal learning in cities and communities and the role of the arts, myth and storytelling as powerful educational resources. From 2002-2008 she was Research Director for Futurelab, the UK's R&D lab for education; from 2007-2009 she headed the UK Government's Beyond Current Horizons Applied Foresight Initiative; from 2012-2018 she was Leadership Fellow for the Arts and Humanities Research Council Connected Communities Programme, a 400M SEK investment in university-community collaborations.

