

# PUBLIC LECTURE

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Wednesday, January 19th, 2011



## The Tradewinds Auditorium at the BUEI

Coffee at 8:30 a.m. Presentation from 9 -10 a.m.

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We are at an extraordinary crossroads of human history. Our actions, or failure to act, during the next 20 years will determine the fate of the Earth and human civilization for centuries to come. This is a make-or-break century. Humanity's demands for affluence are growing rapidly. If we are able to make the planet work, we face a magnificent future. If we fail, we could be headed for a new Dark Age.

There are massive problems in the decades ahead. The public is aware of some of the effects of global warming and climate change. There are many other mega-problems, some more dangerous or debilitating. The good news is that there are solutions.

Innovative thinking, cooperation around the world and exciting technologies are providing answers. Whether the future is bleak or of unimaginable opportunity, depends upon education and political will.

As we learn to understand this century and play its complex game, we can chart extraordinary futures. Today's young people must be given the confidence to transform their lifestyles, the environment and Homo sapiens itself. We can create civilizations more magnificent than anything yet conceived. We need the political will to transform our world rather than wreck it.

Young people everywhere need charts of the worldscape ahead. They, collectively, will be responsible for the greatest transition in human history.

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