

Announcing a public lecture:

Philosophizing for Catastrophe: Resilience and the Limits of Sustainability

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Environmental philosophers have recently begun to consider "resilience"--alongside or even instead of "sustainability"--as a central normative concept. This seems to reflect a recognition of indeterminate catastrophe as a certainty that people will face, as well as a change in our general expectations about how to manage the effects of catastrophe. Part 1 of this presentation provides an overview of several varieties of resilience, their relation to aspects of sustainability, and raises cautions about this shift in attention. Part 2 explores the role of philosophy in preparing for catastrophe. On the more abstract side, philosophy may provide some appropriate perspective on catastrophes; on the practical side, developing education and development strategies to build capacity for resilience in communities is a needed philosophical project. The presentation concludes with examples of such local, community engaged, collaborative, and transdisciplinary philosophical projects for developing community resilience.

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Light refreshments served just before 3pm;
discussion to follow at 4pm.