

**Challenges for Environmental and Political Philosophy  
in the Anthropocene**  
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**Title:**

**Freedom in the Anthropocene: Bringing political philosophy to global environmental problems**

**Bio:**

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**Abstract:**

In the current planetary ecological situation, often referred to as the Anthropocene, political thinking needs to become more environmental and environmental issues need to be not only tackled from an environmental ethics point of view but also from a political-philosophical perspective. In this talk I present my book *Green Leviathan or the Poetics of Political Liberty* as an example of how to use political philosophy in this context. I focus on the problem of freedom: what does freedom mean in the current global situation and how can we move towards a more relational understanding of the concept in the 21st century?