

Can We Survive Climate Change? The Critical Role of Adaptation

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More about the talk:

The planet is struggling to begin mitigation as countries continue to free ride off one another. If this continues, there are many dire projections of climate change that imply a dark future world. This talk examines whether adaptation lightens this future. We look at agriculture and sea level rise and show that although adaptation cannot fully prevent future climate damage, the human race will endure. There is a policy solution to climate change.

More about Robert Mendelsohn:

Professor Mendelsohn has written over one hundred peer-reviewed articles and edited six books. The focus of his research has been the valuation of the environment. He has developed methods to value natural ecosystems including coral reefs, old-growth forests, non-timber forest products, ecotourism, and outdoor recreation. He has also developed methods to value pollution including emissions of criteria pollutants (such as particulates and sulfur dioxide) and hazardous waste sites. His most recent work values the impacts of greenhouse gases, including the effects of climate change on agriculture, forests, water resources, energy, and coasts. This research carefully integrates adaptation into impact assessment and has recently been extended to developing countries around the world. He has also been involved in studies of nonrenewable resources, forest management, and specifically carbon sequestration in forests.



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