



Talk:

Embracing Ecological Uncertainty through Narrative

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Uncertainty is a central psychological dimension of the ecological crisis. The science of climate change brings into view widely divergent scenarios; the discrepancy between these more or less catastrophic visions of the future undermines our ontological security (in Anthony Giddens's terminology). Dr. Caracciolo argues that literary narrative has an important role to play in cultivating readers' ability to live with uncertainty. He describes this process as a shift from a primarily negative understanding of uncertainty (as something to be avoided at all costs) to a more complex, nuanced appreciation. The presentation will be followed by a discussion moderated by Professor Sowon Park. *All are welcome but registration is required.*

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