“COP26 and the Future of the International Climate Negotiations: Views from Inside and Outside”

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This webinar will feature a Zoom conversation among John Foran (Professor of Sociology and Environmental Studies at UC Santa Barbara), Lauren Gifford [University of Arizona’s School of Geography, Development and Environment], and Emily Hite [Northern Arizona University, NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellow].

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John Foran teaches sociology and environmental studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and is an activist in the global climate justice movement and the creation of systemic alternatives beyond capitalism. His work can be found at NXTerra, IICAT, and the Eco Vista Climate Justice Press, and his activism takes place with Eco Vista, Transition US, the Ecoversties Alliance, and the Global Tapestry of Alternatives [or System Change Not Climate...

Lauren Gifford is a critical geographer exploring the intersections of global climate change policy, conservation, markets and justice, with expertise in carbon markets and offsets, climate finance, and climate tech. She is a Postdoctoral Research Associate at University of Arizona’s School of Geography, Development and Environment, researching earth system governance, transformations, and safe and just climate adaptation with the Earth Commission. Lauren has been attending UN COP meetings since 2008, studying evolving discourses of climate finance, mitigation and justice, and supporting the global Climate Justice Now! network.

Emily Hite is a cultural anthropologist studying hydrosocial territories—the hybridity of human and water relations. Her work explores the intersection of Indigenous rights and hydropower development within the context of climate governance. She conducts mixed methods research at climate and hydropower conferences (where policy is orchestrated) and in dam-impacted communities (where policy is applied). She is a visiting scholar at UCSB EJ/CJ Hub. Her work can be found at emilybentonhite.net. Emily attended COP24 in Katowice, Poland and COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland.