

Philosophy and the Climate Crisis -- next steps

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Hello everyone,

It was very encouraging to see such a big, enthusiastic, active group of participants at the Philosophy and the Climate Crisis conference this past weekend. **Thank you** for your interest and participation!

We would love to know how the conference went for you. We welcome your reflections on this [feedback form](#) through June 30, and will use them to continue to develop and advocate for sustainable virtual conferences and communities.

We will have selected conference recordings up by the end of the month. All future emails will go to the Philosophers for Sustainability email list, rather than to conference registrants.

As **next steps** within philosophy in the current historical moment, we recommend doing one or more of the following:

- 1) Organize a one-time workshop on sustainable practices in your home community this fall, using or adapting the [format and resources](#) we are developing. Does that interest you? We're happy to help.
- 2) Write a letter to the organizers of a large conference (or to a philosophy association you are part of) encouraging them to **keep conferences virtual** after the pandemic-- or, if they are not ready to go fully virtual, to **alternate** in-person and fully virtual conferences as a way of exploring sustainable, accessible alternatives to in-person conferences while also reducing emissions. You are welcome to be in touch with our [Events Team](#) with any thoughts or questions.
- 3) **Join us as a member** and be part of a growing global network of philosophers working together to shift our field and the world toward sustainable practices.

Following up on the conference this summer, Philosophers for Sustainability will focus on (re-)launching several advocacy teams and their corresponding projects. We are now planning some followup events for the summer, and will be scheduling them this week. If you think you are likely to be interested in coming, please fill out one or more of these **scheduling polls by Sunday, June 20**. You'll also want to make sure you are on our email list and that emails from philosophersforsustainability@gmail.com do not go to your spam folder.

July Forum on Teaching Climate Change: Options July 6-8 & 15-16, 11am-4pm EDT.

<https://www.when2meet.com/?12056849-6f8U8>

This forum will be an informal discussion of useful strategies in teaching climate change, as well as ways in which Philosophers for Sustainability can develop resources for teachers.

July E-vents Team Meeting: Options July 6-7 / 12-14 / 19-21, 12-4pm EDT.

<https://www.when2meet.com/?12056783-8Izc5>

This meeting will focus on advocacy to encourage large conferences to explore virtual formats, including launching a new APA 2+1 Campaign to encourage the American Philosophical Association to alternate in-person and virtual conferences.

August Forum/Training on Holding a Local Workshop: Options Aug. 4-11, 11am-4pm EDT.

<https://www.when2meet.com/?12056756-8HjZn>

This forum will begin with a one-hour [Sustainable Practices Workshop](#), which participants can experience as an attendee, and then offer and discuss resources and strategies for organizing and facilitating a local workshop on sustainability in each of our home communities.

Thank you again, and please feel free to contact us through philosophersforsustainability@gmail.com, or individually at scapisani@fas.harvard.edu or chislenko@temple.edu. We hope to see you soon!

With best wishes,

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