

*The Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center  
and FIU Department of Religious Studies present*

**Religion, Ethics, the Environment and Public Policy:  
Care for our Common Home**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 11 am- 1:00 pm: Interfaith Symposium hosted by Kriya Yoga Institute:**  
“Global Mind Change: Dialogs on Spiritual Ecology and Transforming Individual and Planetary  
Consciousness” (To register: <https://go.fiu.edu/96691867417>)

11:00 am      **Welcome Remarks:** Dr. John F. Stack, Jr, Founding Dean of the Steven J.  
Green School of International and Public Affairs, Professor of Politics,  
International Relations, and Law

**Moderator:** John Thomas Lopategui, Ed.D, Kriya Yoga Institute

11:05 am      **Opening Address:** Paramahansa Prajnanananda, Spiritual Leader, Kriya  
Yoga Institute

11:25 am      Audience Question and Answer

11:30 pm      **Speaker:** Melissa K. Nelson, Ph.D. (Anishinaabe), Ecologist and  
Professor of Indigenous Sustainability, Arizona State University

11:55 am      Audience Question and Answer: Dr. Nelson

12:00 pm      **Speaker:** Seyyed Hossein Nasr, PhD, Professor of Islamic Studies,  
George Washington University

12:25 pm      Audience Question and Answer: Dr. Nasr

12:30 pm      Open Discussion: Audience and Speaker Question and Answer

12:45 pm      **Closing Remarks:** Paramahansa Prajnanananda

**SEPTEMBER 22**      “Integral Ecology”

10:00 am      **Welcome Remarks:** Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg, Fifth President, FIU

10:10 am      **Speaker:** “Integral Ecology and Sustainable Development”  
D. Enrique Iglesias, Former President of the Inter America Development

Bank and Former Iberic-American Secretary General

**Presenter:** Luis G. Solis, Interim Director, Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center, Former President of Costa Rica

10:45 am **Panel:** “Integral Ecology: Challenges, Examples and Good Practices”

**Panelists:**

Daniel Castillo, Assistant Professor Theology, University of Loyola, Maryland

Dr. Carlos Muñoz Piña, Director of Research, World Resources Institute and IMDOSOC Consultant

Whitney Bauman, Associate Professor, Religious Studies, FIU  
Archbishop Thomas Wenski, Archdiocese of Miami

**Moderator:** Ana María Bidegain, Professor, Religious Studies, FIU

**SEPTEMBER 23** “Faith Communities and Ecological Conversion”

10:00 am **Speaker:** “The Contributions of Faith Communities to Integral Ecology: Finances, Public Policies and Spirituality”

Fr. Augusto Zampini-Davis, PhD., Director of Faith and Development, Dicastery of Human Integral Development, the Vatican

**Presenter:** Erik Larson, Associate Professor and Chair, Dept. of Religious Studies

10:45 am **Panel:** “Ecological Conversion: The Role of Education, the Media and Religious Communities”

**Panelists:**

Fernando Sánchez, Ph.D., Rector, Catholic University of Costa Rica

Melissa K. Nelson, Ph.D. (Anishinaabe), Ecologist and Professor of Indigenous Sustainability, Arizona State University

**Moderator:** Whitney Bauman, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Religious Studies, FIU.

**SEPTEMBER 24** “Climate Change, Migration and Public Policy”

10:00 am **Panel:** “The Effects of Environmental Degradation on Human Populations: Climate Change, Migration, Public Policy and Religion”

**Panelists:**

Laënnec Hurbon, Ph.D, Sociology, CNRS France, Haiti.

José Miguel Cruz, Professor and Research Director, Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center, FIU

Patricia Gualinga, Human Rights Defender and Indigenous Rights Defender of the Pueblo Kichwa de Sarayaku Ecuador

11:00 am **Moderator and Closing Remarks:** Luis G. Solis, Interim Director, Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center, Former President of Costa Rica

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