

May We Change Nature?

Or Must We Change Ourselves?

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Inaugural Lecture by Institute of Creativity Fellow

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Since 2012, Michel A. Van Hove has been Chair Professor of Physics and Director of the Institute of Computational and Theoretical Studies at Hong Kong Baptist University. From 2005 to 2011 he was Head of the Department of Physics and Materials Science at City University of Hong Kong. Before 2005 he spent 27 years at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory of the US Department of Energy in California.

He holds a PhD in theoretical physics from the University of Cambridge.

His scientific activities focus on physics, materials and chemistry, in particular nanoscience that impacts energy and environment. Originally from Belgium, he has lived in eight countries.

ABSTRACT:

Man's scientific and technological prowess increasingly impacts Earth: our impact on nature has increased a thousandfold in the last century, by one estimate.

Some say that man has already started a new "anthropocene" geologic era. By rapidly changing nature around us, we also endanger our very survival.

Some basic questions arise that this lecture will attempt to address:
Does man have the right to change nature?
Should we try to change nature back to its "original" state?
Or should we accept and adapt to a changed Earth?
Can we adapt ourselves biologically?
Should we change our collective behavior or will science and technology save us?

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29 May 2013 / 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

VENUE:

WLB 104, The Wing Lung Bank Building for Business Studies, Shaw Campus, Hong Kong Baptist University, 34 Renfrew Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon

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All are welcome.

Free admission.

The lecture will be delivered in English.



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