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Special Event

**ROBIN LEICHENKO AND KAREN O'BRIEN**

*"The Adaptive Challenge of Climate Change: How Do We Make a Quantum Leap to Sustainability?"*

Wednesday, April 08, 2015 10:30AM - 12:00PM
Mershon Center for International Security Studies
1501 Neil Ave. Columbus, OH 43212

This event is for Mershon affiliates only.

Register here to attend.


**Karen O'Brien** is a professor in the Department of Sociology and Human Geography at the University of Oslo, Norway. Her research focuses on climate change impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation including how climate change interacts with globalization processes and the implications for human security. She is interested in how trans-disciplinary and integral approaches to global change research can contribute to a better understanding of how societies both create and respond to change, and particularly the role of beliefs, values and worldviews in transformations to sustainability. She has participated in four IPCC reports and is on the Science Committee for Future Earth, a 10-year global change research initiative. She is also the co-founder of cCHANGE.no, a website that provides perspectives on transformation in a changing climate.

**Abstract**

Robin Leichenko and Karen O'Brien will discuss climate change in the context of globalization and its implications for equity and human security, including the types of responses that can lead to an equitable and sustainable future. Drawing on recent IPCC reports, they argue that "bending the curves" calls for more than technical solutions -- it calls for challenging some key assumptions about social change. The adaptive challenge of climate change may, in fact, call for the transformation of science itself, including the role that the social sciences play in integrated global change.