

Department of Political Science
Presents

The Turning Point: Ecosocialism or Barbarism

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We are in the midst of a crisis unprecedented in the history of civilization, marked by an intractable contradiction between the present capitalist mode of production and the integrity of nature. I will discuss the character of the crisis and lay out some of the principles necessary for its resolution. These require a fundamentally different way of producing our lives, one in harmony with nature as against the present ecocidal tendencies of capital. The future depends upon the outcome.

Joel Kovel was trained as a physician and psychiatrist, but left these fields in order to be more politically active. He has written ten books, the two latest of which - *The Enemy of Nature* and *Overcoming Zionism* - are about the issues that concern him the most: contending with the ecological crisis, and seeking justice in Palestine. He has run for the US Senate on the Green Party line and sought the party's presidential nomination. Currently he edits the ecosocialist journal, *Capitalism Nature Socialism*, and does what he can to bring about a post-capitalist and post-Zionist world.



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