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Dr. Simon A. Levin

Princeton University

The Challenge of Sustainability

Monday, 18 July, 3:00 p.m.

Hickman Building, Room 105

Presented by the School of Environmental Studies

Dr. Simon Levin is the Moffett Professor of Biology and director of the Center for Biocomplexity at Princeton University. Much of Dr. Levin's work concerns the evolution of diversification, the mechanisms sustaining biological diversity in natural systems, and the implications for ecosystem structure and functioning. Dr. Levin established the field of 'spatial ecology' and has long been at the forefront of expanding scientific understanding of the complex processes regulating our biosphere. His work has shown that ecosystems and the biosphere are not super-organisms, as previously suggested, but complex adaptive systems with apparent regularity emerging from self-organization processes. Dr. Levin is among the most prolific (400+ papers and books) and decorated ecologists of our day whose body of work continues to have a profound impact on environmental thinking and has led to new philosophies and methods of environmental protection.

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