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Global Dialogue Lecture Series

Think Global, Act Global: Pandemic and the Environment

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This year, lockdowns across the world meant fewer emissions and an increase in wildlife sightings in and around cities. In many locations we breathed cleaner air when we emerged, but is staying at home truly enough to help work against climate change? Is the current pandemic actually worsening our effects on the environment? And, how does sustainability figure in the post-COVID world? Let's discuss.

Amaya Davis Ph.D., Business Administration -- Northcentral University; MS in Aeronautical Science and BS Professional Aeronautics -- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Dr. Amaya Davis is a supplier quality engineer and project manager supporting Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, a US Navy Veteran, and a professor of aeronautics and business. She holds a BS in Professional Aeronautics and a MS in Aeronautical Science – Aerospace Safety Systems, from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; and a PhD. In Business Administration from Northcentral University. Additionally, Dr. Davis serves as a Solar System Ambassador for NASA – Jet Propulsion Lab, Armed Forces Europe, bringing the latest missions, news and R&D projects to the public. She will share her perspective on the short-term impact of pandemics on the environment by sharing some cutting edge imaging topic and data collected from NASA.

Victor J. Acosta Chaves holds a Master of Science in Biology from the University of Costa Rica, with focus in wildlife (amphibians, reptiles, birds). He is a professor at UCR and CPI Veritas, and has worked as a consultant biologist with clean energy projects and wildlife impacts. Victor's research focuses on topics such as herpetofauna and bird ecology and conservation in relation to climate change in Costa Rica; as well as ecotourism and citizen science. Currently, he is involved in mitigation processes of support and environmental issues related to the COVID-19 crisis in Costa Rica (conservation of critical endangered species, tourism crisis, wildlife law reform, etc).