

CACOR cordially invites you to a Luncheon

Learning to Live Differently - The Search for Values that will make a world of difference

Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 12-2pm

Leading this discussion: Gabriela Gref Innis, Secretary, CACOR;
Sheila Murray, Former Chair, CACOR; and Lalith Gunaratne, Member, CACOR

Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset Street West, Ottawa

Cost: \$25 general admission; \$20 for members, their spouses and student guests. The downstairs ante-room and dining area will be open at 11:30 a.m. for those who wish to meet and greet friends and colleagues prior to lunch.

Please confirm attendance by replying to this e-mail on or before Monday January 18th. Please remember that CACOR is responsible for payment of guests who have registered. If you register and need to change your commitment, please inform us as well before Monday January 18th. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We unfortunately will follow up with an invoice for those who were not able to honour their commitment.

In order to accommodate all members, associates and guests please indicate your presence to this event as soon as possible. Please indicate as well your dietary needs: vegetarian, vegan or other.

About the presentation:

Our 19th century, male dominated economic growth model - which grew out of ancient feudal systems driven through fear - espousing the value of vested self-interest enshrined in our cultural, political, economic and social institutions, moves at the expense of natural and social capital. The creation of wealth, culturally specific to the dominant industrial societies, has resulted in an underclass of poverty, inequality and destruction of our natural ecosystem diminishing our bio-capacity.

We have put value on GDP based on false assumptions and distortions to favor a growth at the expense of human well being and justice. This model values efficiency over equity, machines over people and development over the environment, leaving a majority of people not meeting their basic needs.

When we quiet our mind and reflect, we realize that compassion, caring, nurturing and loving communion at a primal level is what perpetuates life on earth. These values epitomize our oneness with nature.

Even if we give voice to these values, the dominant value of self-interest, based on competition and fear is ingrained in our minds. So, there is resistance to change, by the beneficiaries and those who aspire to this wealth.

How do we break this cycle? How can we become open and fearless to the emergent – to those new values that may arise from our explorations? How do we let go of the old and let come the new to make the transition?

We invite you to this exciting, dynamic and emergent living inquiry in *The Search for Values that will make a world of difference*, where we will explore ways of “*Learning to Live Differently*”.