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Introductory Courses
Introduction to Alfred North Whitehead’s Thought (Aaron Gare and Robert Mesle)
Introduction to Christian Process Theology (Gary Dorrien)

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1. Catastrophic Climate Change and Global Governance (David Griffin and Richard Falk)
2. The Technological Response: Geo-Engineering (Kevin O'Brien and Forrest Gingerman)
3. The Threat of Massive Hunger (Evagelos Vlattanios)
4. Just Peacemaking: Response to Threats of Catastrophe (Jay McDaniel and Paul Babe)
5. A New Economic System (David Lewit)
7. Organizing for Change and Sustaining Ingenuity (Roger Gottfried)

Section II. An Alternative Vision: Whitehead’s Philosophy (Roland Faber, chair)
1. Whitehead and Analytic Philosophy (Dan Dombrowski)
2. Whitehead and Continental Philosophy (A) (Helmut Maassen)
3. Whitehead and Continental Philosophy (B) (J. R. Hustwit)
4. Whitehead’s Value Theory and Ethics (Theodore Walker)
5. Whiteheadian Philosophy of Religion (John Quiring and Joo Sophia Oh)

Section III. Alienation from Nature: How It Arose
1. What Is Civilization and What Are Its Consequences to the Human Psyche? (David Roy)
2. (Bilingual) How Have the Enlightenment and Industrialization Reshaped the Relation to the Natural World? (Rosemary Radford Rutner)
3. Late-Modernity and Its Reductive Monism (Matthew Witt)
4. (Bilingual) Birth-Pangs of Ecological Civilization (Barbara Maruca and Fabin Yang)

Section VI. Reimagining and Reinventing the Wisdom Traditions—World Loyalty (Jim Rublin, chair)
1. What Can We Hope For? (Sandra Lubarsky)
2. Sustainable Practice and the Cultural Dimensions of Ecological Health (Sandra Lubarsky)
3. Population and Women (Marllyn Hempel)
4. Seizing an Alternative: the Future of Meat without Animals (Briane Donaldson)
5. Agroecology as Foundational for Ecological Civilization (Dean Frederenber)
6. (Bilingual) Birth-Pangs of Ecological Civilization (Barbara Maruca and Fabin Yang)

Section VII. Reimagining and Reinventing the Wisdom Traditions—Spirituality (Ignacio Castuera, chair)
1. Can Whitehead’s Cosmology Contribute to Hindu and Jain Thought? (Jeffrey Long)
2. The Value of an Ecological Civilization (Rayven Singh)
3. How Does Buddhism Nondually Process Thought Respond to the Global Crisis? (Louers Arguelles)
4. (Bilingual) Continuan Thought and Whitehead (John Berthrong and Hiengph Gao)
5. Thinking Independently in the Tradition of Classical Greece (Donald Crosby)
6. The Contributions of Indigenous Wisdom (Christian Daniels)
7. The Contributions of Africa (Toni Bond Leonard)
8. The Quest for Wholeness: East and West (Andrew Park)
9. Mystical Disciplines, Ritual, and Worship (Chris Chapple and Steve Odin)
10. Ec-Feminisms (Heather Eaton)

Section X. Seizing and Reinventing Societies and Social Thought (Vern Yuck, chair)
Section Plenary: “An Atom Is Hard to Find” (William Connolly)

Section XII. The Transformative Power of Art (Bari Kline, chair)
1. Imaginal Communities: The Power of Place in Art and Story (Lisa Muntz)
2. Eco-acoustics: The Power of Contemporary Music (Alan Smiley and Mavis Smiley)
3. Tragic Beauty: Poetry, Fiction and Creative Nonfiction in an Irreplaceable World (Christina Hutchins)
4. Film and Hope: The Power of Film to Awaken the Mind (Mary Evelyn Tucker and Cynthia Brown)
5. Mystical Disciplines, Ritual, and Worship (Chris Chapple and Steve Odin)
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Section Plenary: “For the First Time in History” (William Connolly)

Section Plenary: “That’s Interesting, But Is It True?” (Gorgias Romanos)

Section X. Reimagining and Reinventing Culture (Andrew Schwartz, chair)
1. The Universe Story and Inclusive History as the Context of Meaning (Mary Evelyn Tucker and Cynthia Brown)
2. Entangled Difference: Gender, Sex, Race, Class, etc. (Catherine Keller and Monica Coleman)
3. Good Work: Core Challenges for an Ecological Civilization (George Atkins)
4. Eating: the Production and Consumption of Food (Kelsey Rajala)
5. End-of-Life: From Medical Failure to Sacred Experience (Sarah Nichols)
6. Popular Culture: Social Media and Entertainment (Randall Auxier)
7. (Bilingual) The Built Environment (Matthew Witt, Brian Orser, and Zonghao Bao)
8. Documentary Films (Jonathan Sing)

Section Plenary: “Do Ideas Matter?” (John Sweeney)

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