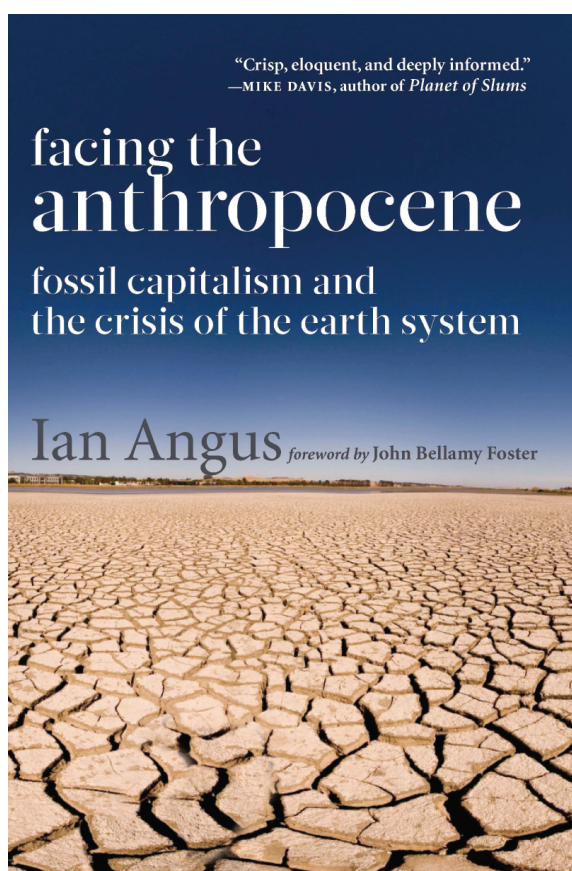


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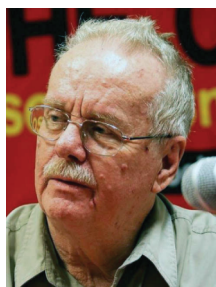
Tuesday, September 13th, 12:30 to 1:50 pm
in Room 229 of the Department of Geography

Ian Angus

Facing the Anthropocene: Fossil Capitalism and the Crisis of the Earth System



Science tells us that a new and dangerous stage in planetary evolution has begun—the Anthropocene, a time of rising temperatures, extreme weather, rising oceans, and mass species extinctions. Humanity faces not just more pollution or warmer weather, but a crisis of the earth system. If business as usual continues, this century will be marked by rapid deterioration of our physical, social, and economic environment. Large parts of earth will become uninhabitable, and civilization itself will be threatened. The presentation will examine what has caused this planetary emergency, and what we must do to meet the challenge. Bridging the gap between earth system science and ecological Marxism, the presentation draws on not only the latest scientific findings about the physical causes and consequences of the Anthropocene transition, but also the social and economic trends that underlie the crisis.



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