

Keynote Speech

Protection of Nature and the Necessary Ethical-Political Democratic Revolution

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ABSTRACT

Environmental public policies are suffering the harmful effects of a tacit agreement between political and economical elites. Heedless of philosophical-political references, an international politico-economical oligarchic caste is largely united around dealing with environmental issues based on the sustainable development model, which is an expression of a utilitarian, anthropocentric perspective. Moreover, for this model biodiversity is in the main merely a reservoir of natural resources for human use. A dual transition - both ethical and political - is thus urgently needed to preserve the integrity of natural systems and support the development of truly human societies.