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Psychology in Action: Leading for the Climate

SESSION 1 **NOVEMBER 18, 19:30-23:00 ET**

SESSION 2 **NOVEMBER 19, 08:45-12:00 ET**

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Thursday, November 18

Time	Topic	Speaker
19:30-19:40	Welcome remarks	• Amanda Clinton, PhD, American Psychological Association • Sofia Ramalho, PhD, Order of Portuguese Psychologists
19:40-19:55	COP26 review	• Amanda Clinton, PhD, American Psychological Association • Terri Morrissey, PhD, *This Is*, Consulting • Sofia Ramalho, PhD, Order of Portuguese Psychologists • Richard Plenty, PhD, *This Is*, Consulting • Nicola Gale, PhD, European Federation of Psychology Associations
19:55-20:00	Audience Q&A	
20:00-20:20	The role of leadership and psychology in the fight against climate change	• Mark Foley, MA, EirGrid

20:20-20:40	Enabling community action in the climate crisis – an important role for psychology	• Brian Dixon, PhD, New Zealand Psychological Society
20:40-20:50	Global Psychology Alliance discussion	• Richard Plenty, PhD, *This Is*, Consulting • Frank C. Worrell, PhD, American Psychological Association • Hana Suzuki, PhD, Japanese Psychological Association
20:50-20:55	Audience Q&A	
20:55-21:00	Break	
21:00-21:20	Proyecto Tití: Motivating community action to protect cotton-top tamarins in Colombia	• Rosamira Guillen, MA, Proyecto Tití
21:20-21:40	Global Psychology Alliance discussion	• Catriona Davis-McCabe, PhD, Australian Psychological Society • Terri Morrissey, PhD, *This Is,* Consulting • Roberto Ordóñez González, PhD, Nicaraguan Association for the Development of Psychology
21:40-21:50	Audience Q&A	
21:50-22:00	Break	
22:00-22:20	Applying psychological science to reduce energy use in buildings	• Beth Karlin, PhD, See Change Institute
22:20-22:40	Global Psychology Alliance discussion	• Wendy Jeremie, MsC, Trinidad and Tobago Association of Psychologists • Irina Feygina, PhD, American Psychological Association United Nations team • Pascal Nery Jean Charles, PhD, Haitian Association of Psychology
22:40-22:50	Audience Q&A	
22:50-23:00	Discussant	• John Jamir Benzon R. Aruta, PhD, Psychological Association of the Philippines

Friday, November 19

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:45-9:00	Welcome remarks; Review of Day 1	• Amanda Clinton, PhD, American Psychological Association

9:00-9:20	Harnessing psychology to address climate change	• Susan Clayton, PhD, American Psychological Association
9:20-9:40	Global Psychology Alliance discussion	• Joanne Hands, PhD, Middle Eastern Psychological Association • Lisiane Bizarro, PhD, Brazilian Society of Psychology • Carlos Zalaquett, PhD, Interamerican Society of Psychology
9:40-9:50	Audience Q&A	
9:50-10:00	Break	
10:00-10:20	How psychology associations can educate on climate change: The Ukrainian experience	• Valeriia Palii, PhD, National Psychological Association of Ukraine
10:20-10:40	Global Psychology Alliance discussion	• Miroslav Světlák, PhD, Czech Psychology Network for Global Changes • Michael Ezenwa, PhD, Nigerian Psychological Association • Usha Kiran Subba, PhD, Nepalese Psychological Association
10:40-10:50	Audience Q&A	
10:50-11:00	Break	
11:00-11:10	Hopeful narratives for climate action	• Abdulla Shahid, MA, United Nations General Assembly
11:10-11:30	The health drive at COP26 and beyond; Opportunities for action	• Elena Villalobos-Prats, MA, World Health Organization
11:30-11:50	Global Psychology Alliance discussion	• Luis Carrizo, PhD, Uruguayan Psychological Society • Sandy Shullman, PhD, American Psychological Association • Rashmi Jaipal, PhD, American Psychological Association United Nations team
11:50-12:00	Closing remarks	• Jennifer F. Kelly, PhD, ABPP, American Psychological Association

Speakers



John Jamir Benzon R. Aruta, PhD, Representative, Psychological Association of the Philippines

John Jamir Benzon R. Aruta is a lecturer at the De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines. His research focuses on 1) the cultural aspects of mental health in collectivistic contexts, 2) the role of culture in promoting environmental sustainability, and 3) intergenerational transmission of environmental beliefs, concerns, and attitudes.



Amanda Clinton, PhD, Senior Director for International Affairs, American Psychological Association

Amanda Clinton, M.Ed., Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist and a credentialed school psychologist with experience in community clinics, pediatric hospitals, public schools, academic settings, and public policy. She completed a AAAS Congressional Fellowship in the Office of Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) where she helped write the Mental Health Reform Act of 2016 (passed as 21st Century Cures). Her scholarly work includes publication of "Integrated Assessment of the Bilingual Child" and numerous peer-reviewed papers and book chapters, as well as Associate Editorship of both the *Journal of Educational and Consulting Psychology* and the *Interamerican Journal of Psychology*. She has won several prestigious awards, including a Fulbright Scholarship and the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues' Educator/Mentor of the Year.



Susan Clayton, PhD, Whitmore-Williams Professor of Psychology, College of Wooster, Ohio

Susan Clayton is the Whitmore-Williams Professor of Psychology at the College of Wooster in Ohio and a visiting fellow at the Paris Institute for Advanced Studies. Dr. Clayton's research examines people's relationship with the natural environment; she has written about the effects of climate change on mental health, and about climate anxiety in particular. She is a fellow of the American Psychological Association as well as a member-at-large of the APA Board of Directors. She is a lead author on the forthcoming Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.



Brian Dixon, MSc, DiplClinPsych, Consultant Clinical Psychologist; Co-convenor of Climate Psychology Task Force and Director of Scientific Issues, New Zealand Psychological Society

Brian Dixon has a long-standing interest in the role of psychology in environmental protection and community advocacy. He sees his most important professional interest as being in his role as co-convenor of the Climate Psychology Task Force of the New Zealand Psychological Society. In his capacity as the Society's Director of Scientific Issues, he represents the Society on the Global Psychology Alliance where his contribution is mainly focused on the profession's international collaboration on climate psychology matters. Having escaped from the constraints of government and university careers, Brian now enjoys his clinical consultancy work as the main source of funding of his quest to see more psychological and Indigenous knowledge applied to the climate emergency. Brian is a Fellow of the New Zealand Psychological Society and a long-standing International Affiliate of the American Psychological Association.



Mark Foley, MA, Chief Executive Officer, EirGrid

Mark Foley joined EirGrid Group as Chief Executive in June 2018, having held the role of Managing Director of Land Solutions in Coillte since January 2016. Previously, Mark was Managing Director of Coillte Enterprise where he led the development of new businesses in renewable energy, telecommunications, land development and land sales.

From November 2000 to August 2008, Mark was Director of Capital Programmes at Dublin Airport Authority. In this role he was responsible for master planning, permitting, planning and delivery of c. €1.5bn in airport infrastructure at Dublin, Shannon and Cork airports. Prior to that, Mark held a number of senior executive roles with multinationals in the Speciality Chemicals and Electronics sectors. Mark has a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering Degree from University College Dublin, a Master's in Industrial Engineering from University College Dublin and has attended executive development courses at the Pennsylvania State University and IMD.



Nicola Gale, CPsychol, FBPsS, Vice President and Treasurer, European Federation of Psychologists' Associations (EFPA)

Nicola is the lead on EFPA's Executive Council (EC) for work on psychology and climate change. She is EFPA's representative to the Global Psychology Alliance and the EC liaison to the American Psychological Association.

Nicola has been President of The British Psychological Society and has represented UK psychology in Europe and internationally. She has worked both in a university role, at City, University of London, and as a clinical lead and service manager in mental health and organisational development in the UK National Health Service.

Nicola has worked at the director level in Human Resources and organisational development and training. As a management consultant and director in a large professional services firm, she had international management consultancy and operational management experience. She is a former chartered accountant.



Rosamira Guillen, MA, Executive Director, Proyecto Tití

Rosamira Guillen has a Master's in Landscape Architecture and advanced degree in environmental management. She acted as executive director of the Barranquilla zoo, leading the recovery and remodeling of this recreational center and shifting its mission into a conservation center for Colombia's native wildlife. She is the co-founder and executive director of Fundación Proyecto Tití since its creation in 2004, leading efforts to guarantee a long-term future for cotton-top tamarins (*saguinus oedipus*), a squirrel-sized primate that is only found in the tropical forests of northern Colombia, critically endangered due to deforestation and to its capture for the illegal pet trade. Rosamira is the winner of the Whitley Award in 2015, the Nat Geo / Buffet Award in 2017 and the Latin American Green Award in 2019, recognizing her leadership and efforts to protect Colombia's unique wildlife.



Beth Karlin, PhD, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, See Change Institute

Beth Karlin is the founder and CEO of See Change Institute, which studies and shapes the role of human behavior in social and environmental change. She and her team are working on projects to train energy managers on behavior change, understand and influence adoption of smart home technology, and support local community choice energy programs in California. Beth is also Past President of the American Psychological Association's Environmental Psychology Division, Associate Editor for Energy Efficiency Journal and a member of the National Academies of Science Environmental Health Matters Initiative. She earned her BA in Psychology, Master's in Public Policy and PhD in Social Ecology with an emphasis in Environmental Psychology.



Jennifer F. Kelly, PhD, ABPP, President, American Psychological Association (APA)

Dr. Jennifer Kelly is founding director of the Atlanta Center for Behavioral Medicine, where she works primarily with patients who have chronic medical conditions. Her area of specialty is pain management, a topic on which she has written numerous research articles and book chapters. She is certified in clinical health psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP). Dr. Kelly has received numerous honors including the APA Division of Health Psychology/American Psychological Foundation Timothy B. Jeffrey Award for Outstanding Contributions to Clinical Health Psychology, the APA State Leadership Award, the APA Karl F. Heiser Advocacy Award, and the Diversity Award from the Committee of State Leaders of APA. Her primary APA presidential initiative is to advance psychology's role in achieving health equity - particularly timely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has exacerbated existing racial, ethnic and socioeconomic health disparities in the United States.



Terri Morrissey, MBA, Chairperson, *This Is,* Consulting

Terri Morrisey, B.A. (Psychology), MBA (Dean's Award for Excellence), Diploma in Business & Executive Coaching, is a business psychologist and Chairperson of the international organisation and leadership development practice *This Is,* Consulting. She was the CEO of the Psychological Society of Ireland from 2015-2019 and Chair of its Science & Public Policy Committee. She is currently a Visiting Fellow at Trinity College, Dublin, in the Department of Psychology. She has extensive experience working with global and blue-chip organisations in leadership & culture change. She is co-author with Richard Plenty of 'Uncertainty Rules? Making uncertainty work for you.' She is a member of the Global Psychology Alliance's (GPA) climate change work group, and was part of the GPA delegation to COP26.



Valeriia Palii, PhD, President, National Psychological Association of Ukraine

After visiting the International Summit on Psychology and Global Health in Lisbon in 2019, Valeriia started to develop climate psychology in Ukraine. She gathered proactive psychologists and ecologists in the country and started to act. The National Psychological Association of Ukraine launched an informational campaign for psychologists about the connection between climate change and mental health. In the beginning of 2021, she, as a part of a group of Ukrainian scientists, won the People's Choice Award in the American Psychological Associations PsychSolutions competition with the idea to create an online training course for psychologists about climate issues. In November 2021, the course will be launched in Ukraine.



Richard Plenty, PhD, Managing Director, *This Is,* Consulting

Richard Plenty Ph.D., C.Psychol., Diploma in Business & Executive Coaching, is an experienced British international organisational psychologist. He has lived and worked in Europe, Asia, and North America. He has worked in the field of organisation development and business psychology in a variety of sectors and territories. He is a Visiting Fellow at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland in the Department of Psychology and the co-author of 'Uncertainty Rules? Making uncertainty work for you.' He is a member of the American Psychological Association's Climate Change Task Force and the Global Psychology Alliance's (GPA) climate change work group, and was part of the GPA's delegation to COP26.



Sofia Ramalho, MA, Vice President, Order of Portuguese Psychologists

Sofia Ramalho graduated in Psychology in 1997, Porto University, Pre-specialization in Health and Clinical Psychology, with Pre-Bologne Master Science Degree in Psychology, Specialization in Psychological Intervention with Children and Youth. She is also a Specialist in Educational Psychology and Work, Social, and Organizational Psychology through the Order of Portuguese Psychologists. She has been Vice-President of the Portuguese Psychologists' Association since 2017 and Member of the Advisory Board of the Faculty of Psychology, Porto University, since 2019.

For more than 20 years, she has coordinated educational services and delivered collaborative psychological consultancy services. She also participates in action-investigation projects for psychological intervention and educative innovation in collaboration with Portuguese universities. She presents professional and scientific communications and has authored many written articles for specialized reviews, newspapers and periodicals.



Abdulla Shahid, MA, Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Maldives; President, United Nations General Assembly

The Honourable Abdulla Shahid is the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives and President of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly, which runs from September 2021 until September 2022. Mr. Shahid is widely recognized as an exceptional politician and seasoned diplomat, with a long and distinguished career serving in both the government and legislature of Maldives. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Shahid has advocated for a rights-based approach to climate change by making a submission to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, under Human Rights Council resolution 7/23, on human rights and climate change. He drew attention to the direct and indirect effects of climate change on the enjoyment of a wide range of human rights, which reinvigorated the discourse on climate change and brought to light its multidimensional impacts.



Elena Villalobos-Prats, MA, Capacity Building and Country Support Lead, Climate Change and Health, World Health Organization

Elena holds a master's in public health (environmental health stream) from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She also holds master's degrees in Law, International Development and Disaster Preparedness and Response, and Equity and Gender studies.

Elena has been working at the World Health Organization (WHO) for over 12 years. In her current position at the Climate Change and Health Unit, she is the lead for capacity building and country support, including for the development of related technical and programming guidance.

Prior to joining WHO, Elena was the Country Representative of the nongovernmental organization (NGO) Paz y Desarrollo in Vietnam, and has over ten years' experience in managing NGO health and development projects in Asia and Central and South America.