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Global Futures: **Now**

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Featured events



Global Futures Conversation tackles conservation, systems thinking in December

The [Global Futures Conversation: A new vision for the future of conservation](#) will take place on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. in the Rob and Melani Walton Center for Planetary Health auditorium.

This conversation explores systems-based visions for the future of conservation — where climate science, culture and public policy converge.

Our panelists, experts in conservation from around the university, will explore how transdisciplinary learning, storytelling and global collaboration are reshaping the way we understand and protect Earth's interconnected systems.

The Global Futures Conversation series is open to the public. Past conversations are available to watch on our [YouTube channel](#).

[**Register**](#)

New findings



Researchers find mammal diversity is expanding rapidly

The number of catalogued mammal species has increased by 25% since the last major reference taxonomy was published in 2005. If current trends continue, researchers project that science could recognize over 8,000 species of mammals by 2050.

[Read more on ASU News](#)

Recent happenings



ASU crowd hears story of resilience from famed 'napalm girl'

Kim Phuc, who was immortalized as the 'napalm girl' in a photo taken during the Vietnam War, shared the life lessons she learned from her lifelong journey of healing during the kickoff talk for our Wrigley Lecture Series.

[Read about Phuc's journey](#)



[Youth Climate Summit helps students bring sustainability to their communities](#)

High school students from around the state gathered to learn how to address sustainability challenges in their schools and communities.

[Read more on ASU News](#)



['Food Is Medicine' event cultivates new solutions for sustainable health](#)

Trailblazers from science, farming, health, culture and community advocacy gathered to share innovative, community-driven solutions to challenges in food production, quality, access and sustainability.

[Read more on ASU News](#)

Welcome new faculty

These four new faculty members bring extensive expertise in conservation biology, food systems, energy resources and the social dimensions of sustainability to the School of Sustainability, one of five schools in the Rob Walton College of Global Futures.



[Rebecca Kariuki](#)



[Kate Schneider](#)



[Eleanor Hennessy](#)



[Stylianos Syropoulos](#)

Our impact



[ASU program educates real estate professionals on Arizona water affairs](#)

REAL Water Arizona aims to equip real estate professionals with accurate and up-to-date information about the importance of water for their clients and communities.

[Read more on ASU News](#)

[From campus to company: How research sparked a new water tech startup](#)

Enrique Vivoni founded Tributary as a way to address water supply challenges exacerbated by wildfires and forest management. The startup's mission is to provide better tools that measure the real water outcomes of forest restoration efforts.



[Read more on ASU News](#)

Upcoming events

Arntzen Grand Challenges Lecture: Predicting emerging infectious pathogens from animals

Hosted by the Biodesign Institute

Nov. 20 | in-person | 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium | Walton Center for Planetary
Health | Arizona State University

777 E. University Dr., Tempe, AZ 85281

[Register](#)

Accelerating conservation success in the



Anthropocene

Hosted by the Global Futures Laboratory

Nov. 25 | in-person | 2 p.m.

Room 560 | Walton Center for Planetary Health | Arizona State University

777 E. University Dr., Tempe, AZ 85281

[Register](#)



Third International Atmospheric Water Harvesting Summit

Hosted by the Global Center for Water Technology

Jan. 15 | in-person | 8 a.m.

Jan. 16 | in-person | 8 a.m.

Memorial Union | Arizona State University

301 E. Orange St., Tempe AZ 85281

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Publications



Global Futures: Futurecast | Fall 2025

Our latest edition of Futurecast tackles the steps necessary for transformative action in a complex, rapidly changing world. Explore the future of ocean stability, understand what it takes to decode a genome, learn about the 10 latest insights in climate science and more.

[Read Futurecast Vol. 8](#)

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