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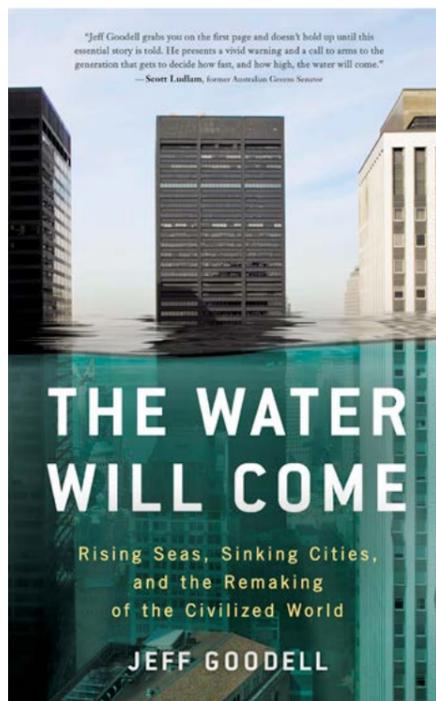
Networking & Registration
from 14:30 - 15:00

The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World



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Free Admission.
Seating is available on a
first come, first served
basis. Please be seated
10 minutes before lecture
begins.



A renowned investigative journalist and contributing editor to Rolling Stone, Jeff Goodell has over 20 years' experience covering a wide range of topics from politics, technology, crime, to technology and environmental issues. Since the early 2000, he dedicated his time researching and writing on environmental issues, and has published three critically acclaimed books on important environmental issues. "Big Coal: The Dirty Secret Behind America's Energy Future" was awarded the David R. Brower Award from the Sierra Club in 2012, for its outstanding environmental editing. "How to Cool the Planet: Geoengineering and the Audacious Quest to Fix Earth's Climate" won the 2011 Grantham Prize Award of Special Merit. His latest book, "The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World", featuring extensive interviews with scientists, climate change leaders and former US President Barack Obama, was published in 2017 and was soon rated a New York Times Critics' Top Book of 2017, one of Booklist's Top 10 Science Books of 2017, and one of Washington Post's 50 Notable Works of Nonfiction in 2017. Sea levels are projected to rise fast in the coming decades, with profound implications for virtually every coastal nation in the world, including Singapore. In this lecture, he will discuss the economic, environmental and political implications of rising seas and what cities around the world are doing to prepare for them. Goodell will also report on a recent two-month-long trip he recently took to Antarctica with scientists who are studying the risk of sudden collapse of West Antarctic ice sheet.

"Jeff Goodell's latest contribution to the environmental cause paints an eye-opening portrait of humankind's dilemma as temperatures – and sea levels – continue to rise. The Water Will Come brings together compelling anecdotes from all over the globe and shocking expert assessments that should make the world's few remaining skeptics reconsider."
(John F. Kerry, former US Secretary of State)

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The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World—the title of Jeff Goodell’s new must-read book on sea level rise—says volumes. Goodell, a contributing editor at Rolling Stone and the author of the excellent 2011 book How to Cool the Planet: Geoengineering and the Audacious Quest to Fix Earth’s Climate, argues that there is little we can do to stop the inexorable rise of the world’s oceans due to human-caused global warming—though we may be able to slow it. Goodell is an excellent journalist, and his treatment of a highly technical subject like sea level rise is both highly readable and informative. He relies on story-telling and interviews with a wide range of scientists, developers, civic leaders and politicians involved in the sea level rise issue. Sea-level rise is one of the central facts of our time, as real as gravity. It will reshape our world in ways most of us can only dimly imagine. What do forest fires in the West have to do with melting ice sheets and rising oceans? For the water will come. "If we want to minimize the impact of sea-level rise in the next century, here's how we do it: stop burning fossil fuels and move to higher ground. We wouldn't even have to stop burning fossil fuels tomorrow—if we did it by 2050, that would be good enough. It wouldn't entirely halt sea-level rise, but it would avoid the worst of it." Thank you to NetGalley, the author and publisher for providing me with an arc of this important new book for an honest review. ...more. flag 32 likes · Like · see review. That's why The Water Will Come, an undoubtedly distressing book, is a welcome shock to the system. Globetrotter Jeff Goodell visits several coastal communities to see how they're handling rising sea levels. He finds that in almost every country, the outlook is dangerously shortsighted. From investing in infrastructure that will be obsolete once operational to simply treading water, few leaders have more than a 10-year plan for a 100-year problem. Here's hoping Goodell's hard truths can shake us out of our apathy and into action. Recommended by: Rob Smith.