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“Is a just transition possible? - a southern perspective on the global polycrisis and what happens next”

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In this seminar Prof Mark Swilling will discuss the arguments developed in his recently published book *Just Transitions: Explorations of Sustainability in an Unfair World* (Tokyo: United Nations University Press, 2012).

In particular, he will address questions about what lies beyond the current global polycrisis and the implications for rapidly industrialising developing economies. Can we anticipate a ‘sixth wave’ of industrial growth? What will the next long-term development cycle look like?

He will draw on his work on decoupling and global material flows for UNEP’s International Resource Panel (<http://www.unep.org/resourcepanel/>) as well as his local work in Stellenbosch, South Africa, where he has translated his thinking into practice in the building of South Africa’s first socially integrated ecologically designed neighbourhood.

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