

# Best of Times, Worst of Times: Hard Choices for Tomorrow's World

Sustainability Lecture

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**Monday 31 January 2011, 6.15pm  
Windsor Building Auditorium**

These days, humans on average live longer and healthier lives, with more energy subsidies and food per person than in earlier times. This results from our ever-increasing understanding of how the natural world works. But increasingly we are finding that our well-intentioned applications of that understanding are having unintended adverse effects. This lecture will survey some of the challenges that confront us: still increasing human numbers; the emergence of new diseases; how to manage increasing demands for energy; and, looking beyond our own species, the sixth great wave of mass extinctions which seems likely to unfold over the next few centuries.

**All welcome. Admission free. No booking necessary. Followed by a reception in the Windsor Building Foyer. For more information 01784 414471**

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