

## **WS06 Prof. Matthew PYE (EN)**

*Friday 10 February 2023 09:55 (45 minutes)*

Title: When the world turns alien

Description: Global heating has pushed ecosystems towards the edge of a deep destabilisation. Those who have seen the data quite rightly struggle to understand how human society could allow such situation to happen. After a brief recap of the science of climate tipping points, this workshop will consult different philosophers who found themselves inside worlds that were absurd, and profoundly and alien to them.

To be able to indulge the philosophical dimensions of this scenario students will be required to do some background work before the session (from the Climate Academy textbook). <https://theclimateacademy.org/resources> In the session itself, we will mobilise the life and works of Nietzsche, Kafka and Plato.

Reading

Chapter 8 - The Climate Academy Textbook (about 20mins read).

<https://theclimateacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Climate-Academy-Chapter-8-Tipping-Points-Physical.pdf>

Watching

Where are we now? The Carbon Budget. (12mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3gbtR7BFgo>

Speaker: Mr. Pye is a philosophy teacher and the philosophy department coordinator at EEB2. He is also an author and the founder of the Climate Academy.

From his LinkedIn account:

I have taught Philosophy at the European School Brussels II since 2007.

Since 2011, I have worked closely with Michael Wadleigh (Oscar Winner, Director, 'Woodstock' 1970) and Birgit van Munster (DVM), a sustainability and climate change expert. All of our projects they together have been committed to bridging the gap between the science of sustainable development and public awareness.

The Climate Academy (est. 2011) for gifted and talented students hothouses their understanding sustainability through collaboration with leading figures in the field.

"Plato Tackles Climate Change" (2020) is the first in a series of publications that opens up both the classroom and the Academy to the wider world. This series of books: "No Common Sense", takes the greatest minds of the past (such as Nietzsche, Arendt, Descartes, Popper...) and gets them to expose the critical issues of sustainability that we face.

**Presenter:** Prof. PYE, Matthew

**Session Classification:** WORKSHOP #3