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**Title of the presentation: Ethical Challenges of the Anthropocene**

**Abstract**

Professor Ott's lecture will be in English and will orient around his recent text 'Verantwortung im Anthropozän und Konzepte von Nachhaltigkeit / Responsibility in the Anthropocene and Concepts from Sustainability,' which appears in the collection *Nachhaltigkeit und Transition: Concepts / Transition Écologique et Durabilité: Concepts*, edited by Rosa Sierra and Anahita Grisoni. In that text, Prof. Ott explores challenges and opportunities associated with the specification of a responsible ethical subject of Anthropocene politics. There he addresses the philosophical implications of the pressing need to develop an ethic appropriate to The Anthropocene and relates these to a distinction between the basic need for a universal point of reference when specifying the ethical subject and the compelling specific context of The Anthropocene. Working through a series of concrete Anthropocene context, Prof. Ott explores, in this orienting text, both the limitations and possibilities that this challenge implies.

**Short bio**

Konrad Ott is a philosopher and Professor at the Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, where he holds the chair for "Philosophy and Ethics of the Environment". His main research topics are theories of justice, sustainability, ethical aspects of climate change, nature conservation justifications, and the normative basis for environmental policy.