Climate Fiction - Science, Stories or Seeds of Transformation?

Thursday, April 2, 2015
12:00 – 1:45 p.m.

ASU Biodesign Institute,
Auditorium B105
727 E. Tyler St.,
Tempe, AZ 85287

Light lunch will be served.

Internationally renowned award winning authors like Margaret Atwood, Paolo Bacigalupi and Ian McEwan are turning to the emerging literary genre of Climate Fiction – or Cli-Fi – to tell stories set in a climatically changed world.

The Imagination and Climate Futures Initiative invites you to a panel discussion on Cli-Fi that will discuss the nature and roots of the genre and its impact or influence beyond simply telling stories. Can a story trigger a social movement? Does it offer science lessons? Could a book change politics or societies? How?

Adding some interactivity to the discussion, the panel will engage attendees to create on-the-spot Cli-Fi storytelling with a short flash fiction exercise.

The Panel:
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