

Introduction

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Dawn Bazely:

The organizing committee has brought together diverse colleagues from across the world to discuss a range of answers to how disenfranchised people, without power or money, can adapt to climate change.

“It’s not something in the future for these people. It’s something these see in their daily lives.”

Dawn Bazley introduced the diverse organizing committee: Martin Bunch (Environmental Studies), Ellie Perkins (Environmental Studies), Kaz Higuchi (Environmental Studies), Richard Saunders (Political Science), Dawn Bazely (IRIS) and Adrian Shubert (Associate Vice-President, International) as well as the conference organizers Annette Dubreuil (business) and Jennifer Jew (Environmental Studies).

It is a great pleasure to introduce Sheila Embleton, Vice-President Academic and Provost, to open the conference. Dawn mentioned that Sheila, a linguist, has been a long-time supporter of such events.