



**Interactive workshop:**  
*Sustainable Development and Environmental Ethics –  
Exemplary Perspectives from Africa and Europe*

**Date and venue**

01.10.2018, 10:00 – 15:00 h  
Wilhelmstraße 19, Seminar Room 1.01

**Hosts:**

Thomas Potthast, Marius Albiez, Kerstin Schopp  
International Centre for Ethics in the Sciences and Humanities (IZEW),  
and Chair for Ethics, Philosophy and History of the Life Sciences

**Special Guest**

Workineh Kelbessa  
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**Aim and Scope of the Workshop**

Facing the global challenges of environment and development, the United Nation's report "Our Common Future" (1987) has set the political agenda for Sustainable Development (SD), recently represented by the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The philosophical basis for such normative approaches has been set up and reflected by Environmental Ethics (EnvEth) since the 1970s. Facing moral pluralism, cultural specificities and postcolonial perspectives, the universalist and global dimension of both Sustainable Development and Environmental Ethics have been challenged and, in some instances, productively revised.

In this interactive workshop, we would like to gain some insights on the way, how Environmental Ethics and Sustainable Development are being discussed in Africa and Europe by proving some exemplary perspectives. Similarities as well as specificities and options for mutual learning shall be critically reflected.

**Programme**

10:00

**Welcome and Introduction**

Marius Albiez, Kerstin Schopp, Thomas Potthast

10:20

**African Environmental Ethics and Ubuntu**

Workineh Kelbessa

10:45

**Environmental Ethics in Europe**

Thomas Potthast

11:10

**African and European perspectives on Environmental Ethics meet Sustainable Development**

Group discussions 1

Tea/coffee will be available to support the group work

11:50

**Environmental Ethics meets Sustainable Development – comparing and merging**

Round table discussion II

12:30

**Break** (finger food will be available)

13:30

**Environmental Ethics and Sustainable Development on different continents – Worlds apart?**

Round table discussion 2

14:45

**Wrapping up and Farewell**

15:00

**End of Workshop**