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In Pursuit of the Common Good: A New Alliance between Science, Religion and Policy” by Veerabhadran “Ram” Ramanathan

Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric and Climate Sciences, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego

Wednesday, February 24, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Great Hall, Eleanor Roosevelt College
UC San Diego
Pope John Paul II appointed Ramanathan for life to the Pontifical Academy at the Vatican in 2004. In 2014, Ram was co-organizer of a Vatican conference of distinguished natural and social scientists, philosophers, and policy makers on “Sustainable Humanity, Sustainable Nature.” In a meeting with Pope Francis he stressed the moral dimensions of climate change, especially the dire consequences for the poorest three billion people on this planet.

Ramanathan is convinced that for humanity to act decisively on global warming religions have an indispensable role.

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The Speaker & Lecture

Veerabhadran (“Ram”) Ramanathan is Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric and Climate Sciences and Director of the Center for Atmospheric Sciences at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego. He has made major scientific discoveries about the influence of human activities on global warming: for example, he proved that chlorofluorocarbons, such as Freon and aerosol sprays, are 10,000 times more potent in causing global warming than carbon dioxide. As a result of this research, chlorofluorocarbons were banned in the U.S. three years later. More recently, he has shown that global warming can be slowed by curbing short-lived climate pollutants. He has influenced Pope Francis’s environmental encyclical, “Laudato Si: On Care of Our Common Home,” as well as the Paris Conference on Climate Change at which more than 190 nations agreed for the first time to strive to limit the human-induced increase in global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius.