



Book Launch

Centre for Contemporary Studies invites you to a panel discussion on the occasion of the launch of a book by Praful Bidwai:

*"The Politics of Climate Change and the Global Crisis:
Mortgaging Our Future"*

(Orient BlackSwan)

Panellists:

Praful Bidwai: Journalist, Social Science Researcher and Activist

Prof. J Srinivasan: Chairman, Divecha Centre for Climate Change, Indian Institute of Science

Dr. Sharachchandra Lélé: Senior Fellow, Centre for Environment & Development, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment

DATE & TIME: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011, 4 PM

VENUE: CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY STUDIES, IISC, BANGALORE

(NOTE OUR NEW PREMISES: FORMER JNCASR, NEAR HEALTH CENTRE)

TEA/ COFFEE WILL BE SERVED AT 3.30PM

Abstract: Irreversible, catastrophic climate change caused by greenhouse-gas emissions represents the greatest threat to humankind today. The earth can cope with a maximum global warming of 1.5-2°C. But temperatures will probably rise by 3-4°C-plus. Yet, the world has failed to agree on drastically and equitably reducing emissions by 2020. What explains the failure and its impact on the global developmental crisis? What responsibility should the industrialised countries, historically culpable for climate change, assume? What should the BASIC (Brazil-South Africa-India-China) grouping of emerging big emitters, do? Can the negotiations be rescued? What should India do irrespective of them, for the sake of its vulnerable people? The book grapples with these issues.

About the Author: Praful Bidwai is an independent columnist, social science researcher and environmental activist. A former Senior Editor of *The Times of India*, he currently holds the Durgabai Deshmukh Chair in Social Development, Equity and Human Security at the Council for Social Development, Delhi. Bidwai is a Fellow of the Transnational Institute, Amsterdam.