

**Tuesday, 1 April 2014 at 17:10**  
**Lecture Theatre 3, Appleton Tower**

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Michael Northcott is Professor of Ethics in the School of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh. He has been visiting professor in universities in North America, Australia, Malaysia and Indonesia. He has written 10 books and 70 academic papers in the areas of ecological, economic and social ethics.

## AHRC “Ancestral Time” Public Lecture

# Why the UN is failing the climate challenge, and what we can do about it

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the only international treaty relating to reducing greenhouse gas emissions but it is not working. This is because national greenhouse gas emissions is the wrong target. Emissions are not the driving force of climate change but fossil fuel extraction. In this lecture Michael Northcott argues that exemplary action by individuals, communities and nations – or what the Christian tradition calls political messianism – is capable of resolving the problem. Hence the efforts of climate activists and religious groups to make the social case for disinvesting in fossil fuel extraction

‘This book helps us understand how all the outdated values of the past might be our last chance to still have a future.’

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# A POLITICAL THEOLOGY OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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