



**Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies  
Sophia University Symposium**

**DATE** December 4, 2015 **TIME:** 15:00 - 18:00

**VENUE:** Sophia University, Building 2, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

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## **Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* On Care for Our Common Home and COP 21 Agenda**

Climate change is a living reality. Addressing the complex challenges of climate change requires vision and commitment by world leaders. Pope Francis' environmental encyclical *Laudato Si'* provides our global community with a vision towards achieving sustainable futures for all. As global leaders meet in Paris for COP21 to discuss the way forward on global climate policy, we've invited leaders in global environmental policy and interdisciplinary research to join graduate students, professors and those from civil society to share perspectives on Pope Francis' environmental encyclical and COP21 Paris Agenda.

### **PART I**

Symposium MC: Guangwei Huang, Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies, Professor

Welcome Address: Prof. John Joseph Puthenkalam, Dean, Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies

Inaugural Address: His Excellency Archbishop Joseph Chennoth, Vatican Apostolic Nuncio

Greetings from Sophia University Chancellor, Prof. Toshiaki Koso, S.J.

Greetings from President, Prof. Takashi Hayashita, Ph.D.

Introduction to Keynote Speaker, Prof. Mitsunobu Ichiro, S.J., Faculty of Theology

Keynote Address, Fr Patxi Alvarez, S. J., Secretary of Social Justice and Environment (SJES) at the Jesuit General Curia in Rome

### **PART II**

Panel discussion moderated by Anne McDonald, Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies, Professor

Soichiro Seki, Japanese Ministry of the Environmental, Administrative Vice Minister

Akemi Ori, Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies, Professor

Fr Patxi Alvarez, S. J., Secretary of Social Justice and Environment at the Jesuit General Curia in Rome

Closing Address: Miki Sugimura, Sophia University Vice-President

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