

**NOVEMBER 2, 2023
2,45 PM – 6,30 PM
AULA DIANO**

Eric Katz

(New Jersey Institute of Technology)

**VALUE AND
ONTOLOGY
IN NATURE**

**REFLECTIONS ON CENTRAL THEMES IN
ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY**

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PROGRAMME

Thursday, November 2nd, 2023

2:45 pm–3:00 pm. *Introduction*

Luca Corti (Padua) & Pierfrancesco Biasetti (Padua & Berlin)

3:00 pm–4:00 pm. *Keynote Lecture*

Eric Katz (New Jersey Institute of Technology)

Title: *Value and Ontology in Nature: Reflections on Central Themes in Environmental Philosophy*

Break

4:15 pm–5:15 pm. *Discussion Session 1. Topic: Conceptions of Nature*

Elena Casetta (Turin) & Barbara Lara (Turin)

Title: *Biocultural Restoration: Replacing A Big Lie With a White One*
Talk (30 mins) + Discussion (30mins)

5:30 pm–6:30 pm: *Discussion Session 2. Topic: Natural and Artificial*

Marzia Soavi (Padua)

Title: *Is the distinction between natural and artificial objects really useful*
Talk (30 mins) + Discussion (30mins)

Organization: Luca Corti and Pierfrancesco Biasetti

Info and access to Prof. Katz's papers that will be discussed: luca.corti@unipd.it



Eric Katz (New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA) is a prominent figure in the fields of environmental ethics and philosophy of technology. Over the past 30 years, he has shaped various debates in these areas through numerous articles dedicated to environmental ethics and the ontology of the natural world. His research extends to current issues such as environmental restoration, geoengineering, and de-extinction. His work, "The Big Lie of Human Restoration of Nature," has become a classic in the discourse.

This workshop aims to delve into Katz's key theses on the ontology of nature and the normative issues that arise from them. Following an initial lecture where he will revisit his main theses, three discussion sessions are planned, each introduced by a presentation.