Abstract
It has been well-established that many of the injustices that people around the world experience every day, from food insecurity to unsafe labor conditions and natural disasters, are the result of wide-scale structural problems of politics and economics. These are not merely random personal problems or consequences of bad luck or bad planning. Confronted by this fact, it is natural to ask what should or can we do to mitigate everyday injustices? But given the global scale of injustices related to poverty, environmental change, gender, and labor, can these individual acts really impact the seemingly intractable global social, political, and economic structures that perpetuate and exacerbate them? Moreover, can we respond to injustices in the world in ways that do more than just address their consequences?
In this talk, Brooke Ackerly explains how she asked and answered these questions with her students, with philanthropists, and in her recent book, *Just Responsibility: A Human Rights Theory of Global Justice*. The approach urges us to take responsibility for injustice, even when we cannot see its full scope or complexity. Further, grounded in a human rights theory of responsibility, the approach focuses on how to take responsibility for structural injustice.

Biography
Brooke Ackerly is Professor of Political Science at Vanderbilt University and co-Editor-in-Chief of the *International Feminist Journal of Politics* (2018-2021). In her research, teaching, and collaborations, she works to clarify without simplifying the most pressing problems of global justice, including human rights and climate change. Using feminist methodologies, she integrates into her theoretical work empirical research on activism and the experiences of those affected by injustice (Grounded Normative Theory). She is the author of *Political Theory and Feminist Social Criticism* (Cambridge 2000), *Universal Human Rights in a World of Difference* (Cambridge 2008), *Doing Feminist Research* with Jacqui True (Palgrave Macmillan 2010, 2019), and *Just Responsibility: A Human Rights Theory of Global Justice* (Oxford University Press 2018). Dr. Ackerly teaches courses on justice, ethics and public policy, feminist theory, feminist research methods, human rights, contemporary political thought, and gender and the history of political thought. She is currently working on a book on climate change justice. She serves on the board of CEACOP.

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