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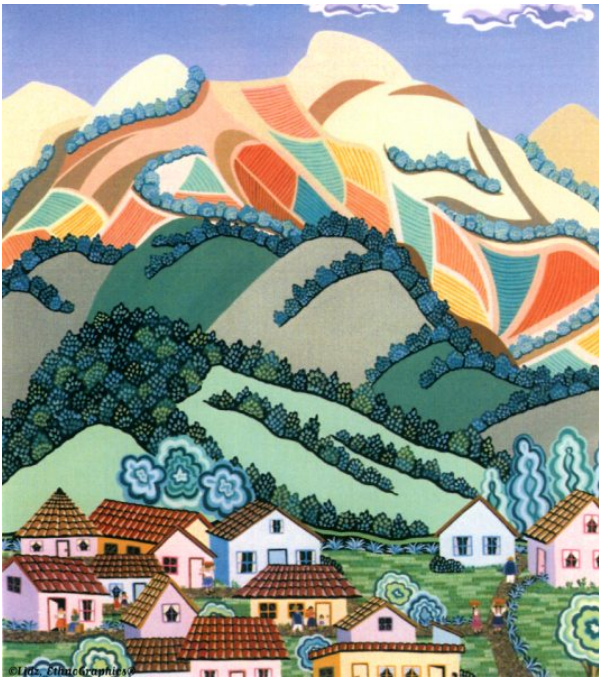
## Department of Philosophy and Religion Studies

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A Lecture By

**Dr. Eduard Müller**

## Biosphere Reserves as a local development tool with emphasis on sustainable tourism



The Man and the Biosphere Program (MaB) of UNESCO promotes the integration of conservation through a vision that considers three “layers” of work including procurement of long-term integrity of ecosystems, participation of local communities, organization of Local Councils for Sustainable Development, promotion of just and equitable participation of the co-responsible parties, and involving the socio-economic sector by supporting companies with a vision of environmental and social responsibility.

International recognition by UNESCO fosters development of alternative tourism that respects and protects the values and culture of the communities and permits a positive relationship between the locals and tourists. The UNESCO Biosphere Reserve model promotes more harmonious development with the social, cultural and environmental surroundings and presents an excellent opportunity to achieve development of a truly sustainable tourism in social, economic and environmental terms with a more equitable distribution of the obtained benefits.

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**Tuesday, February 15, 3:30 pm in EESAT 110**

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