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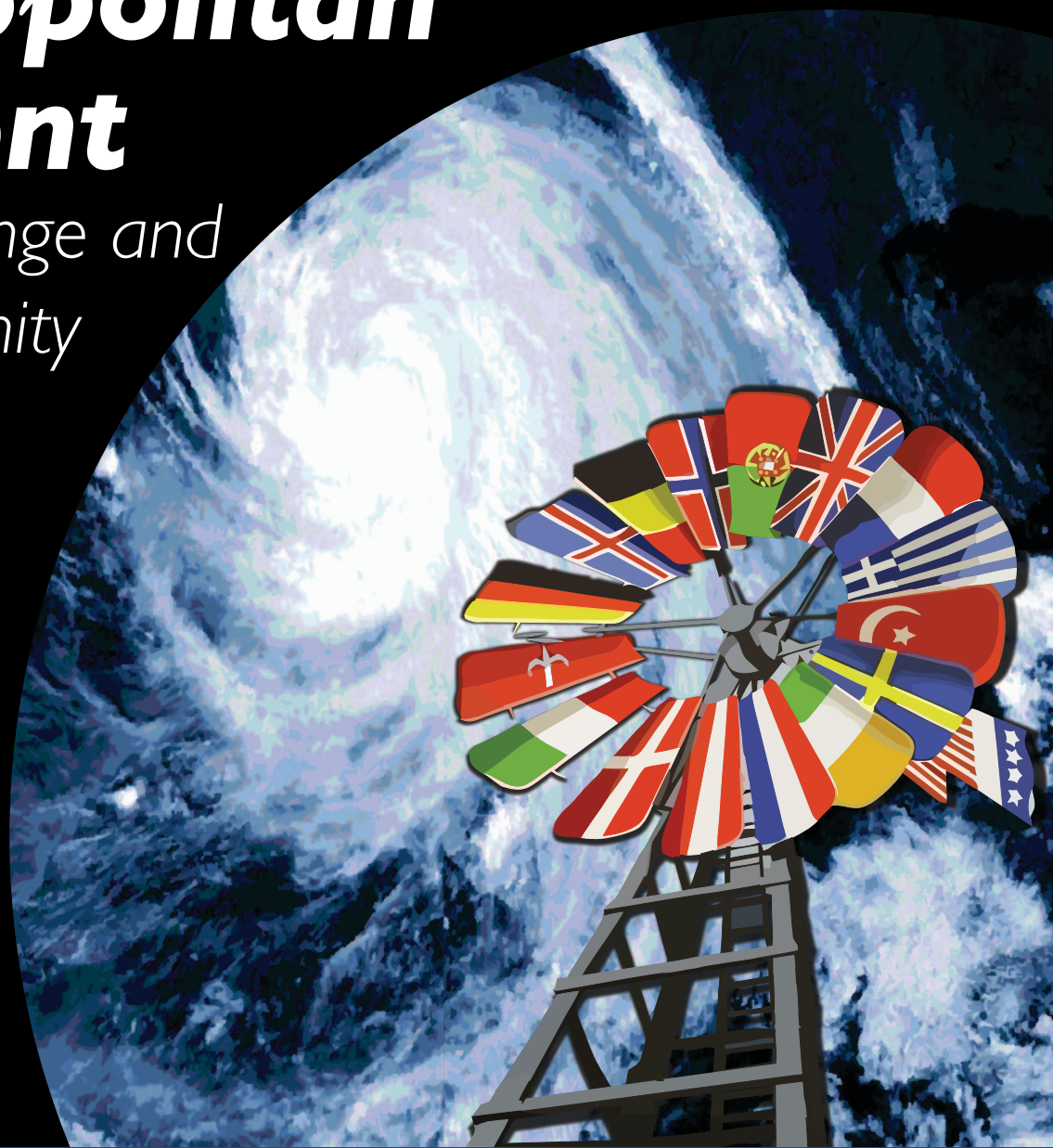
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## ***Risk Society's Cosmopolitan Moment***

*Climate change and  
the opportunity  
for a new  
world order*



WITH PANELISTS

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Sociology, Harvard University

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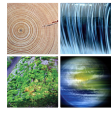
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**Ulrich Beck** studied at Munich University in the late 1960s, and received his Ph.D. there in 1972. In the 1970s and 1980s he was a professor at the Universities of Münster and Bamberg, and since 1992 he has been Professor of Sociology and director of the Institute for Sociology of Munich University. He also the British Journal of Sociology Professor at the London School of Economics. His hugely influential 1986 work, *Risikogesellschaft: Auf dem Weg in eine andere Moderne* (trans. English 1992, *Risk Society: Towards a New Modernity*) reframed risk as a sociological category, and his concept of “reflexive modernization” fundamentally reshaped both theoretical and policy discussions concerning science and technology. Beck will draw on his recent work on the uncertainties and ambivalence of contemporary cosmopolitan societies to explore global responses to the risks of climate change.

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*Poster graphic is a montage of a graphic from a poster advocating European unity in the Marshall Plan (“Whatever the Weather, We Must Move Together”) with a NASA photograph of Hurricane Ivan in the background.*



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