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Nuclear holocaust, Jonathan Schell wrote in 1982, 'is only one of countless threats that the human enterprise, grown mighty through knowledge, poses to the natural world....The nuclear peril...should be seen as the very center of the ecological crisis'. Yet few attempts have been made, either before or since Schell published The Fate of the Earth, to compare the politics and ethics of nuclear weapons with other environmental problems. This panel brings together papers that explicitly connect and compare research on nuclear weapons and climate change. It highlights implications for how we think about and envision the long-term future, as well as shared policy challenges—ranging from the difficulty of sustaining public attention over time to the need for justice for communities disproportionately affected by both nuclear and climate impacts.

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