



**We must strive to
advance equitable
climate solutions.**

Climate Change from the Streets: Is it a Racial Justice Issue?

Although the science of climate change is clear, policy decisions about how to respond to its effects remain contentious. Even when such decisions claim to be guided by objective knowledge, they are made and implemented through political institutions and relationships—and all the competing interests and power struggles that this implies.

Join the ChangeMakers as Michael Méndez, assistant professor of urban planning and public policy, tells a timely story of people, place, and power in the context of climate change and inequality. He will explore the perspectives and influence low-income people of color bring to their advocacy work in this increasingly disruptive area. Méndez contends that we must incorporate local knowledge, culture, and history into policymaking to fully address the global complexities of climate change and the real threats facing our local communities.

This talk is based on the new book, *Climate Change from the Streets: How Conflict and Collaboration Strengthen the Environmental Justice Movement* (Yale University Press), by Michael Méndez.



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