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VANDANA SHIVA, WORLD-RENOWNED ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST, WILL SPEAK AT THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES JULY 14

Dr. Shiva's talk is free and open to the public

PHILADELPHIA—World-renowned environmental activist, passionate eco-feminist and noted author Dr. Vandana Shiva will give a free public talk at the Academy of Natural Sciences on Wednesday, July 14.

[Shiva](#), based in Delhi, India, was named an “environmental hero” by Time Magazine in 2003, and is the recipient of many awards for her work focusing on the connections between poverty, sustainability, agriculture and human rights. Her talk will focus on the need to apply democratic principles to solving problems involving the environment and the economy, a concept dubbed “earth democracy.”

“We need a change in paradigm,” Shiva has said. “Earth Democracy protects the ecological processes that maintain life and the fundamental human rights, including the right to water, the right to food, the right to health, the right to education, and the right to jobs and livelihoods.”

Shiva is the author of many books and more than 300 scholarly papers. Her recent publications include *Globalization's New Wars: Seed, Water and Life Forms, Earth Democracy, Justice, Sustainability and Peace*, and *Soil Not Oil*. Among her many awards, Shiva has received the Sydney Peace Prize, the Global 500 Award of the United Nations and the Right Livelihood Award (the “Alternative Nobel Prize”). She serves on the boards of many organizations including the International Forum on Globalization and the World Future Council.

Shiva's visit is presented by the Academy's Center for Environmental Policy, whose goal is to inform and engage various constituents, promote solutions, and build public and professional awareness on important environmental topics.

The event is free and open to the public. The program will begin at 6 p.m. with a reception, followed by the talk at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required and seating is limited. Register at: shivaeearthdemocracy.eventbrite.com/. The program is also being supported by Sisters of Earth, the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture, and a donation from Benchmark Assets.

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The Academy of Natural Sciences, founded in 1812, is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.

HOURS: Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday–Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **ADMISSION:** \$12 adults; \$10 children 3-12, seniors, college students, military personnel; from May 28–Sept. 6 military and up to 5 family members are free; free for members and children under 3. \$2 fee for Butterflies!

