



**SACHI, THE SOCIETY FOR ART & CULTURAL HERITAGE OF INDIA**  
is honored to present

**CARL POPE**, Executive Chairman of the Sierra Club  
in a time sensitive discussion . . .

**THE CHANGING FACE OF HIMALAYAS:**  
**Melting Glaciers and its Significance for the People,**  
**Environment, and Culture of South Asia**

**Thursday, September 2, 2010, 7 p.m.**

**Clark Center Auditorium**  
**318 Campus Drive**  
**Stanford University, CA 94305**

**Free Admission and open to the public**



Carl Pope



Mount Everest's East Rongbuk Glacier lost 350 vertical feet of ice between August 1921 and October 2008.

Photo by David Breashears

On top of the Himalayas, glaciers sustaining vast populations are dwindling. Himalayan glaciers have given birth to Asia's largest rivers—the Ganges, the Indus, the Yangtze, the Yellow, the Brahmaputra—“rivers that over the course of history have nurtured civilizations, inspired religions, and sustained ecosystems”.

Melting glaciers portend a serious ecological threat; the eventual depletion of Asia's greatest rivers that sustain nearly a third of the world's population. As reservoirs of existence, the mighty rivers hold spiritual significance and inspire deep devotion. The rivers bestow blessings of peace, calm, healing, and eternal life.

As a crisis brews on the “roof of the world”, will the sacred mountains and rivers continue to offer nourishment to its people?

Carl Pope explores how a rapidly advancing environmental change is inducing a shift in traditional patterns of living for tens of thousands of people in South Asian communities.

SACHI extends special thanks to Prof. James Spudich and Center for South Asia, Stanford University, for support of the program. Many thanks, also, to individual sponsors Linda Burch & Rajen Dalal, Sheila & Ketan Kothari, and Jaymati & Mahendra Ranchod. For information, call 650.918.6335; [www.sachi.org](http://www.sachi.org); For directions, <http://forum.stanford.edu/visitors/directions/clark.php>