

(#1) Part I: Introduction: An Overview of the Podcast (Listen to this Podcast) (Print a copy)

What is the course/podcast about, **why** it was created, **who** did it and **how** it is structured.

WHAT is Forums for A Future about? WHO am I? WHY did I decide to create a podcast? And, HOW will the podcast be structured?

First, **Forums for A Future** provides the basis for civic discussions on how to create a sustainable future. It is not enough to be critical of the present. It is also necessary to have a perspective of the present that is prescriptive for the future.

Second, my name is Edward Renner I have been a university professor for over 40 years. I specialize on the psychological aspects of political, social, and economic issues. You may review my scholarship on my web site, which is my name, “kerenner” with no spaces: www.kerenner.com.

Third, I created the podcast because I am distressed about how we are handling this time in history. We need to bring greater awareness and sensitivity to the understanding of the social issues before us. If we do not, we are going to create problems of such magnitude that we will destroy our own future.

Fourth, The podcast will have five parts. I will begin with a philosophy for the 21st century and end with a process for re-claiming our future. For a complete outline of the podcast go to the **Forums for A Future** home page on my website: www.kerenner.com.

I hope you will choose to subscribe to this series of lectures and join with me in creating greater civic discussions about how to respond to this time in history, and how to create a more sustainable future for ourselves and our children.