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The fastest growing waste sector in the world is electronic waste. It's hazardous if dumped in landfills; more and more states have made it illegal to put electronics in the trash. As a result, a whole new industry has been created -- the electronic recycling industry. Unfortunately, the problem of shipping unwanted electronics illegally to far-off lands with less stringent regulations, such as China and India, is still rampant. As a result, underage and/or untrained workers there are often exposed to hazardous materials. This problem makes the responsible recycling of electronics more important than ever. It's not just an environmental issue any more; it's also a human rights issue.

John Shegerian, Chairman of Electronic Recyclers International, the nation's leading recycler of electronic waste and a trailblazing green business, along with Jim Puckett, Founder of the Basel Action Network, a non-profit environmental watchdog organization that started an e-stewards concept to help manage responsible handling and recycling of electronics, will co-present this essential discussion on electronic waste and human rights and where the two intersect.



John Shegerian is the Chairman and CEO of Electronic Recyclers International® (ERI). Established in 2002, ERI is an Electronic Waste collector and recycler, specializing in the environmentally safe and socially responsible dismantling of electronics. For his work with ERI, Shegerian was named the Clean Tech Entrepreneur of the Year for Northern California by Ernst & Young in 2008 and is a national finalist for Entrepreneur of the Year honors.

John is also the recipient of the prestigious "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award" presented by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Committee to businessmen working to provide compassionate solutions for society's problems. John is driven by his commitment to innovate and develop companies that benefit and inspire others and are socially responsible.