

2020-2021 Colloquia



David Victor

School of Global Policy and Strategy, UC San Diego

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m., Zoom Invitation

“Cities are pledging to confront climate change, but are their actions working?”

David Victor is a professor of innovation and public policy at the School of Global Policy and Strategy at UC San Diego where he co-directs the Laboratory on International Law and Regulation and the Deep Decarbonization Initiative. His research focuses on regulated industries, how regulation affects the operation of major energy markets, and, as the author of “Global Warming Gridlock,” he examines why the world hasn’t made much diplomatic progress on the problem of climate change while exploring new, more effective strategies. He was a convening lead author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007, and acts as a Co-Chair of The Brookings Institution Initiative on Energy and Climate. He is also a member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Future Council on Energy, the Council on Foreign Relations, and was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.



Kimberly Carlson

Department of Environmental Studies, New York University

Thursday, December 3, 2020

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m., Zoom Invitation

“Do corporate commitments to zero-deforestation reduce forest loss? Modeling and mapping voluntary sustainability initiatives in tropical commodity supply chains”

Kimberly Carlson is an Assistant Professor at New York University’s Dept. of Environmental Studies. Carlson holds a PhD in Forestry and Environmental Studies from Yale University and a BS in Biology from Stanford University. She was a post-doc at the University of Minnesota’s Institute on the Environment, and an Assistant Professor at the University of Hawaii’s Dept. of Natural Resources and Environmental Management. Her interdisciplinary research addresses the drivers of tropical agricultural land use, the relationships between agricultural land use and ecosystem processes, and the governance interventions that aim to mitigate agriculture’s perceived negative impacts. She collaborates with academics, civil society organizations, and commodity companies to ensure that her work advances fundamental scientific knowledge in the field of land systems science while informing decisions about how to enhance the sustainable and equitable management of agriculture.



Kim Wolske

Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago

Friday, January 8, 2021

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m., Zoom Invitation

“Using Behavioral Science to Encourage Household Energy Investments: Lessons Learned and Policy Opportunities”

Kim Wolske is a research associate, assistant professor in the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago and a research fellow with EPIC, the Energy Policy Institute at Chicago. Dr. Wolske’s work draws on the fields of environmental, social, and cognitive psychology to examine the behavioral dimensions of energy and climate issues. She is particularly interested in understanding the motivations and barriers associated with consumer adoption of efficient and renewable energy

technologies and using behavioral science to improve the design of public-facing policies and programs. For the past several years, she has partnered with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory to investigate strategies for accelerating consumer demand for residential rooftop solar. Her other research examines public perceptions of climate change and related technologies, such as carbon dioxide removal.



Matthew Auer
Dean of the School of Public and International Affairs,
University of Georgia

Friday, February 12, 2021

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m., Zoom Invitation

“Covid-19 Crisis Communications: The Challenge for Environmental Organizations”

Matthew R. Auer is Dean of the School of Public and International Affairs and Arch Professor of Public and International Affairs at the University of Georgia. His research focuses on the politics of decision-making in the arenas of environmental protection, energy policy, and forest policy. His recent research considers social media as a space for influencing users’ perspectives of environmental risks. Auer has served in a variety of public policy roles at national and international levels. He was senior advisor to the U.S. Forest Service from 2001 to 2006, and during that time was a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Forum on Forests and to the International Tropical Timber Council. He currently serves on the Educational Advisory Board of the U.S. General Accountability Office.



Lazarus Adua
Department of Sociology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City
Friday, March 5, 2021

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m., Zoom Invitation

“The Paradoxical Environmental Consequences of Energy Efficiency Improvement “

Lazarus Adua is Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Utah. His research focuses on the human dimensions of energy (energy inequality, the relative impacts of efficiency improvement and lifestyles on the environment, and the environmental consequences of renewable energy sources), the structural drivers of global environmental change, and local governments’ social, developmental, and environmentally significant policies. Lazarus Adua also conducts research on the environmental consequences of political-ideological views, focusing on political partisanship in the United States. He earned a doctoral degree in rural sociology from the Ohio State University.



Hallie Eakin

**School of Urban Planning and Geographical Sciences and
the School for the Future of Innovation in Society, Arizona
State University**

Friday, April 16, 2021

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m., Zoom Invitation

“Making the invisible, visible: adapting to socio-hydrological risk in Mexico City”

Hallie Eakin is a professor in the School of Sustainability and affiliated professor in the School of Urban Planning and Geographical Sciences and the School for the Future of Innovation in Society. She researches processes of adaptation, resilience and transformation in rural and urban social-ecological systems, with an emphasis on concerns of social equity, politics and power. She acquired her PhD in geography from the University of Arizona and she completed postdoctoral fellowships at the U.S.-Mexican Studies Center of the University of California-San Diego and the Centro de Ciencias de la Atmósfera, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. She joined ASU in 2008 from the University of California-Santa Barbara.



Robert Keohane
Princeton University
Monday, May 3, 2021

01:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Zoom Invitation

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Personal Experience and Climate Change Attitudes: Results from a National Panel Survey

Robert O. Keohane (Ph.D. Harvard University) is Professor (Emeritus) of International Affairs, Princeton University. He is the author of *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy* (1984) and *Power and Governance in a Partially Globalized World* (2002). He is co-author (with Joseph S. Nye, Jr.) of *Power and Interdependence* (third edition 2001), and (with Gary King and Sidney Verba) of *Designing Social Inquiry* (1994). He has served as the editor of the journal *International Organization* and as president of the International Studies Association and the American Political Science Association. He won the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order, 1989, and the Johan Skytte Prize in Political Science, 2005. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and the National Academy of Sciences. He has received honorary degrees from the University of Aarhus, Denmark, and Sciences Po Paris, and is the Harold Lasswell Fellow (2007-08) of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.