

The Economics of Climate Change, April 9 - 10

at **THE NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH**

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Conference Venue:

The New School

Wollman Hall

5th Floor, 65 West 11th Street, New York, NY 10014

Friday, April 9th

8:30 Registration, Coffee & Tea

9:00 Welcome, Introduction and Scope

Bob Kerrey

President, The New School

Willi Semmler

Professor of Economics, New School for Social Research

9:30 Session I: What Next? Policies, Plans and Strategies of Developed Countries after Copenhagen

Chair: **Willi Semmler**, Professor of Economics, New School for Social Research

Damien Meadows
(via Video Conference)

Head of Unit International Carbon Markets, Aviation and Maritime,
European Commission

Michael Oppenheimer

Professor of Geosciences and International Affairs, Princeton
University and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

"After Copenhagen, the New Landscape"

Michael Greenstone

Economics Professor, MIT; Former Member of the Council of
Economic Advisors

"5 Facts About Climate Policy: Cause for a Shift in Policy?"

11:00 Discussion

11:30 Coffee Break

11:45 Session II: Global Climate Change Beyond the Tipping Point? Evidence and Effects

Chair: **Will Milberg**, Professor of Economics, New School for Social Research

Peter Schlosser

Vinton Professor of Earth and Environmental Engineering;
Associate Director & Director of Research, Earth Institute,
Columbia University

"Anthropogenic Climate Change: Are We Ready?"

Klaus Keller

Associate Professor of Geosciences, Pennsylvania State University

"Managing the risks of climate thresholds: Uncertainties and information need"

12:45 Discussion

1:00 Lunch Break

2:00 Session III: Climate Change and Economic Growth

Chair: **Jeff Madrick**, Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis

William Nordhaus* Professor of Economics, Yale University

Willi Semmler Professor of Economics, New School for Social Research
"Growth, Climate Change and Tipping Points"

Alfred Greiner Professor of Economics, University of Bielefeld
"Anthropogenic climate change and abatement in a multi-region world with endogenous growth"

Lopamudra Banerjee Assistant Professor of Economics, New School for Social Research
"Hazards, Vulnerabilities and the Risks of Disaster: Threat of Global Warming in the Developing World"

3:30 Discussion

3:45 Coffee Break

4:00 Session IV: Mitigation Policies and Solutions 1: Carbon Tax and International Fund

Chair: TBA

Hirofumi Uzawa Director, Social Common Capital Research, Tokyo
"Global Warming, Proportional Carbon Taxes and International Fund for Atmospheric Stabilization"

4:45 Discussion

5:00 Reception jointly with Parsons The New School for Design

Remarks by Dean Joel Towers

7:00 End

Saturday, April 10th

8:30 Arrival, Coffee & Tea

9:00 Session V: Mitigation Policies and Solutions 2: Carbon Tax, Cap and Trade and Renewable Energy

Chair: **Klaus Keller**, Associate Professor of Geosciences, Pennsylvania State University

Ernst U. von Weizsäcker Former Member of German Parliament, Chair of the Environment Committee, International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management

"A fivefold increase of carbon efficiency is easily available. How can we prevent it from being gobbled up by additional consumption?"

Franz Wirl Professor of Economics, University of Vienna
"Renewable Energy - Models, Implications and Prospects"

10:15 Discussion

10:30 Coffee Break

10:45 **Session VI: Mitigation Policies and Solutions 3: Innovation Policy, Preferences, Carbon Tax and Employment Effects**

Chair: **Willi Semmler**, Professor of Economics, New School for Social Research

David Popp Associate Professor of Economics, Syracuse University
"Innovation and Climate Policy"

TBA U.S. Department of Energy

Stefan Mittnik Professor of Statistics, University of Munich
Willi Semmler Professor of Economics, New School for Social Research
Mika Kato Assistant Professor, Howard University
Daniel Samaan PhD Candidate, New School for Social Research
"Climate Policies and Their Employment Effects"

12:30 Discussion

12:50 Lunch Break

2:00 **Session VII: Policy Approaches and the Global Green New Deal**

Chair: **Lopamudra Banerjee**, Assistant Professor of Economics, New School for Social Research

Geoffrey Heal Professor of Public Policy and Business Responsibility, Professor of Finance & Economics, Columbia University
"Tipping points and treaty formation in the climate context"

Tariq Banuri Director, United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development
"Climate, Energy, and Development: The Case for a Global Green New Deal"

3:20 Discussion

3:45 Coffee Break

4:00 **Panel Discussion: Global Solution or Country Specific Solutions?**

Chair: **Ed Nell**, Professor of Economics, New School for Social Research

Hirofumi Uzawa Social Common Capital Research Tokyo
Ernst U. von Weizsaecker International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management
Nathaniel Keohane Environmental Defense Fund
Charles Komanoff Carbon Tax Center

5:00 Discussion

5:30 **Panel Discussion: Climate Change and Developing Countries**

Chair: **Mike Cohen**, Director of the Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School

Tariq Banuri United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development
Ali Khan Johns Hopkins University
TBA United Nations

6:30 Discussion

7:00 **End**

* attendance not yet confirmed