

CLIMATE POLICY FOR THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

President Obama has proposed a comprehensive energy plan which includes a major shift in U.S. climate policy. Among other commitments, he supports an economy-wide cap-and-trade system designed to reduce emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, and a reengagement with the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change negotiations. In the first few days since his election, he has reaffirmed these issues as a priority for his administration and begun to take significant policy steps.

This interdisciplinary symposium, which will be held one month after the Obama Administration takes office, will assess the Administration's initial steps on climate change and reflect on the road ahead. Our aim is to not only provide interesting academic discussion, but also to produce a policy assessment that might be useful to those advising the new Administration. Panels will focus on managing scientific and policy uncertainty, addressing complexities of scale, reconceptualizing energy policy, and achieving greater justice. A number of presenters will participate remotely to reduce the carbon footprint of the conference.

The symposium will also serve as an initial planning meeting for a regional coalition of academics working on climate change issues. We plan to build from this dialogue to encourage greater collaboration and coordination among academics and policymakers in the region. If you are interested in participating in the coalition, please contact Hari Osofsky at osofskyh@wlu.edu.

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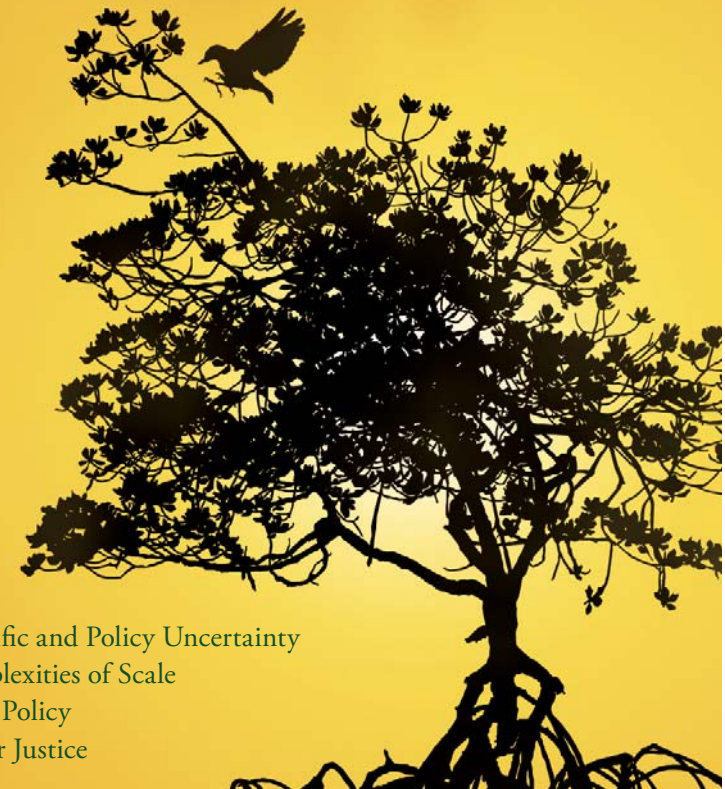
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WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
MILLHISER MOOT COURT ROOM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

REGISTRATION: 8–9 A.M. • SYMPOSIUM: 9 A.M.–5 P.M.

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PANELS:

Managing Scientific and Policy Uncertainty
Addressing Complexities of Scale
Greening Energy Policy
Achieving Greater Justice

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

9:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m.
OPENING REMARKS

9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
MANAGING SCIENTIFIC AND POLICY UNCERTAINTY

Professor Robin Craig
Florida State University College of Law
Adapting the Clean Water Act to Climate Change

Professor Stephanie Stern
Loyola University Chicago College of Law
Risk Perception and the Law of Climate Change

Professor Jonathan Wiener
Duke University
Can We Adopt and Implement a Successful Comprehensive Cap-and-Trade Climate Policy? Yes We Can

Professor Tseming Yang
Vermont Law School
Considering the Opportunities and Challenges of a Bilateral US-China Carbon Reduction Agreement

11:15 a.m.—12:45 p.m.
ADDRESSING COMPLEXITIES OF SCALE

Professor Tony Arnold
University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law
The Complex and Interdependent Relationship Between Land Use and Climate Change: Uni-Dimensional Policy Failure and Multi-Dimensional Policy Functionality

Professor Hari Osofsky
Washington and Lee University School of Law
Towards Diagonal Climate Regulation

Professor Nathan Sayre
University of California—Berkeley
Climate Change, Scale, and Devaluation: The Challenge of Our Built Environment

Professor David Wirth
Boston College Law School
Meshing Domestic and International Initiatives

1:45 p.m.—3:15 p.m.
GREENING ENERGY POLICY

Professor Rebecca Bratspies
CUNY School of Law
Rethinking Oil Leases

Professor James Casey
Washington and Lee University
Biofuel Economics: “Internalizing the Externalities” of Fuel Choices

Professor Noah Sachs
University of Richmond School of Law
Leaner and Greener: Energy Consumption and the U.S. Climate Strategy

Professor Marcilynn Burke
University of Houston Law Center
The Public Nature of Private Solar Energy Development on Federal Public Lands

3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
ACHIEVING GREATER JUSTICE

Professor Tracy Bach
Vermont Law School
Why and How the New Administration Should Expressly Account for Intergenerational Justice When Forging Climate Policy

Professor Maxine Burkett
University of Hawai'i Williams S. Richardson School of Law
Climate Justice in the Obama Era

Professor Bill Hamilton
Washington and Lee University
Why Eating Local Matters

Professor Linda Malone
William and Mary Law School
Implementing the Responsibility to Protect the Environment During the Obama Administration