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DATE: Wednesday, April 20, 2011
TIME: 3:30 – 4:30 pm
LOCATION: Harry Hickman Bldg. Room 105, University of Victoria
SPEAKER: Dr. Roger Pielke Jr., Centre for Science and Technology Policy Research, University of Colorado at Boulder
TITLE: *The Climate Fix: What Scientists and Politicians Won't Tell You about Global Warming*

Abstract: The world's response to climate change is deeply flawed. The conventional wisdom on how to deal with climate change has failed and it's time to change course. To date, climate policies have been guided by targets and timetables for emissions reduction derived from various academic exercises. Such methods are both oblivious to and in violation of on-the-ground political and technological realities that serve as practical "boundary conditions" for effective policy making. Until climate policies are designed with respect for these boundary conditions, failure is certain. Using nothing more than arithmetic and logical explanation, this talk provides a comprehensive exploration of the problem and a proposal for a more effective way forward.

Biography: ROGER PIELKE, Jr., has been on the faculty of the University of Colorado since 2001 and is a Professor in the Environmental Studies Program and a Fellow of the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES). At CIRES, Roger served as the Director of the Center for Science and Technology Policy Research from 2001-2007. Roger's research focuses on the intersection of science and technology and decision making. In 2006 Roger received the Eduard Brückner Prize in Munich, Germany for outstanding achievement in interdisciplinary climate research. Before joining the University of Colorado, from 1993-2001 Roger was a Scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. Roger is a Senior Fellow of the Breakthrough Institute. He is also author, co-author or co-editor of seven books, including "The Honest Broker: Making Sense of Science in Policy and Politics" published by Cambridge University Press in 2007. His most recent book is "*The Climate Fix: What Scientists and Politicians won't tell you about Global Warming*" (September 2010, Basic Books).