



Energy Controversies Lecture Series, University of Aberdeen

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I am very pleased to announce that the University of Aberdeen will be hosting a series of high profile lectures on energy and climate change this Spring starting on 5th February. The series is spearheaded by Professor Benjamin Kneller, an old friend of mine, and was born out of many late night discussions we had on these vital and controversial issues. My own experience tells me that when there is serious disagreement on scientific issues that reality often falls somewhere between the extremes of view point that may be expressed. It is only possible to advance our common knowledge through civil discourse between the opposing parties. It is my hope, therefore, that this series of lectures will amass expert opinion from all sides of the energy and climate debates. The series starts with four lectures stating different positions on Energy and Climate and a panel debate on alternative energy sources.

5 February 2009 Global Warming: The View of the IPCC: Professor Pete Smith, University of Aberdeen

18 February 2009 Natural Drivers of Climate Cycles: Dr Jim Buckee, former CEO of Talisman Energy

5 March 2009 Global Energy Resources – The Peak Oil View: Professor Kjell Aleklett, University of Uppsala

12 March 2009 Alternative Energy Panel Discussion

19 March 2009 The Future of Global Oil Supply - Why So Much Uncertainty? Dr Peter Jackson, Senior Director for Oil Industry Activity at Cambridge Energy Research Associates

Full program, further information and web links below the fold.

The program continues...

2 April 2009 Carbon Capture and Storage Speaker to be arranged

16 April 2009 Gas Hydrates - Friend or Foe? Professor Bahman Tohidi, Heriot Watt University

30 April 2009 Nationalism and Energy in the 'New Cold War' Dr David Galbreath, University of Aberdeen

The lectures will be held in the splendid surroundings of the [Kings College conference centre](#), Old Aberdeen. All lectures start at 6pm and finish at 7.15pm and each lecture will be followed by a drinks reception in the James Mackay Hall. Admission is free.



If you are local to NE Scotland and want to attend any of the lectures then it is necessary to register online at the [conference series web site](#) which includes a facility for a moderated online debate to precede and follow each lecture.

Lectures will be videoed and it is hoped that where consent is given, the presentations may be published along with the Powerpoint slides.



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