



Sen. John Kerry available to media after keynote address at Rice University's Baker Institute conference on climate change

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U.S. Sen. John Kerry will be available to the news media after his keynote speech, "The Road from Bali: The Future of American Policy on Global Climate Change," at a conference at Rice University's James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy Saturday, Feb. 9.

The Massachusetts Democrat, who has taken a lead by introducing legislation to reduce carbon emissions, will speak at 8 a.m. and will be available to answer reporters' questions after his speech.

The conference, titled "Beyond Science: the Economics and Politics of Responding to Climate Change," is sponsored by Rice's Baker Institute, the Energy and Environmental Systems Institute and the Shell Center for Sustainability. It will bring together leaders committed to educating the public about the impact of global warming and discuss their experiences in crafting public policy in this area. In particular, it will address alternative policies to constrain carbon in the environment. Some of those include taxation of carbon, creating pollution credits and creating regulations to cut carbon dioxide.

Steve Koonin, the chief scientist at British Petroleum (BP), will deliver a noon keynote titled "Corporate Green House Gas Policies."

Earlier, Timothy Killeen, director of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, will speak on the International Panel on Climate Change 2007 Report and Climate Change Modeling. Following Killeen's presentation, Rosina M. Bierbaum, dean and professor at the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment, and John P. Holdren, the Teresa and John Heinz Professor of Environmental Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and director of the Woods Hole Research Center, will discuss "Confronting Climate Change: The Sigma Xi/U.N. Foundation Report."

Daniel Sperling, an adviser to the state of California on climate and transportation policy, will speak as a panelist at 10:25 on "The California Model for Combating Climate Change."

Dimitri Zenghelis, the lead economist on the Stern Report, the 2006 review of the economics of climate change, will appear on a panel at 1:30 p.m. that will address

economic issues of climate change policy along with Scott Nyquist, who will be presenting a new study by McKinsey & Co. on the costs of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S.

Ernest J. Moniz, the Cecil and Ida Green Professor of Physics and Engineering Systems at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the director of MIT's Energy Initiative, will be a panelist in another afternoon session on "Options for Dealing with Climate Change: Costs and Benefits."

Support for the Feb. 9 event at the Baker Institute was provided by the U.K. Science and Innovation Section, British Consulate-General Houston.

For more on the conference, go to <http://www.bakerinstitute.org/climatechange.cfm>.

The daylong event will be held at Baker Hall on the Rice University campus beginning at 7:30 a.m. For directions, go to <http://www.rice.edu/maps/maps.html> .

Members of the news media who want to attend should R.S.V.P. to Franz Brotzen at franz.brotzen@rice.edu or 713-348-6775.

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