Community-Centered Climate Innovation: The Role of Local to Global Climate Innovation Research

PROGRAM AND SPEAKER INFO

Climate change is one of the most pressing and complex global challenges facing our world and communities today—one that requires academics, researchers, and community members across the street and across the world to collaborate, share knowledge and build on each other’s strengths. Universities can play a leading role in the transformational change required.

At this symposium, diverse scholars, industry partners and community leaders will share, discuss and explore:

- How mobilizing research can mitigate GHG emissions and catalyze clean energy transitions
- Nature-based solutions for adaptation to climate change and low carbon resiliency strategies for communities
- Climate innovation and energy system transformation in support of meeting Canada’s 2050 net zero targets

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

Climate Emergency: Mobilizing Our Research Locally, Nationally, and Globally
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mark Jaccard
- Moderator: Dr. Dugan O’Neil

Transitioning the Research Agenda Toward Sustainability
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sarah Burch
- Moderator: Dr. Naomi Krogman

PANEL TOPICS

Accelerating Place-Based Climate Innovation and Action for the Polycrisis
- Panelists: Dr. Anne Salomon, Dr. Nicholas Reo, Dr. Zoe Todd, and Chairperson Khelsilem Tl’akwasikan Sxwchálten
- Moderator: Dr. Alison Shaw

Transforming Energy Systems Across Local, National, and Global Scales
- Panelists: Dr. Stephanie Bertels, Dr. Steven Holdcroft, Dr. Ben Britton, and Dr. Elicia Maine
- Moderator: Dr. Tamara Vrooman
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| 8:30 - 9:00am | Introductory remarks  
Indigenous welcome and land acknowledgement | Dr. Joy Johnson, SFU President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor                  |
| 9:00 - 9:45am | Keynote Speech: Climate Emergency: Mobilizing Our Research Locally, Nationally, and Globally | Dr. Mark Jaccard, Professor, Resource and Environmental Management, SFU  
Moderator: Dr. Dugan O’Neil, Vice-President, Research and Innovation (VPRI), SFU |
| 9:45 - 10:15am | Q&A |                                                                            |
| 10:15 - 10:30am | Break |                                                                            |
| 10:30am - 12pm | Panel Discussion: Accelerating Place-Based Climate Innovation and Action for the Polycrisis | Dr. Anne Salomon, Professor, Undergraduate Program Chair, Academic Integrity Advisor, SFU  
Dr. Nicholas Reo, Associate Professor; Canada Excellence Research Chair in Coastal Relationalities and Regeneration, SFU  
Dr. Zoe Todd, Associate Professor; Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Governance and Freshwater Fish Futures, SFU  
Chairperson Khelsilem Tl’aḵwasikan Sxwchálten, Squamish Nation  
Moderator: Dr. Alison Shaw, Executive Director, Community-Centred Climate Innovation, SFU |
| 12:00 – 1:30pm | Buffet Lunch |                                                                            |
| 1:30 – 2:15pm | Keynote Speech: Transitioning the Research Agenda Toward Sustainability | Dr. Sarah Burch, Professor, Canada Research Chair, and Executive Director of the Waterloo Climate Institute, University of Waterloo  
Moderator: Dr. Naomi Krogman, Dean, Faculty of Environment, SFU |
| 2:15 – 2:45pm | Q&A |                                                                            |
| 2:45 – 3:00pm | Break |                                                                            |
| 3:00 – 4:30pm | Panel Discussion: Transforming Energy Systems Across Local, National, and Global Scales | Dr. Stephanie Bertels, Professor, Business and Society, SFU  
Dr. Steven Holdcroft, Professor, Canada Research Chair (Tier I), Electrochemical Materials, SFU  
Dr. Ben Britton, Ionomr Innovations Inc., Chief Strategy Officer, Director & Co-Founder  
Dr. Elicia Maine, Associate Vice-President, Knowledge Mobilization and Innovation (AVPKMI), SFU  
Moderator: Dr. Tamara Vrooman, YVR, President and Chief Executive Officer, Chancellor, SFU |
| 4:30 – 4:40pm | Closing remarks | Dr. Joy Johnson, SFU President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor                  |