CALIFORNIA AND THE CLIMATE FIGHT
The State’s New Relationship with Washington & the World

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With the US’s commitment to the Paris Agreement in question and the future of federal climate change policy unclear, what steps should California take to remain at the forefront of climate action policy? Join Professor Meredith Fowlie (Class of 1935 Endowed Chair in Energy Associate Professor), Professor Sol Hsiang (co-lead author of the American Climate Prospectus and one of Forbes’s 30 under 30) and Professor Carol Zabin (Research Director, Center for Labor Research and Education, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment) in a discussion moderated by Center for Environmental Public Policy Executive Director Ned Helme about California’s policy options given potential conflicts with the new US administration on issues of climate change and the environment.

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About the Panel

**Professor Meredith Fowlie** is an Associate Professor and Class of 1935 Distinguished Professor of Energy. She is an applied economist working at the intersection of industrial organization, energy market and environmental economics. Her work investigates how market-based environmental regulation- and emissions trading programs in particular- are working in practice. She is also interested in the demand-side of energy markets and work that integrates methods and models from other disciplines into economic analysis of policy outcomes.

**Chancellor’s Associate Professor of Public Policy Sol Hsiang** uses mathematical models to balance economic development with global climate change. His innovative research on climate change has lead to publications in *Science, Nature*, and the *American Economic Review* as well as a place in *Forbes’s* 30 Under 30 list. He was the co-lead author of the *American Climate Prospectus*, the risk analysis study that led to “The Risky Business Report: The Economic Risks of Climate Change in the United States,” the bipartisan research initiative commissioned by financiers Henry Paulson, Tom Steyer and Michael Bloomberg.

**Professor Carol Zabin** is a labor economist whose research has addressed low wage labor markets, labor standards, workforce development, and other economic development issues in the United States and Mexico. Her current research focuses on the impact of climate and clean energy policy on California’s economy, workers, and labor unions. Carol led two comprehensive studies for the California Public Utilities Commission, Workforce Issues and Energy Efficiency Programs: A Plan for California’s Utilities (2014) and the California Workforce Education and Training Needs Assessment for Energy Efficiency, Distributed Generation, and Demand Response (2011). Carol serves as Chair of the Labor Center Climate Program and Director of Research for the Center for Labor Research and Education at UC Berkeley.

**Ned Helme** (MPP ’77) is the Executive Director for the Center for Environmental Public Policy at the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley. For over 30 years, Ned Helme has been a respected and compelling voice in the world of climate change. A leading expert on climate and air policy who founded the Center for Clean Air Policy (CCAP), he testified before Congress and international bodies, appeared on numerous US and international news programs and is frequently cited in the *Washington Post, NY Times* and other publications. As the author of more than 50 key studies on climate change, air quality, electricity regulation and transportation policy he is sought after as an advisor by federal, state and international governments.

About the Centers

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