

# COPENHAGEN 2009

## Issues, Options, Outlook and Outcomes

12.30-1.30pm, Lecture Theatre 1, Old Government Buildings

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New Zealand Climate Change Research Institute  
Te Pātahi Hurihanga Taiao

## Seminar Series

- 11 November** **Dr John Peet** formerly Department of Chemical and Process Engineering, University of Canterbury  
**Talking past each other – the physics and economics of climate change**
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- 13 November** **Dr Geoff Bertram** Institute of Policy Studies, VUW  
**How not to design an Emissions Trading Scheme: Lessons from New Zealand**
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- 18 November** **Launch of Climate Change 101** a book by **Dr Andy Reisinger**  
12 noon, Lecture Theatre 1, Old Government Buildings, *Light refreshments available*
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- 18 November** **Dr Andy Reisinger** NZ Climate Change Research Institute, VUW  
**Targets versus reality**
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- 25 November** **Ambassador Dr Beat Nobs** Embassy of Switzerland  
**Prospects for Copenhagen**
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- 2 December** **Judy Lawrence** NZ Climate Change Research Institute, VUW  
**New Zealand emission reductions and global agreements:  
Lessons from the last 20 years**
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- 9 December** **Dr Morgan Williams** former Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment  
**The relationship between climate change and other global sustainability issues**
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- 16 December** **Dr David Eng** Philosophy Programme, VUW  
**Allocating the burdens of dealing with climate change**
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- 18 December** **Peter Wilson** Vector Ltd  
**The case for an independent advisory committee on climate change**
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- 22 December** **Panel discussion: the outcome and implications of COP 15**  
Chair: Professor Jonathan Boston Institute of Policy Studies, VUW  
Panel members: • Associate Professor Ralph Chapman School of Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences VUW • Professor Martin Manning NZ Climate Change Research Institute, VUW • Peter Neilsen, NZ Business Council for Sustainable Development • Dr Beat Nobs Embassy of Switzerland • Phil O'Reilly, Business NZ  
• Professor Ralph Sims Massey University • Cath Wallace School of Government, VUW

See next page for another upcoming event and contributor's brief biographies 

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## Another Upcoming Event

**10-11 December** **Conference on the Ethical Foundations of Public Policy**

This includes sessions on protecting the global commons and the ethics of climate change. See [www.ips.ac.nz](http://www.ips.ac.nz) for details.

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## Contributors

**Dr Geoff Bertram** is a Senior Associate in the Institute of Policy Studies, VUW and a former Senior Lecturer in the School of Economics and Finance at VUW. His research interests include the regulation of public utilities, economic development, climate change policy and the long-run evolution of the NZ economy.

**Dr David Eng** is a Lecturer in Philosophy at VUW. He has previously been an Assistant Professor at California State University Bakersfield and worked for several years for the Tertiary Education Commission. His research interests include epistemology, philosophy of mind, and aesthetics.

**Judy Lawrence** is a Senior Associate in the NZ Climate Change Research Institute, VUW and Director of PSConsulting Ltd. Previously she served as the Director of the NZ Climate Change Office at the Ministry for the Environment and as CE of the Ministry of Women's Affairs. Her research interests include decision-making for climate change uncertainty.

**Dr Beat Nobs** is the Ambassador of Switzerland to New Zealand. He previously served as the Ambassador of the Environment of Switzerland and led the Swiss delegations at international negotiations in the field of the environment between 1997 and 2006, including those involving the Kyoto Protocol.

**Dr John Peet** is a chemical engineer with experience in the petroleum industry. His main focus in recent years has been sustainable development. He is the author of a book on Energy and the Ecological Economics of Sustainability and papers on systems, sustainability and the ethical requirements of stakeholder involvement.

**Dr Andy Reisinger** is a Senior Research Fellow with the NZ Climate Change Research Institute at VUW. He has worked in climate change science and policy as a research scientist and senior policy adviser, and was responsible for managing the production of the Synthesis Report of the Fourth Assessment Report of the IPCC.

**Dr Morgan Williams** is Principal, Future Steps and an Adjunct Professor at the Universities of Canterbury and Queensland. He was the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment between 1997 and 2007. He has extensive experience in agricultural, environmental, pest and ecological research and policy, and currently contributes to a systems thinking for a sustainability degree course in Queensland.

**Peter Wilson** is the Group Manager Climate Change for Vector Limited. An economist by training, he previously served in the NZ Treasury and was a member of the Emissions Trading Group.