

Panel 1: Climate Cooperation in a Changing World

The session on climate change will focus on how the U.S. can work with emerging powers – including but not limited to Brazil, Russia, India, and China – to make progress toward climate change mitigation. We are interested in exploring various approaches to the next global climate treaty, particularly what the U.S. and other key players can do to ensure a successful outcome even in the midst of a global economic crisis. We also hope to discuss the prospects for cooperation between the U.S. and China, as both countries clearly play a crucial role in global climate talks.

Speakers



David Pumphrey

David Pumphrey is a senior fellow and deputy director of the CSIS Energy and National Security Program. He has extensive public-sector experience in international energy security issues. He was most recently deputy assistant secretary for international energy cooperation at the Department of Energy.

During his career with the federal government, he led the development and implementation of policy initiatives with individual countries and multilateral energy organizations. He was responsible for policy engagement with numerous key energy-producing and energy-consuming countries, including China, India, Canada, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and the European Union. Pumphrey represented the U.S. government on the technical committees of the International Energy Agency and the Energy Working Group of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. He also represented the Department of Energy in the negotiations of the energy-related sections of the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Pumphrey received a bachelor's degree in economics from Duke University and a master's degree in economics from George Mason University. He has spoken extensively on international energy issues and testified before Congress on energy security issues related to China and India.



Taiya Smith

Taiya M. Smith is a visiting scholar in the Carnegie Energy and Climate Program, where she focuses on China's climate, energy, and environmental policy. She spent the last decade working in international negotiations. Most recently Smith served as a member of Secretary Hank Paulson's senior management team from 2006 to 2009 as the deputy chief of staff and executive secretary for the U.S. Department of the Treasury. In this role she provided policy and operational oversight for Department priorities and also managed the secretary's relationship with China. As Paulson's representative and lead negotiator in China, she led the U.S. government's economic engagement with China through the U.S.-China Strategic Economic Dialogue and established the U.S.-China Ten Year Framework on Energy and the Environment.

Prior to joining Treasury, Smith served as special assistant to deputy secretary of state Robert B. Zoellick from July 2005 to July 2006. In this role, Smith was Zoellick's policy adviser for Africa, Europe, and political/military affairs. From March 2004 through July 2005, Smith was the State Department's point person on the Darfur situation with responsibility for overseeing U.S. contributions to the African Union peacekeeping mission in Darfur, and was the U.S. liaison to the Darfur rebel groups. In this position, she traveled throughout Africa and Europe coordinating the international response to the Darfur crisis.

Before joining the State Department, Smith was a member of the facilitation team for the Burundi Peace Negotiations led by Nelson Mandela. After the peace agreement was signed in 2001, Smith advised the United Nations on implementing the agreement. She has also worked in India, Nigeria, and Cameroon.

Panel Moderator



Bo Kong

Bo Kong is Professorial Lecturer of International Policy and Director of the Global Energy and Environment Initiative (GEEI) at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). He is a political economist who studies different dimensions of energy policy and energy governance. His current research focuses on China and comparative energy policy.

Additionally, he sits on the Council of the National Capital Area Chapter of the United States Association for Energy Economics (NCAC-USAEE) and consults on Chinese companies' energy and mining operations in Africa for Ayrliie Partners and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).