SHOULD UNIVERSITIES AND PENSION FUNDS DIVEST FROM FOSSIL FUEL STOCKS?

Monday, November 24, 2014
7–9 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public; advanced registration is required. To register, visit: www.law.columbia.edu/climatechange/fossil-fuel.

In view of the mounting scientific evidence of the perils of climate change, there is growing pressure on universities, pension funds, foundations, religious institutions, and others to divest from the stock of fossil fuel companies. This public panel discussion will explore whether divestment is consistent with the fiduciary duties of fund trustees, and whether divestment is the best way for investors to influence corporate behavior. The speakers include both proponents and opponents of divestment, as well as experts on the effect of divestment on portfolio value and its place in the corporate social responsibility movement.

SPEAKERS

Bennett Freeman, Senior Vice President, Sustainability Research and Policy, Calvert Investments
Stephen Heintz, President, Rockefeller Brothers Fund
John Willis, Portfolio Manager, Sustainable Insight Capital Management
Christianna Wood, President and Chief Executive Officer, Gore Creek Capital, Ltd.

MODERATOR

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