



## A Future Tense Event: Geoengineering

*The Horrifying Idea Whose Time has Come?*

Is it time for humanity to go on offense against global warming? Can we? Should we? Curtailing economic activity, altering lifestyles and well-intentioned talk in Copenhagen has not accomplished much. That's why serious people are now considering Plan B, to intentionally tinker with the planet's climate to correct for industrialization-induced warming. The hubris of "hacking the planet" is astounding, as are the implications for everything from military strategy to agriculture.

The subject is unsettling, almost taboo in certain environmental advocacy circles. And yet nations and entrepreneurs are proceeding with geoengineering research and experiments. Join us in assessing the state of these efforts and in considering the politics and ethics of playing God with the climate.

Please join us on September 27, 2010 for this **Future Tense Event**-- a partnership of **Arizona State University**, the **New America Foundation** and **Slate** magazine.

### AGENDA

**8:30 AM to 9:00 AM - Registration**

**9:00 AM - Welcome**

**David Plotz**  
Editor, *Slate*

**Congressman Bart Gordon (D-TN)**  
Chairman, House Committee on Science and Technology

**9:30 AM - *The Elusive Quest to Define Geoengineering***

**David Keith**  
Director, Institute for Sustainable Energy, Environment and Economy  
University of Calgary

**9:45 AM to 11:00 AM - Panel I: *The Quest to Fix the Earth's Climate***

**Jason Blackstock**  
Centre for International Governance Innovation  
Fellow and Research Scholar, Risk and Vulnerability Program  
International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

**Bruce Rittman**  
Director, Center for Environmental Biotechnology in the Biodesign Institute  
Arizona State University

**Brad Allenby**  
Lincoln Professor of Engineering and Ethics  
Arizona State University

*Moderator*

**Jeff Goodell**  
Author, *How to Cool the Planet: Geoengineering and the Audacious Quest to Fix Earth's Climate*

**11:00 AM - Coffee Break**

**11:15 AM to 12:30 PM - Panel 2: *The Consequences (Intended or Not) of Taking Control of the Earth's Thermostat***

**Dan Bodansky**  
Lincoln Professor of Law, Ethics and Sustainability  
Arizona State University

**Jane C. Long**  
Associate Director Energy and Environment Directorate  
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA

**M. Sanjayan**  
Lead Scientist  
The Nature Conservancy

**Thomas Schelling**  
Distinguished Professor of Economics  
University of Maryland

*Moderator*

**Christina Larson**

Senior Editor, *Foreign Policy Magazine*  
Fellow, New America Foundation

**12:45 PM to 1:30 PM - Keynote Conversation and Lunch**

**Stewart Brand**

Author, *Whole Earth Discipline: An Ecopragmatist Manifesto*  
Co-founder and President, The Long Now Foundation

**David Keith**

Director, Institute for Sustainable Energy, Environment and Economy  
University of Calgary

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