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# **The Great Climate-gate Debate**

Three weeks ago, thousands of emails were hacked from servers at the Climate Research Unit at the University of East Anglia in the U.K. A small fraction of them address controversial issues; how to present climate data in the most favorable light and how to combat climate skeptics, among others. The responses reported in the press have ranged from these emails being a confirmation of climate change deniers' assertions that global warming is a conspiracy and a hoax, to the whole affair being a tempest in a teapot with no relevance to the reality of global warming and the need to combat it.

Come and listen to five experts give their views on what this really means for climate science, the integrity of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, public perception of climate, and the ongoing policy negotiations in the Congress and at Copenhagen.

#### **Panel Members:**

**Kerry Emanuel**, Breene M. Kerr Professor of Atmospheric Science, Department of Earth, Atmospheric & Planetary Sciences

**Richard Lindzen**, A. P. Sloan Professor of Meteorology, Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences

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**Stephen Ansolabehere**, Professor, Department of Political Science, MIT and Professor of Government, Harvard University

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#### **Moderator:**

**Henry Jacoby**, Professor of Management, Sloan School and Co-Director, Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change

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Refreshments will be available immediately after the discussion

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