

University of Colorado-Boulder ~ Call for Papers

**The International Conference on  
*Culture, Politics, and Climate Change***

September 13-15, 2012

Boulder, Colorado USA

**Deadline for abstracts: January 10, 2012**

[www.climateculturepolitics.org](http://www.climateculturepolitics.org)

This cross-disciplinary conference will explore intersections between culture, politics, and science in order to enhance our understanding of public policy addressing climate change. The conference will interrogate the many obstacles and opportunities confronting U.S. climate policymakers and scientists. Presenters will be asked to broadly consider how climate change is communicated and how these processes intersect with ongoing cultural and political issues. While we will focus on climate change, authors are encouraged to draw lessons that can be applied to a variety of environmental contexts. Comparative papers and panels that explore similarities and differences between culture, politics, and climate policy in the U.S. and other countries are encouraged.

Discussions about climate change, policy, and science arise in a variety of cultural settings. Questions of how and whether to address climate change on a national and global scale are significant parts of political and cultural discourse. How policy is made, the role of state and non-state actors, the communication of science and values, and how meaning is derived from our shared culture are all questions that directly influence policy outcomes. In the context of U.S. national elections and ongoing international climate negotiations, these considerations are especially relevant. This conference will address these questions in the context of the 2012 elections, the COP-18 climate talks, and other cultural developments.

Papers and panels on climate change may address, but should not be limited to questions about:

- Communication of science
- Social movements/activism
- Mediated representation
- Journalism studies
- Consumer culture studies
- Religions and the environment
- Media and environmental policy
- Political communication of climate change
- Non-state actors in climate politics and communication
- Visual culture
- Spiritualities of globalization
- Documentary/feature film

***Culture, Politics, and Climate Change*** is a conference of the Center for Environmental Journalism at the University of Colorado Boulder. For more information, contact:

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