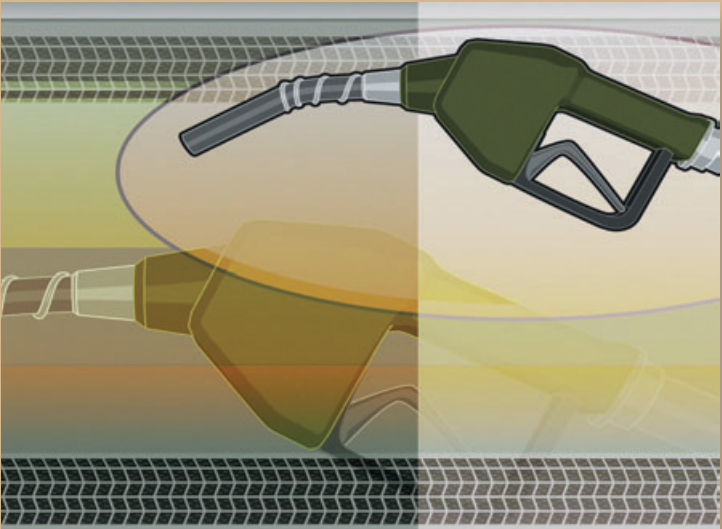


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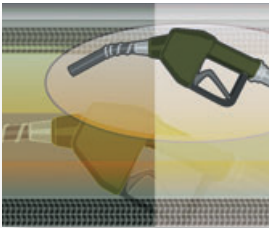
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THIS CONFERENCE LOOKS “BEHIND THE GAS PUMP” at the implications of U.S. dependence on oil, particularly Middle East oil, to fuel our economic future. The United States currently imports about 55% of its crude oil from foreign countries, with about one quarter of our imports from the Persian

Gulf Region. Our transportation sector is 90% dependent on gasoline and other products refined from this crude oil. In this context, what does “energy independence” or “energy security” mean as a goal of our national energy policy and of our foreign policy?

The University of Houston is a center of research, teaching, and public outreach in many energy-related disciplines: law, history, economics, social science, business, science, and engineering. Experts from these fields will present a multi-perspective view of our energy future by examining the history and geopolitics of importing Middle East oil; the availability of alternative sources of supply from other countries; public attitudes toward conflict in the Mideast; the environmental consequences of consuming oil and of protecting our sources of supply abroad; and the role of technological innovation in our energy future.

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SESSION I : OVERVIEW

8:00 A.M.
REGISTRATION
Coffee and
Continental Breakfast

8:30 A.M.
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Jacqueline Lang Weaver,
*A.A. White Professor of Law,
University of Houston Law Center*

8:50 A.M.
AMERICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN OIL: A
HISTORY SHAPED BY CONFLICT
Dr. Joseph A. Pratt,
*Cullen Professor of History and
Business,
University of Houston*

9:20 A.M.
U.S. OIL SECURITY AND NATIONAL ENERGY
POLICY: REALITIES AND DISCONNECTS
Dr. Herman Franssen,
*International Energy Associates, Inc.;
Former Senior Economic Advisor to
Minister of Petroleum and Minerals in
Oman and Chief Economist of the
International Energy Agency*

9:50 A.M.
BREAK

SESSION 2: INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCES

10:10 A.M.
BUILDING INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCES:
OVERVIEW AND LATIN AMERICAN CASES
Dr. Michelle Michot Foss,
*Executive Director, Institute for
Energy, Law & Enterprise,
University of Houston Law Center*

10:40 A.M.
CANADIAN SUPPLY PERSPECTIVES: THE OIL
SANDS FUTURE, NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY
POLICY, AND IMPACTS OF CANADIAN KYOTO
PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION
Professor Alistair Lucas,
*Professor of Law and Chair of
Natural Resources Law at the
Faculty of Law and Adjunct
Professor of Environmental Science,
University of Calgary*

11:10 A.M.
THE FUTURE ROLE OF CHINA IN ENERGY
GEOPOLITICS: AN OVERVIEW OF CHINESE
ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
ON ITS PATH TO SUPERPOWER STATUS
Dr. Michael J. Economides,
*Professor of Chemical Engineering,
Cullen College of Engineering,
University of Houston*

11:40 A.M.
PANEL DISCUSSION AND AUDIENCE QUESTIONS

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U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY: A GLOBAL
PERSPECTIVE
Judith Kipper,
*Senior Fellow, Middle East Studies
Program, Center for Strategic and
International Studies; Director of
Middle East Forum at Council
on Foreign Relations*

SESSION 3: PUBLIC OPINION, LEGAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

1:50 P.M.
INTRODUCTION TO AFTERNOON SESSIONS

2:00 P.M.
WHAT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC THINKS ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICTS AND RECENT U.S. ACTIONS IN THAT THEATER
Dr. Richard Murray,
*Professor of Political Science,
Director, Center for Public Policy,
University of Houston*

2:30 P.M.
WHAT HAPPENS TO THE OIL?
INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE OCCUPATION OF IRAQ
R. Dobie Langenkamp,
*Professor of Law and Director,
National Energy-Environment Law
and Policy Institute,
University of Tulsa College of Law*

3:00 P.M.
THE ENVIRONMENTAL LEGACY OF WAR:
IMPACTS ON PEOPLE, RESOURCES, AND
THE ECOLOGY
Dr. Janice Harper,
*Assistant Professor of Anthropology,
University of Houston*

3:30 P.M.
BREAK

SESSION 4: OUR ENERGY FUTURE

3:45 P.M.
UNSUSTAINABLE PATTERNS: THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS OF OIL CONSUMPTION
Professor Sanford E. Gaines,
*Law Foundation Professor of Law,
University of Houston Law Center*

4:15 P.M.
EMERGING SUPERCONDUCTIVITY TECHNOLOGY OF THE 21ST CENTURY: ITS STATUS, CHALLENGES, AND PROMISE IN PROVIDING ENERGY SAVINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS
Dr. Paul C. W. Chu,
*Professor of Physics and
T.L.L. Temple Chair of Science
and former Director of Texas Center
for Superconductivity,
University of Houston;
President, Hong Kong University
of Science and Technology*

4:45 P.M.
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5:00 P.M.
CLOSING REMARKS
Dr. Arthur Vailas
*Vice Chancellor/Vice President for
Research and Intellectual Property
Management,
University of Houston*

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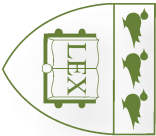
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