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Water as a Strategic Resource in Canada

From Surplus to Shortage - Are we at the Brink of the Falls?

Seminar with Jack Smith

Vienna, June 15, 2010, 18.00 - 20.00



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Outline of the Themes

In spite of a perception of relative apparent abundance of water in Canada, competing demands for limited water resources by communities, industry and agriculture are putting increasing pressure on Canada's watersheds and the communities they support.

Water and Energy may be the two key issues of sustainability for planet earth. Water and energy are very much linked, in the form of weather and climate, in growing our food and in using energy (and lots of it) to pump the water on which Canadians depend in their homes and for their commerce. The essential link between energy and water is seen in the connection between the consumption of carbon based fuels and changes to our atmosphere, our climate, our water resources and to the sustainability of life in every region of Canada.

Jack Smith will introduce the work of a team which came together to prepare the first edition of a new journal of the Canadian Association for the Club of Rome.

Themes include:

- The Changing Climate and Canada's Water
- Carrying Capacity and Water Limits
- The Final Ecological Threshold in High Arctic Ponds
- A Modern Dynamic Water Treaty
- Sustainable Development and Water Policy
- A Watershed Moment for Democracy

The Speaker



John Edward (Jack) Smith is an Adjunct Professor of Technology and Strategy at the Telfer School of Management at the University of Ottawa where along with Professor Jonathan Calof, he is Co-Director of the Telfer Foresight Leaders Forum, located within the Executive MBA Facility at the World Exchange Plaza.

Mr. Smith brings over 20 years of federal government policy, technology and innovation program development experience to his futures and foresight work. Since founding the Office of Technology Foresight at the NRC in 2002, he has led or been an advisor to collaborative foresight projects in several emerging S&T domains.

Mr. Smith is Chair of the Foresight Synergy Network (FSN) of Canada, a member of the International Advisory Board for the APEC Centre for Technology Foresight in Bangkok and a member of the Technical Committee for the European Commission's Future Technology Assessment Conference. He has a BA Hon. from Queen's University and a Masters Sc. from Cornell University.

Jack Smith is Director of the Canadian Association for the Club of Rome (CACOR) and publisher of the Association's new journal. Among the contributors to the first edition are James P. Bruce, Edward (Ted) Manning, John P. Smol, Marianne S. V. Douglas, David B. Brooks, Ralph Pentland and Matthew Retallack and Rick Findlay (editor).