

The School of History and Philosophy (Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences) and the Climate Change Research Centre (Faculty of Science) invite you to

Merchants of Doubt: How a Handful of Scientists Obscured the Truth on Issues from Tobacco Smoke to Global Warming

Public lecture with Naomi Oreskes
Introduction by Robyn Williams AM

In this talk Oreskes will outline the ideas developed in the book 'Merchants of Doubt' written with Erik Conway. Building upon her earlier research highlighting the disconnect between the state of scientific debate and the way it was being presented in the mass media, and perceived by the American people, she suggests that confusion regarding climate science has been purposely sown by people trying to confuse us.

Date: 15 November 2010

Time: 6.00pm - 8:00pm

Location: Law Theatre, Law Building Kensington Campus

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No registration required. For further information contact Stephen Healy on s.healy@unsw.edu.au



Naomi Oreskes is one of the world's leading historians of science. Professor of History and Science Studies at the University of California, San Diego, and Adjunct Professor of Geosciences at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, her research focuses on consensus and dissent in science. She has won numerous prizes for her work, and has lectured widely in diverse venues ranging from the Madison, Wisconsin, Civics Club to the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory. Her 2004 essay "The Scientific Consensus on Climate Change," cited by Al Gore in *An Inconvenient Truth*, led to Op-Ed pieces in the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and to Congressional testimony in the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. Oreskes's research highlighted the disconnect between the state of scientific debate and the way it was being presented in the mass media and perceived by the American people.

Robyn Williams AM is a science journalist and broadcaster, for the ABC presenting *Radio National's Science Show*, *Ockham's Razor* and *In Conversation*. He was appointed AM in the 1988 Australian Bicentenary honours list and in the same year received Honorary Doctorates in Science from the University of Sydney and Macquarie and Deakin Universities. The ANU awarded him a Doctorate of Law, and he is a Visiting Professor at the University of NSW and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Queensland.



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