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## International Conference of Scientists to Challenge Global-warming Alarmism

The Heartland Institute's fourth International Conference on Climate Change is scheduled to take place in Chicago May 16-18 and will feature more than 27 foreign experts from a dozen nations.

"Global-warming alarmism is in retreat all around the world," observed James M. Taylor, director of the conference. "Public polling data show a global decline in climate-change fears, and nations around the world are pulling back on their willingness to subject citizens to carbon dioxide rationing. Presenters at the fourth International Conference on Climate Change will present facts that confirm the wisdom of the public's rejection of carbon dioxide restrictions."



Among the leading climate scientists and economists from abroad are:

- \* Dr. Habibullo Abdussamatov, head of the Space Research Laboratory at the Pulkovo Observatory and head of the Russian segment of the International Space Station.
- \* Dr. Gabriel Calzada, associate professor of economics at King Juan Carlos University in Spain and director of applied economics courses at the Environmental Science Faculty. Dr. Calzada authored a 2009 study that showed two private-sector jobs in Spain were pre-empted out of existence for every purported "green" job created by new government policies.
- \* Dr. Eigil Friis-Christensen, director of the Danish National Space Institute at the Technical University of Denmark.
- \* Dr. Victor Manuel Velasco Herrera, theoretical physicist at the National Autonomous University of Mexico.
- \* Andrei Illarionov, who served six years, ending in 2005, as chief economic advisor to Russian President Vladimir Putin.
- \* Stephen McIntyre, editor of Climate Audit, the Canadian website that was instrumental in revealing severe problems in data that recreated past global temperatures.
- \* Dr. Nils-Axel Mörner, emeritus professor of paleogeophysics and geodynamics at Stockholm University, Sweden.
- \* Dr. Ian Plimer, chairman of Mining Geology at the University of Adelaide in Australia and emeritus professor of earth sciences at the University of Melbourne.

These distinguished experts will join more than 60 other elite scientists, economists, and policymakers as they address the theme "Reconsidering the science and economics of climate change." The conference is being produced by the Heartland Institute, a 26-year-old Chicago-based think tank that in 2008 and 2009 hosted three international conferences challenging the claim that a consensus exists



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among scientists that global warming has brought Earth to a crisis point and that human activity primarily is to blame.

*The New American's* coverage of the Heartland Institute's 2008 conference in New York City included our cover story, ["2008 Climate Debate,"](#) and ["A Climate of Repression: Interview of Czech Republic President Klaus."](#)

*The New American* also covered the institute's 2009 New York City conference (["Global-warming Skeptics Meet in NYC"](#)) and will be covering the Chicago conference for print, online, and video stories.

The conference is open to the public. Some 1,000 scientists, economists, business people, state and federal legislators and regulators, thought leaders, and media representatives are expected to attend the event, at the Marriott Hotel on Michigan Avenue. Conference director Taylor noted, "Our speakers don't all agree on the causes, extent, or consequences of climate change or what, if anything, should be done. We invited these top scientists and economists to share their latest research, and engage in respectful debate."

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