Learn how smart ideas are helping Canadians mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Canada’s leading thinkers are working on political, economic and cultural approaches to helping Canadians tackle climate change.

Climate change is one of the most multifaceted challenges facing Canada. It requires solutions from across academic disciplines to address how we live, work, and consume, as well as how we understand ourselves and our relationships to each other and the world. Humanities and social sciences researchers are developing ways to help Canadians mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change. Experts are working locally, nationally and internationally on approaches that will encourage a shift to an inclusive and low-carbon future in a changing global climate.

We’re looking for ways to tackle the complexity of climate change by:

- Exploring ways to design the urban landscape to mitigate climate change
- Preparing economic models to help guide policymakers
- Resolving tensions between carbon tax and cap-and-trade approaches
- Working with Indigenous peoples to gain insights from traditional knowledge of the land
- Creating adaptive management approaches in Canadian agriculture
- Understanding the implications of climate change for our health care system
- Learning how to integrate new technologies into resource management systems
- Sharing knowledge and ideas to change behaviour at societal scales

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Barry Smit, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Geography at the University of Guelph

Since the early 1980s, Dr. Smit has been a leader in analyzing what climate change means for diverse communities and economic sectors, such as the grape and wine industry in British Columbia and Ontario. He focuses on how people and socio-economic systems adapt and how resilience can be enhanced. He has applied his work across Canada and internationally, with initiatives in agriculture, water resources, human health, coastal zones, small island states and the Arctic.

Imre Szeman, Canada Research Chair in Cultural Studies and Professor of English and Film Studies at the University of Alberta

Dr. Szeman works alongside other scholars in the Petrocultures Research Group, analyzing the cultural politics of oil and the social implications for how we think about and use energy. Studying visual arts, documentaries and fiction, as well as public debates and discussions about ecological limits and sustainability, he generates research that could point the way to reshaping Canadians’ relationship to fossil fuels and other energy sources.