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## Combating Climate Change

A David & Cecilia Ting Endowment Fund Series - Fall 2015



**The Optimistic Environmentalist:  
Planning for a 100% Renewable Future**

Presented by: Dr. David R. Boyd, Environmental Lawyer and Author

**October 15, 2015, 7:00 pm - SFU Harbour Ctr, 515 W. Hastings, Room 1900**

**Respondent:** Dr. Malcolm Shield, Climate Policy Manager Sustainability Group, City of Vancouver

**Moderator:** Dr. Arne Mooers, Professor, Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University



**Abstract:** Dr. Boyd will discuss the remarkable renewable energy revolution that is underway globally, with the rate of growth in wind and solar repeatedly surpassing expert projections. Canada's progress will be evaluated, and the city of Vancouver's plan for becoming fossil fuel free by 2050 will be introduced. In a review of "The Optimistic Environmentalist," Publisher's Weekly recently called David's vision "electrifying and inspiring."

**Bio:** Dr. David R. Boyd is an environmental lawyer and internationally renowned expert on human rights and the environment. He was the executive director of Ecojustice, argued cases before the Supreme Court of Canada, worked as a special advisor on sustainability for Prime Minister Martin, and advises many governments on environmental sustainability. He co-chairs Vancouver's effort to become the world's greenest city by 2020 with Mayor Gregor Robertson. Boyd is the author of seven books and over 100 reports and articles on environmental law and policy. His books include *Cleaner, Greener, Healthier: A Prescription for Stronger Canadian Environmental Laws and Policies* (2015), *The Right to a Healthy Environment: Revitalizing Canada's Constitution* (2012), *The Environmental Rights Revolution: A Global Study of Constitutions, Human Rights, and the Environment* (2011), and *Unnatural Law: Rethinking Canadian Environmental Law and Policy* (2003). For additional details, please see: [www.davidrichardboyd.com](http://www.davidrichardboyd.com)

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**A World of Climate Extremes**

Jana Sillmann, Ctr for International Climate & Environmental Research  
Oslo, Norway

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**About the Series:** The Centre for Coastal Science & Management is pleased to announce the 5th series of free public lectures and discussions in the Planet Under Pressure: Citizens and Scientists Taking Action on Global Warming program that has been running since 2011. Climate change threatens Earth's life support systems. The resulting changes are already impacting agriculture, water availability, human health and security, and world economies. This series will address complex but under appreciated issues associated with climate change and will propose possible solutions. We hope you will join us!



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