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Coal accounts for 28% of the global primary energy supply, and coal-fired power generation is the single largest source of CO₂ emissions. To meet the Paris climate goals, a large part of the world's coal reserves must remain unused. This is why many countries are considering policies to discontinue the mining and/or use of coal. However, while some countries have already adopted concrete strategies to phase out coal, others have not even brought the issue on to the political agenda. Where do these differences come from?

The symposium 'The Coal Challenge' brings together experts from international organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), energy industry, and academia to discuss a changing investment landscape in the light of national decisions on coal in advanced industrialized countries. The focus of the debate will include the constellations under which the relevant stakeholders (energy companies, trade associations, local governments, NGOs, etc.) can or cannot agree on pathways to phase out coal. We will especially focus on the role of local coal industries, their positioning in global resource trade, and the perspectives for employees in times of structural change. Ultimately, sustainable and politically feasible coal policies are not possible without addressing these challenges.

This public event will include a keynote presentation followed by a panel discussion. The event concludes with a reception (apéro).

The project COALSTAKE, the host of this symposium, is funded by SNIS (Swiss Network for International Studies) running from October 2019. The project is coordinated by Prof. Dr. Aya Kachi of the University of Basel and Dr. Adrian Rinscheid of the University of St.Gallen.

Program

17:00 Welcome
Adrian Rinscheid, COALSTAKE Project
University of St. Gallen

17:10 Keynote Presentation
Mark Jaccard
Simon Fraser University

17:50 Panel Discussion
Moderator: Barbara Dubach
Panelists: Tomas Káberger
Kai Niebert
Catherine Saget
Dylan Tanner

18:55 Closing Remarks
Aya Kachi, COALSTAKE Project
University of Basel

19:00 Reception (Apéro)

Speakers

Moderator



Dr. Barbara Dubach
Founder and Managing
Director, engageability

Keynote Speaker



Prof. Mark Jaccard
Director & Distinguished
Professor, School of Resource
and Environmental Management,
Simon Fraser University,
Vancouver, Canada

Panelists



Prof. Tomas Kåberger
Professor for Industrial
Energy Policy, Chalmers
University of Technology



Prof. Kai Niebert
Member of the German Coal
Commission, President of the
German League for Nature,
Sustainability Researcher,
University of Zurich



Dr. Catherine Saget
Chief of Unit, Research
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Dr. Dylan Tanner
Executive Director,
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COALSTAKE Project Coordinators and Hosts



Dr. Adrian Rinscheid
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Prof. Aya Kachi
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Registration and Contact

The public event will take place at the **University of Basel, Faculty of Business and Economics** (Peter Merian-Weg, 6, 4002 Basel) near the Basel SBB Train Station.

For further **information and registration**, please click on the following [link](#). In case of any question, please contact energiepolitik-wwz@unibas.ch.

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