

CIERP's Spring 2018 Featured Speaker:

John Holdren

Why the Wafflers are Wrong: Addressing Climate Change is Urgent (and a Bargain)

**February 28, 2018
12:30–1:45 pm**



*John P. Holdren was President Obama's
Science Advisor from 2009–2017*

After a quick review of key fundamentals of climate-change science, this presentation offers a breakdown of climate-change contrarians into three categories—deniers, wafflers, and advocates of surrender—and argues that the wafflers are becoming the most numerous as well as the biggest obstacles to policy progress. It then draws on the latest findings from science and integrated assessments to expose the principal flaws in the positions of each group, giving most attention to the wafflers.

The event will be held in the Chase Center and lunch will be served. Space is limited; please contact jillian.demair@tufts.edu for information about signing up.

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