



Energy: A Perception of Human Culture and History



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Ethnographic evidence indicates, Americans think of energy as an ever-present, never-ending, immeasurable force that powers their lives in invisible and incomprehensible ways. But what cultural conceptions of energy shape people's understandings and uses of energy in contemporary America? Are there other ways to think about energy, cultural conceptions about the relationship between energy and power, energy and work, energy and social relations, that can help Americans to re-think our cavalier consumption of energy?

Moderated by Chris Rainier, director of the Global Program for Traditional Knowledge and Sustainability, this talk draws on cultural understandings of energy from different cultural contexts and from different historical periods, emphasizing the importance of energy as a cultural artifact and perception.

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