

# Is climate policy dead?

A webinar on the fate of the energy transition

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With the start of a second Trump presidency, the US withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement, the Canadian government's retreat from carbon pricing, and the recent letter where Canadian oil executives retreat from earlier commitments, one might be tempted to conclude that serious measures to address the climate emergency are dead. Even countries which have shown international leadership in reducing GHG emissions such as the UK and Germany have cut back investment or weakened targets as the economic and security ramifications of geopolitical tensions take center stage.

And yet the transition to a low carbon society is still gathering strength!

**A discussion with Professors James Meadowcroft and Kristen Schell of Carleton University's Sustainable Energy and Environment program. Moderated by Professor Ahmed Abdulla**



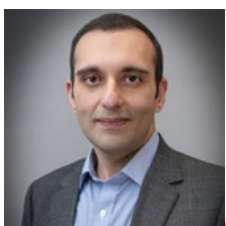
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