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## Talks appraise energy, environment

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A new speaker series about energy, the environment and society kicks off at Humboldt State University on Thursday, September 29, with a presentation of the results of a recent study of Humboldt County's energy resource and use trends.

Jim Zoellick of the Schatz Energy Research Center (SERC) will speak at 7:00 p.m. in Science B, Room 135, summarizing the findings of "Humboldt County's Energy Picture: A Presentation on the County's Draft Energy Element and Background Technical Report." The general public is invited to attend, free of charge.

The series is designed to shed light on paramount energy issues that span the international geopolitics of oil, debates about climate change mitigation and the North Coast's energy future.

The eight-speaker series is sponsored by the SERC, the HSU Sponsored Programs Foundation Small Grants Program, the Environment and Community Graduate Program, the College of Natural Resources and Sciences and the President's Office.

Future speakers in the series, including several who will appear spring semester, include Alan Lloyd, secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, California energy policy; Daniel Kammen, UC Berkeley, climate change policy; Ashok Gadgil, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories, technology and sustainable development; Joan Ogden, Institute of Transportation Studies, UC Davis, hydrogen energy futures; Michael Gelobter, executive director of Redefining Progress, energy and environmental justice; Michael Watts, UC Berkeley, the geopolitics of oil; Mark Hankins, Energy for Sustainable Development, Africa, renewable energy in Africa and Leslie Wirpsa, UC Berkeley, oil development and conflict in South America.

Details of the series and information about other Fall 2005 speakers are available at [www.humboldt.edu/~serc/speaker\\_series.html](http://www.humboldt.edu/~serc/speaker_series.html).

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