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## Hydrogen's future on tap Oct. 20

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Joan Ogden, co-director of the Hydrogen Pathway Program at University of California at Davis, will present a free public lecture on the future of hydrogen energy Thursday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. at Humboldt State University in Founders Hall Room 118.

In her research, Ogden, an associate professor of environmental science and policy at UC Davis, focuses on technical and economic assessment of new energy technologies, especially alternative fuels, fuel cells, renewable energy and energy conservation. Her recent work centers on the use of hydrogen as an energy carrier, hydrogen infrastructure strategies, and applications of fuel-cell technology in transportation and stationary power production.

The talk is part of HSU's new "Energy, the Environment & Society" speaker series.

On Thursday, Nov. 17, also in Founders Hall 118 at 7 p.m., the series will present Michel Gelobter, executive director of Redefining Progress, an organization working to shift economy and public policy toward sustainability. Gelobter has written extensively about environmental justice, lead poisoning, global warming, sustainability, commons management, and the relationship between environmental protection and tourism in developing countries. He also serves on the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council and the Natural Resources Defense Council board.

Mark Hankins, managing director of the Kenya-based consulting firm Energy for Sustainable Development Africa, is tentatively scheduled to speak Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. in Science B 135. Hankins, who helped pioneer the use of solar photovoltaic systems in Kenya as a Peace Corps volunteer during the 1980s, is an expert on rural energy and development in East Africa.

Expected to appear at HSU next spring are Alan Lloyd, secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, on California energy policy; Daniel Kammen of UC Berkeley, on climate-change policy; Ashok Gadgil of Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories, on technology and sustainable development; Michael Watts of UC Berkeley, on the geopolitics of oil; and Leslie Wirpsa of UC Berkeley, on oil development and conflict in South America.

The series is sponsored by HSU's Schatz Energy Research Center, 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.

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).

**Note to editors and news directors:** To arrange an interview with Joan Ogden, contact her directly via email at [jmogden@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jmogden@ucdavis.edu) or call her office at 530-753-4430; the best times to reach her are Wednesday mornings and Thursday

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