



Energy Myths and Realities

lecture by
Dr. Vaclav Smil
Order of Canada recipient
October 17th, 2:30-3:30 pm
Room: 223 Wallace Building
Reception to follow

Dr. Vaclav Smil (Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Environment and Geography in the Riddell Faculty) was recently appointed to the Order of Canada. Dr. Smil is a renowned expert on global energy issues and he provides critical insights into energy development, distribution, and usage challenges. His diverse and prolific writings are considered essential reading by policy makers, scientists and academics in the field. Bill Gates wrote in June 2013 that *"There's no author whose books I look forward to more than Vaclav Smil. With his vast knowledge of science and energy, history and business, he brings new insights to every topic he examines."*

In *Energy Myths and Realities*, Vaclav Smil does a brilliant job of examining the crazy quilt of claims and assertions about energy. With great wit and simple, clear arguments, he shows that most of the wild claims we hear-in all directions-have no basis in reality. (Nathan Myhrvold, James Beard Award-winning coauthor of *Modernist Cuisine: The Art and Science of Cooking* and *Modernist Cuisine at Home*, and author of *The Photography of Modernist Cuisine*). Vaclav Smil is a giant among energy scientists and historians. In this book, he explains why fossil fuels remain dominant, why it is so hard to