Although U.S. legislators have largely avoided efforts to address climate change, other countries, activists, and younger generations are putting increased pressure on their politicians and governments to take action. At the same time, renewables and cheap natural gas are displacing coal as a primary energy source for electricity generation. In this live video-linked panel presentation, the Senior Vice President of Policy, Economics and Regulatory Affairs at the American Petroleum Institute will discuss the current and future role of the oil and gas industry in the broader U.S. energy economy. An economics professor will describe the impacts of the transition and decline of the coal industry on local economies and where the coal industry is headed. And a former Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulation Commission and energy law professor will provide her thoughts on how the growing market for renewables will impact fossil fuel industries and how the overall energy mix may evolve with changes in law and policy.

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