Deconstructing the Science Policy Interface in a “Post-Truth” Era

Environmental, energy, and sustainability policy is dependent on scientific and technical inputs. In this moment of transition in the United States, how can we understand the interface between science and policy? When is science used, ignored, pressured or driven by the policy and political processes? What are the institutions and rules that create more effective systems for linking science and decision making? And what is the impact in situations when local, regional, national, and global issues interact? Lessons from energy, climate, and natural-resource management from the municipal to international level can help explore these themes.

Dr. David W. Cash, Dean of the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston, will be presenting on these ideas on Monday, Feb. 13, 2017, from 3:00-4:00pm, at ENR2 (room S107) as part of the UA’s Science Diplomacy Seminar Series, culminating in a Global Challenges Conference held at the University of Arizona, “Science Diplomacy and Policy with Focus on the Americas.” Dr. Cash has over 25 years of experience in environmental and energy policy, regulation, management, education and governance and has led Massachusetts’ clean energy revolution, serving in multiple capacities for the Department of Environmental Protection and others.