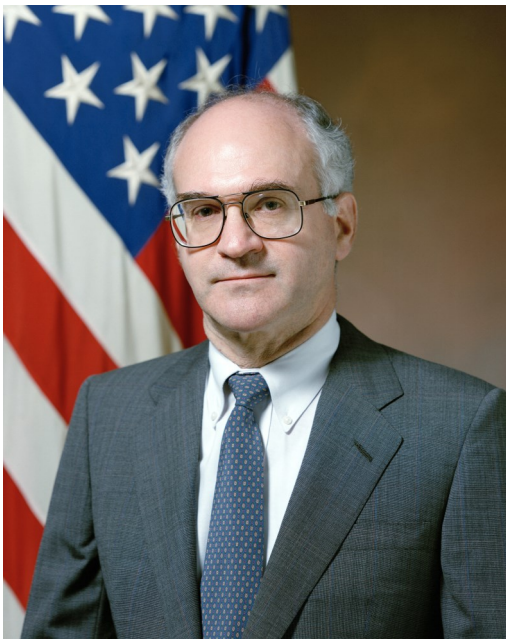


The Caltech Y Social Activism Speaker Series presents with support from
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Connecting Nuclear Weapons with Climate Change



Dr. Victor Reis

Former Senior Advisor
U.S. Department of Energy

Thursday, October 5th

12:00PM—1:30PM

Beckman Institute Auditorium
California Institute of Technology

In a recent New Yorker article, “The Atomic Origins of Climate Science: How arguments about nuclear weapons shaped the debate over nuclear warming” Harvard Professor Jill Lepore suggests that the campaign to make known the threat of a nuclear winter destroyed the concept of nuclear deterrence, but the faulty models and rhetoric used ultimately undermined environmental science. Having been in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy in the early 1980’s, Dr. Reis will review the then ongoing nuclear debate and suggest an alternate story to Lepore’s involving the nuclear freeze movement and the Catholic Church.

There is a more fundamental connection between nuclear weapons and climate change mitigation, echoing Eisenhower’s 1953 Atoms for Peace Speech to the United Nations. He will try to connect those dots into a coherent story.

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