

# Normative Energy Ethics

## Lecture Series



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**Do you really not know that?**

**Energy ethics and the matter of facts in the US oil and gas industry**

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This presentation will examine how oil and gas industry participants in Colorado reflect on the potential energy mix of the future. While renewable energy sources now increasingly appeal to politicians, publics and investors, these industry participants dismiss renewable energy imaginaries and regard oil and gas as resources that are destined to enjoy great longevity. They mock and ridicule renewable energy sources, scorning them for being 'factually impossible'. While oil and gas industry participants see their own industry as a harbinger of innovation, they deem other industries void of such potential. Exploring these mocking dismissals, I will show how epistemes of facts, legacies of wildcatter risk taking, and geoscientific knowledge are mobilized to defend fossil fuels at a time of climate emergency.



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