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Greenhouse gas research earns national prize

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A trio of SFU researchers who produced a book outlining the cost of reducing greenhouse gas emissions has won the national Policy Research Initiative's award for outstanding research contribution.

Authors Mark Jaccard, John Nyboer and Bryn Sadownik were honoured for their book, *The Cost of Climate Policy*, published earlier this year by UBC Press. The trio received the award during the annual national policy research conference in Ottawa Oct. 23-25. Jaccard, a professor in the school of resource and environmental management and director of the energy and materials research group, gave a presentation during the conference based on the research.

In the book, which uses the Kyoto commitment as a focal point, the authors estimate the costs of greenhouse gas reduction in Canada, in terms of how it will affect the Canadian economy as a whole, and also provide provincial and regional breakdowns. They show how Kyoto's tight timeframe results in relatively high costs that increase with each year of inaction. The authors also outline how Canada can fulfill most of its commitment by purchasing reduction credits from other countries.

The book has been widely referenced as the debate surrounding how Canada should address greenhouse gas reduction continues. Jaccard, an internationally known energy expert, has provided expertise to both decision-makers and the media.

The award recognizes high caliber research that has the potential to inform future policy development, and honors the excellence and diversity of public policy debate.