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MEDIA RELEASE

SFU experts propose transition to low-carbon energy economy

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A new report co-authored by 71 university researchers from all 10 provinces indicates that decreased demand for fossil fuels over the coming decades could significantly reduce inward investment in the oil and gas sector, making the industry a less attractive and riskier business. The scholars recommend that Canada makes the shift from being an oil producing country to becoming a low carbon energy leader.

The independent paper—that several Simon Fraser University professors contributed to—was developed to examine how Canada could transition to low-carbon energy systems while remaining globally competitive. *Re-Energizing Canada: Pathways to a Low-Carbon Future*, provides independent academic input to *Generation Energy*, a national dialogue on Canada's path to a low-carbon future launched by Natural Resources Canada on April 21, 2017.

"The world is undergoing the most important energy transition since the industrial revolution," says Shauna Sylvester, Director of Simon Fraser University's [Centre for Dialogue](#) and contributor to the report. "This report reflects the collective minds of 71 scientists and scholars and their best advice on how Canada can chart its path towards a cleaner low-carbon future."

SFU experts can speak to the following topics:

- How Canada can transition to low-carbon energy systems while remaining globally competitive.
- How science and research can inform public policy and debate on transitioning to a low-carbon economy.
- Opportunities for affordable energy, innovative jobs, and job creation.

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