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**“Domestic Climate Change Policy and US
Participation in International Climate Regimes:
Prospects for the Next Four Years”**

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The ratification of the Kyoto Protocol means that the developed world will begin a new phase of global economic and environmental cooperation without US participation in just three years. The Bush Administration’s March 2001 rejection of Kyoto brought about intense diplomatic pressure on the United States that dissipated after the September 11 attacks. It is likely that this pressure will re-emerge now that the election results are in. The Administration faces a set of difficult choices in its diplomatic approach to international action on climate change. It also presides over a policy environment with widely diverse regional, state, and local policies toward greenhouse gas emissions. Federal climate change policy will be a key element in determining US standing in future climate negotiations, as well as for the effectiveness and efficiency with which this country addresses the threat of climate change. This talk lays out the range of options for domestic policies and speculates on which choices are most likely. The speaker also assesses the resulting consequences for international progress and for effective long-term policies.

Andy Keeler is a new faculty member at Ohio State’s School of Public Policy and Management and John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy. He served as the Senior Staff Economist for Environment at the President’s Council of Economic Advisers (2000 – 2001) where he was a member of the US negotiating team for climate change and a diplomatic representative to OECD meetings on coordinating national sustainability policies. He served on the White House climate change policy teams under both President Clinton and President Bush. Keeler has also worked as a senior economist at the Environmental Protection Agency’s Innovative Strategies and Economics Group (1999-2000) and as an Economist for the Republic of Tanzania’s Marketing Development Bureau (1982-1985).

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