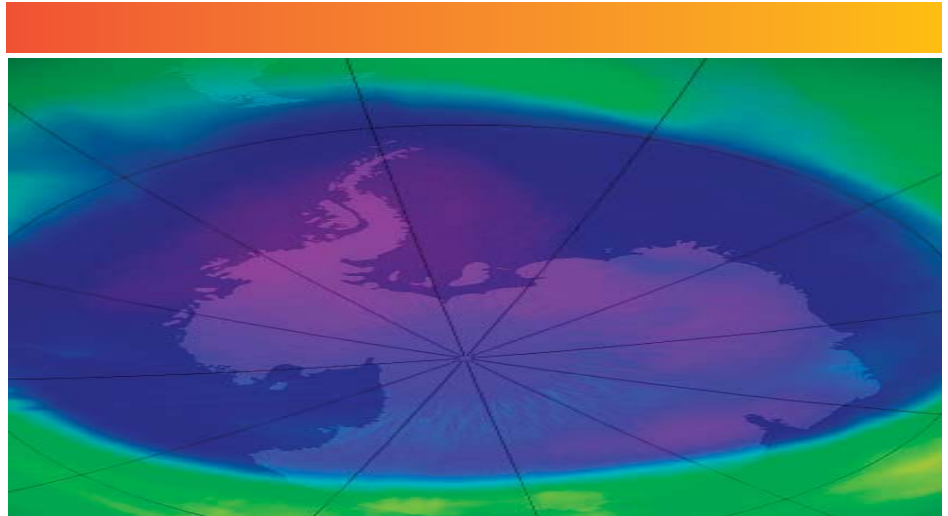


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Global Climate Change: National Security Implications

Few now deny that global warming and perhaps other forms of climate change are taking place but lively debate surrounds how rapidly it is occurring, how irreversible it is, and what impact it will have. While there is broad agreement that rapid climate change could significantly alter the world security environment, solutions have proved to be elusive. Much remains unclear. How robust are theories linking global climate change to conflict? Who would be the losers and winners in a changed environment? How might U.S. national security be affected? How should we approach the problem of global warming? And what measures should we take to be ready to prepare for/ deal with the kinds of instability that many think will ensue?

The role of the military is of particular interest. If even some of the direst predictions come true, and rapid climate change leads to massive migration, failed states, flooding, resource scarcity, and other problems, the military will inevitably be involved. The military can take measures to mitigate climate change, assist in efforts to adapt to climate change, and prepare for the security challenges climate change may bring. This conference will evaluate the nature and extent of the threat posed by climate change, and consider possible solutions.

- The conference will be held at the Friday Center, Chapel Hill on Friday, March 30th and Saturday, March 31st, 2007.
- Registration fee \$40 (students \$20); Banquet fee \$30.
- Keynote speakers: Brian Fagan (U. California-Santa Barbara) and General Paul Kern, USA (Retired).
- Confirmed panelists include Spencer R. Weart (Center for the History of Physics), Robert Corell (The Heinz Center), Richard Matthew (U. California-Irvine), Erica Weinthal (Duke University), Andrew Price-Smith (Colorado College), Nazli Choucri (MIT), Kent Butts (AWC), Joshua Busby (UT- Austin), John T. Ackerman (Air Command and Staff College), Dennis Tänzler, (Adelphi Research, Germany), Anthony Leiserowitz, Yale), Michael Glantz (Center for Capacity Building), Robin Dorff (Creative Associates), Hank Gaffney (CNA), E. Thomas Morehouse, Jr. (IDA), David Sheets (Army Environmental Policy Institute), Karen Hulme (University of Essex) William L. Nash (USA, Ret.), Bert B. Tussing Center for Strategic Leadership) Douglas Johnson (SSI).