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***“Studying Climate Constituencies in the United States:
A Report from the Field”***



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ABSTRACT:

The Climate Constituencies Project is studying how ideological and policy networks around climate and energy evolve over the 2016 election year. This talk presents preliminary findings from this project. Triangulating among various forms of data—including ideological belief networks, policy networks, and social media mention networks—this project aims to understand the shifting climate and energy policy landscape in the United States. It focuses specifically on changes at the federal level as well as in Florida, Nevada, North Carolina, and Ohio. In addition to presenting preliminary findings, the talk will discuss how the results contribute more broadly to our thinking about the relationship between society and the natural environment.

BIO SKETCH:

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