

COUNCIL *on* FOREIGN RELATIONS

DC HYBRID SYMPOSIUM

The Road Not Taken at 50:

U.S. Energy Security for the 21st Century

at the Council on Foreign Relations, 1777 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20006
and via Zoom

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026

IN-PERSON LUNCH RECEPTION

12:00 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. (ET)

HYBRID KEYNOTE AND OPENING SESSION: *The Road Not Taken* at 50

Rockefeller-Peterson Room | 12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (ET)

Amory Lovins reflects on his seminal 1976 Foreign Affairs article, [Energy Strategy: The Road Not Taken](#). In the following discussion, panelists will discuss the lessons for today's energy system fifty years later and a path forward for U.S. energy policy.

Introductory Keynote:

[Amory Lovins](#): Cofounder and Chairman Emeritus, Rocky Mountain Institute

Panelists:

[Mekala Krishnan](#): Partner, McKinsey Global Institute, McKinsey & Company

[Suzanne Maloney](#): Vice President and Director, Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution

[Jigar Shah](#): Host, *Energy Empire* Podcast; Former Director, Loan Programs Office, U.S. Department of Energy

Presenter: [Vijay V. Vaitheeswaran](#): Philip D. Reed Senior Fellow and Director of the Energy and Climate Program, Council on Foreign Relations

IN-PERSON COFFEE BREAK

2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. (ET)

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HYBRID SESSION TWO: After the Carter Doctrine—American Energy Strategy Post-Hormuz

Rockefeller-Peterson Room | 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (ET)

This session will explore the uncertain status of U.S. security assurances for the free flow of oil, the ongoing crisis in the Strait of Hormuz, and the ramifications of both for U.S. and global energy security.

[Kelly Sims Gallagher](#): Dean, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University; CFR Member

[Ed Morse](#): Senior Advisor, Hartree Partners, LP; CFR Member

[Kevin Book](#): Managing Director, Research, ClearView Energy Partners, LLC; CFR Member

President: [Vijay V. Vaitheeswaran](#): Philip D. Reed Senior Fellow and Director of the Energy and Climate Program, Council on Foreign Relations

IN-PERSON COFFEE BREAK

3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. (ET)

HYBRID SESSION THREE: AI, Innovation, and Energy

Rockefeller-Peterson Room | 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (ET)

This session will discuss how AI is reshaping energy policy debates, even as advances in technological innovation promise to improve energy security. Panelists will also explore priorities for policymakers in this rapidly emerging space.

[Kingsmill Bond](#): Energy Strategist, Ember

[Neil Chatterjee](#): Chief Governmental Affairs Officer, Palmetto Solar, LLC

[Mary Powell](#): Chief Executive Officer, Sunrun

[Kassia Yanosek](#): Managing Director and Head of Financial Partnerships, Bechtel Corporation; CFR Member

President: [David M. Hart](#): Senior Fellow for Climate and Energy, Council on Foreign Relations

IN-PERSON COCKTAIL RECEPTION

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (ET)

All sessions of this symposium will be on the record. This symposium is presented by CFR's [Energy and Climate Program](#).