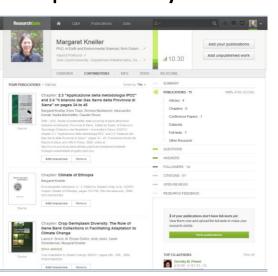
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# Global Interest NOW—Government, Industry

September 20, 2014: The Secretary General of the UN, Ban **Ki-moon**, is to join a public march **calling for action on** climate change this weekend. "I will link arms with those marching for climate action," Ban [said ....] "We stand with them on the right side of this key issue for our common future." His unusual step — high-ranking officials do not normally attend mass public protests — is a measure of how high the stakes are at a summit next week of world leaders ... to discuss climate change.

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**2015 QDDR EXECUTIVE** SUMMARY. "America is strongest when our optimism, integrity, ideals, and innovation are a model for the world."

#### QUADRENNIAL DIPLOMACY AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

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Professor Peter Höppe, Head of Munich Re's Geo Risks Research/Corporate Climate Centre

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## Growing fossil fuel divestment protests hit colleges nationwide

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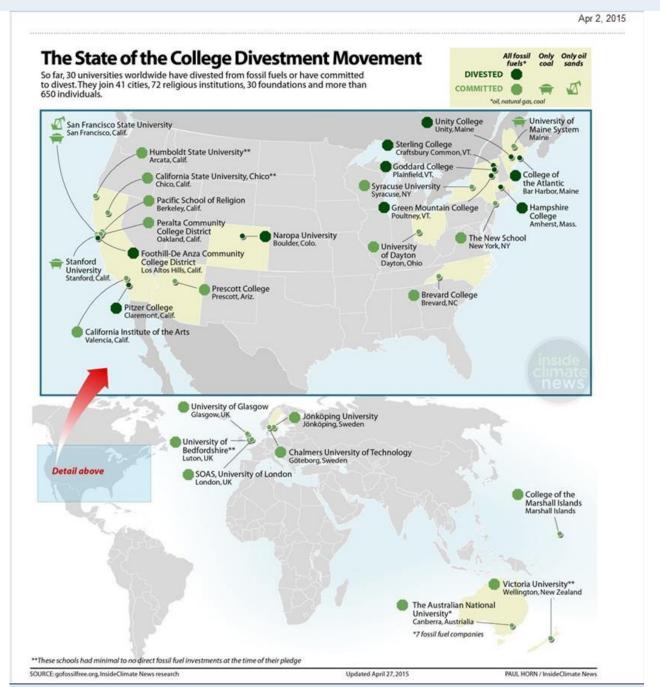
The movement to push colleges and universities to divest from fossil fuels is heating up on campus. Everywhere you look, divestment sit-ins, protests, and rallies are sweeping across campuses. At Harvard this week, more than 1,000 students, alumni and professors have taken part in sit-ins, rallies and protests. Their blockade of key administration offices has forced school officials to relocate to a nearby Au Bon

## The seeds of the current divestment movement were planted back in 2011

- when campuses like Swarthmore began to push their administrations to divest from coal
- the campaign really started to take root in November of 2012, when
- climate campaigners with 350.org, Energy Action Coalition, and others took to the road to rev up a national divestment movement.

GO TO video at: http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/fossil-fuel-divestment-protests-hit-colleges-nationwide

#### Divestment Movement—Education Institutions outside North America





#### **GLOBAL DIVESTMENT DAY WAS HUGE!**

At over 450 events in 60 countries, people around the world declared that it's wrong to wreck the climate — and it's wrong to profit from wrecking it.

... the time is ripe

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#### GENERAL DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

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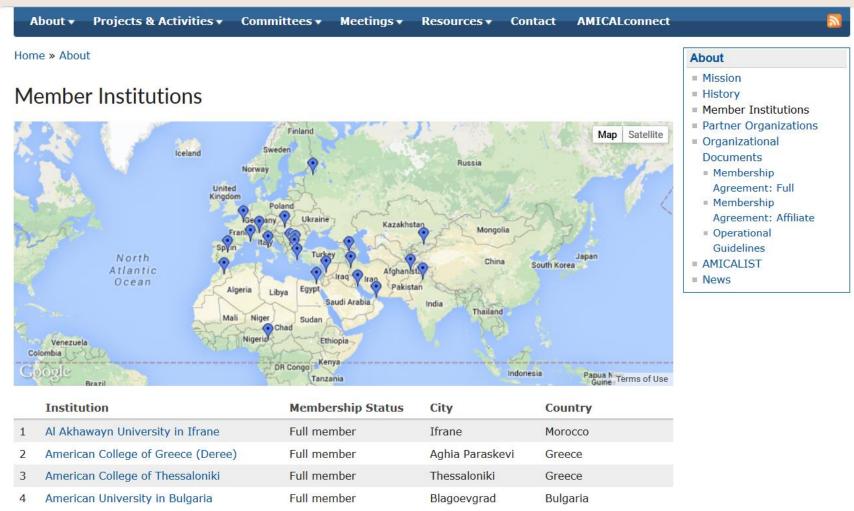
#### NS 202 Global Warming

private and public sectors.

The class will examine the chemical, biological, physical, and geological processes involved in that climate change, already evident in the 20th century, and predicted for the 21st century. The human impact upon the "greenhouse effect" is explained, the merits of the scientific theory are examined in light of available evidence to date. Climate changes apparent at the century time-scale, and longer, are introduced; the physical forcings responsible for these changes are presented. The international treaties (the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol) that address anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions are introduced, along with local to regional initiatives developed by the

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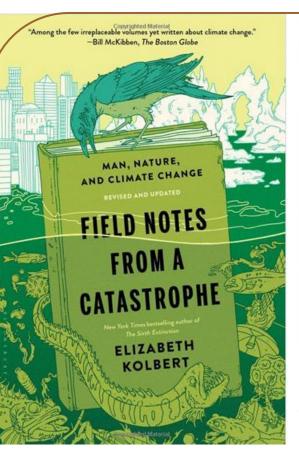
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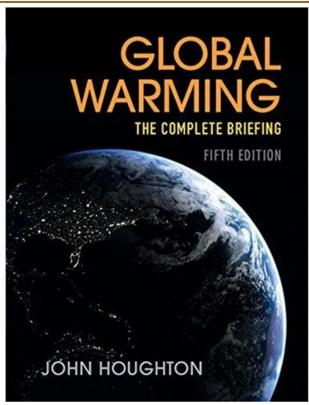


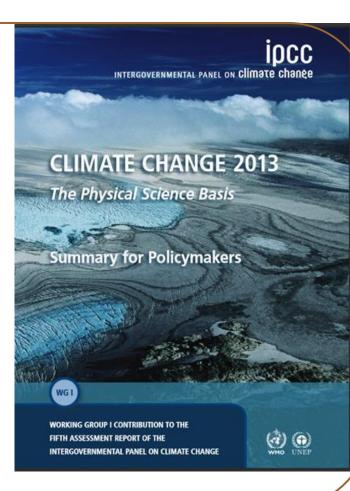


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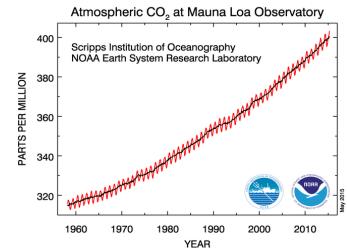
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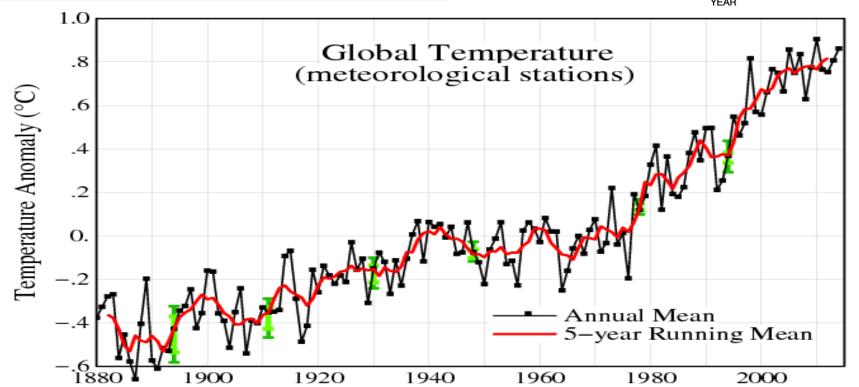
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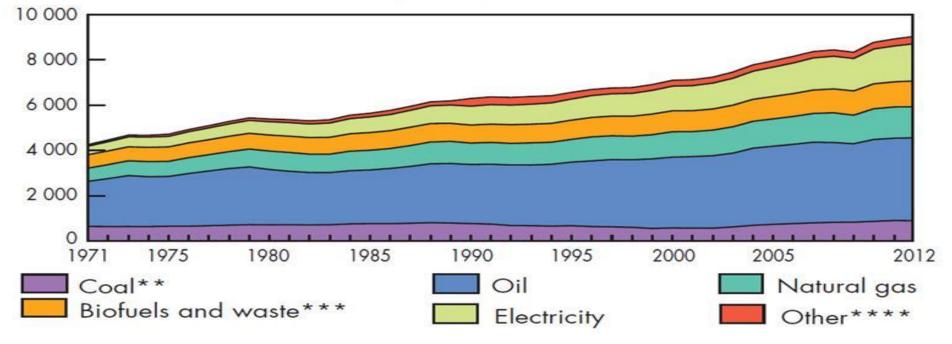




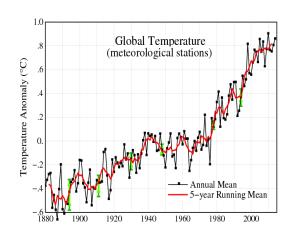
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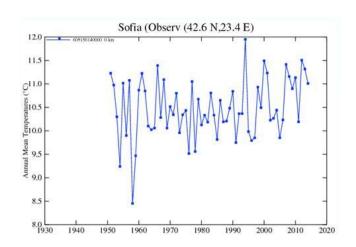
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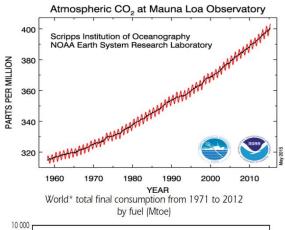


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Goddard Institute for
Space Studies Surface
Temperature Analysis
<a href="http://data.giss.nasa.go">http://data.giss.nasa.go</a>
<a href="http://data/">v/gistemp/station\_data/</a>





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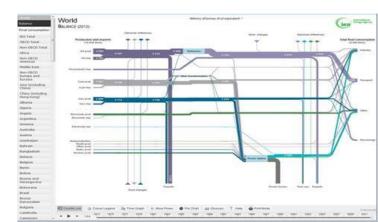
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Coal\*\* Oil Natural gas
Biofuels and waste\*\*\* Electricity Other\*\*\*\*

GO TO: International Energy Agency, Paris <a href="http://www.iea.org/sankey/">http://www.iea.org/sankey/</a>



## Online Textbook Materials for Climate Change Science ... (& Policy?) which engage an international student body

## Multi-media materials, accessible in classroom and presenting data from a global perspective, include:

- global temperature data sets
- real time carbon dioxide atmospheric measurements
- Sankey diagrams for energy flow
- critical climate impact data (Arctic Ocean sea ice, sea level)
- drought warning systems
- renewable energy types and capacity

#### **Open and Professional Source Materials:**

- intergovernmental and national research centers, and trade organizations
- data is updated at least annually
- content uses a range of infographic styles.

The materials can be grouped into stand-alone chapters (or modules). Much of this science data, has applications within related disciplines—economics, communications, geopolitics of energy and trade.

#### **Conclusion**

May 2015 ... Construct network of AMICAL professors, librarians, information specialists, and interested participants ...

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- Use the resource as on line text, or in module format.

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