

The Fracking Debate



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In what started as a national study on the fiscal impacts to local governments hosting shale energy development including hydraulic fracturing (i.e. “fracking”), public policy analyst Daniel Raimi visited every major oil and gas play in the country, interviewing local officials and seeing development first hand. While the results of this research have been published in papers and peer-reviewed journals such as *Energy Policy*, Raimi took the additional step of combining his scholarly understanding and personal experiences to contribute more broadly to the public’s understanding of this divisive issue.

The result is his new book, *The Fracking Debate* (Columbia University Press), which aims to provide a balanced and accessible view of oil and gas development by offering the evidence and context often missing from the national discussion of the future of oil and gas production. Raimi will share the results on the fiscal impacts of local governments, his experiences writing *The Fracking Debate*, and highlight stories of the people and communities affected by the shale revolution, for better and for worse.

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