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## MEDIA TIP

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### Why we disagree about climate change – UK climate scientist, Mike Hulme

Media are invited to attend a free public lecture in Vancouver by Mike Hulme, professor of climate change at the University of East Anglia (UEA) School of Environmental Sciences and founding director of the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research from 2000 to 2007.

Hosted by the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS), this free event will be held at the Fletcher Challenge Theatre in downtown Vancouver on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 5-7 p.m.

Hulme's talk will be based on his book, *Why We Disagree About Climate Change*, that was chosen by *The Economist* magazine as one of its top 2009 science and technology books. His 2010 book, with Henry Neufeldt, *Making Climate Change Work for Us*, explores different adaptation and mitigation strategies.

"Scientists worldwide agree about the chief causes of climate change, so why can't the international community come to consensus on workable solutions?" says Hulme. "We need to look beyond science and connect with people's world views, beliefs and values in our search for policy and societal solutions."

Hulme is a frequent commentator on climate issues in the UK media, including the UEA's Climatic Research Unit email controversy. In an article for *The Guardian* he stated that "climategate" has caused "major shifts in how climate science is conducted, how the climate debate is framed and how climate policy is being formed."

**WHAT:** Public lecture by Prof. Mike Hulme — *Why we disagree about climate change: Understanding controversy, opportunity and inaction*

**WHEN:** 5–7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15

**WHERE:** Fletcher Challenge Theatre, SFU Harbour Centre, 515 W Hastings St, Vancouver, BC

**Live webcast:** [www.pics.uvic.ca/events.php](http://www.pics.uvic.ca/events.php)

**Additional Biographical Information:** Since 2007 Hulme has been the founding editor-in-chief of the review journal *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews (WIREs) Climate Change*. He has served on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and on numerous advisory and editorial boards, and has led teams conducting research for the UK government, the EU Commission, businesses and NGOs, and the United Nations.

**Note to editors:** Interviews with Hulme can be arranged before or after the lecture by contacting PICS communications staff.

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