

Fireside Chat

## Saving Our Planet? What We Need to Do Now to Combat Climate Challenges and Secure Our Future



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### **Prof. Dr. Miranda Schreurs**

*Dr. Miranda Schreurs* is Professor and Chair of Environmental and Climate Policy at the Bavarian School of Public Policy at the Technical University Munich. Her main research areas are in international and comparative climate policy, environmental politics, and low-carbon energy transitions. She is involved in projects examining the energy transitions in Germany and Japan; climate policies of Europe, the United States, and China; and the politics of high-level radioactive waste disposal.

In 2011 Schreurs was appointed by Chancellor Angela Merkel as a member of the German Ethics Commission on a Safe Energy Supply. From 2008 until 2016 she served as member of the German Advisory Council on the Environment and is vice chair of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils.

She has researched and taught at various Japanese universities and for a period of three years conducted research at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University supported by a grant awarded by the MacArthur Foundation. She was a tenured associate professor in the Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park before becoming director of the Environmental Policy Research Center and Professor of Comparative Politics at the Freie Universität Berlin in 2007. \_\_\_\_\_



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### **Bill McKibben**

*Bill McKibben* is founder and senior adviser emeritus of 350.org. His 1989 book *The End of Nature* is regarded as the first book for a general audience about climate change and has appeared in 24 languages. He has gone on to write many more books, and his work appears regularly in periodicals from the *New Yorker* to *Rolling Stone*. He serves as the Schumann Distinguished Scholar in Environmental Studies at Middlebury College and as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has won the Gandhi Peace Prize, honorary degrees from 19 colleges and universities and was awarded the Right Livelihood Award, sometimes called the alternative Nobel, by the Swedish Parliament. *Foreign Policy* named him to its inaugural list of the World's 100 most important global thinkers.

McKibben helped found 350.org, the first global grassroots climate campaign, and has organized on every continent, including Antarctica, for climate action. He played a leading role in launching the opposition to big oil pipeline projects, and the fossil fuel divestment campaign, which has become the biggest anti-corporate campaign in history, with endowments worth more than \$15 trillion stepping back from oil, gas and coal. He stepped down as board chair of 350.org in 2015 and then left the board in 2020, accepting emeritus status. \_\_\_\_\_