



**The Solar Energy Society
DAVID HALL
MEMORIAL LECTURE 2016**

**The rise and fall of Bioenergy:
can we, should we, move beyond
the current hiatus?**

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With an introduction by

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Wednesday, 14 December 2016

6 – 9 pm

Small Lecture Theatre
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In the late 1990s and early 2000s, bioenergy was seen as the poster child of renewable energy, having the potential to deliver both environmental benefits and rural development. Supported by a large and increasing number of national bioenergy policies, conventional biofuels in particular, grew rapidly from 2000 to 2010. However, growth started to stall in 2008/09 as a result of the financial crisis and environmental opposition and then investment ground to a halt as fossil fuel prices dropped through to 2015. And yet, current and future bioenergy technologies are seen as central to meaningful climate mitigation. Is it possible to reconcile these contradictory perspectives or are there alternative options that aren't properly pursued whilst the bioenergy house burns?

David Hall was widely acknowledged, known and respected right around the world as 'Mr Bioenergy,' but also a founding member of the Environmental Law Foundation who was adept at reconciling seemingly intractable issues of development versus the environmental components of sustainability. As a former PhD student of David's I often wonder how David would respond to the questions raised by bioenergy developments over the last two decades. I critically explore the emergent potential for bioenergy as a tool for development and climate mitigation from global to local scales in this talk.

Dr Jeremy (Jem) Woods is a Lecturer in bioenergy at Imperial College London working on the interplay between development, land-use and the sustainable use of natural resources. At Imperial, he is a co-director of ICEPT (Centre for Energy Policy and Technology) and a member of the Bioeconomy Platform of Climate-KIC which is dedicated to the development of advanced biorenewables.



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