This Human Impacts Salon will explore how and why we make decisions about the lifeline of our civilization—energy—and the impacts of our addiction to fossil fuels. The salon will explore decision-making, inspiration, and the human impact on the world through the lens of activism, art, business and science. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about Germany’s commitment to transition to clean energy and to investigate the pitfalls and potential for the U.S. to move beyond a fossil fuel based society. The panel and audience will consider ways of inspiring social and environmental action that drives us towards change through discussion and performances, with the hope that each person will take home tools for impacting energy consumption and climate action in his or her community, school, home, and business.

Guests will include:

**Dr. Georg Maue**, First Secretary Climate and Energy Policy, German Embassy

**Josephine Decker**, Environmental Artist/Filmmaker (with live performance)

**Ben McKelahan**, Lutheran Pastor

**Phil Aroneau**, Co-Founder, 350.org

**Doug Semmes**, Director, New York Market, Green Mountain Energy

**James Slezak**, Purpose.com Representative, Center for Research on Environmental Decisions (Invited)

**About Human Impacts Salons**

The Human Impacts Salons bring together leaders in creativity with community leaders, environmental experts and activists. Salons create a space for inspiration, collaboration and exchange over cultural avenues for sustainability and environmental action. Past Salons have been held at galleries, stores, and universities in Berlin, Leiden, and NYC on topics ranging from Art as Social Change to The Power of Vulnerability. Guest participants have included environmental lawyers, performance artists, yogis, activists, architects, doulas, and many more inspiring individuals.

The Human Impacts Salons thanks the German Consulate General in New York City for supporting this program.

**Location and time:**

- German House
- 871 United Nations Plaza (First Ave. at 49th Street) New York, NY 10017
- Wednesday, June 5, 2013 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Networking reception and refreshments to follow program.

Registration is required to attend. Seating is limited. Please RSVP at the following link:

[http://humanimpactssalons.bpt.me](http://humanimpactssalons.bpt.me)

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