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The American Geographical Society Elects Dr. Robin Leichenko as New Councilor

Description: The American Geographical Society (AGS) elects Dr. Robin Leichenko as the newest AGS Councilor.

[New York City, NY] – [February 11, 2020] — The American Geographical Society (AGS) announced the election of Dr. Robin Leichenko, Professor and Chair of the Department of Geography at Rutgers University and Co-Director of the Rutgers Climate Institute, as the newest member of the AGS Council.

Dr. Leichenko works at the intersection of economic geography and the social dimensions of climate change. Her recent projects explore economic and social vulnerability to climate change in coastal cities and regions and the equity implications of climate change adaptation and resilience efforts. Leichenko has authored three books and authored or co-authored more than 70 refereed journal articles and book chapters. Her co-authored book with Karen O’Brien, Environmental Change and Globalization: Double Exposures received the 2008 Meridian Book Award. Her latest book, Climate and Society: Transforming the Future, also co-authored with Karen O’Brien, shows that climate change is both a critical challenge for society and also an opening for transformation to a more sustainable and thriving world.

On joining the AGS Council, Dr. Robin Leichenko adds, “As an AGS Council Member, I hope to expand geography’s active engagement with pressing and urgent societal challenges such as growing economic and social inequality, climate and environmental disruption, and the resurgence of racial, ethnic, and religious intolerance.

The AGS Council is the governing board of the Society and has been leading the organization since 1851. Some of the nation’s most prominent historical leaders have served on the Council including Henry Grinnell, Seth Low, Isaiah Bowman, Archer M. Huntington, Franklin D. Roosevelt, John Noble Wilford, and many of the leading geographers, business leaders, and political figures throughout the decades.

“We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Leichenko to the AGS Council. Her widely recognized work on the environment is both timely and extremely important when considering this issue from a geographical and geospatial perspective.” said Dr. John Konarski, Chief Executive Officer of AGS. Leichenko will serve a three-year term beginning this year.

The American Geographical Society (AGS) is a 21st-century learning society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, knowledge, and understanding across business, government, academe, social sectors, and most importantly with teachers and students. Established in 1851, AGS is the oldest professional geographical organization in the United States. It is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education for over 169 years. The mission of AGS is to advance and promote geography in business, government, science, and education. Our goal is to enhance the nation’s geographic literacy so as to engender sound public policy, national security, and human well-being worldwide. AGS seeks to engage the American public, from its youngest to its oldest citizens, with new and amazing ways to understand and characterize our changing world. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.

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