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N E W S R E L E A S E

# Mark Schapiro

## Carbon Shock:

**Seeking Equilibrium in the Climate-Disrupted Economy**

**Thursday, November 12 / 8:00 p.m. / Free  
UCSB Lotte Lehmann Concert Hall**

### SUMMARY FACTS

- Mark Schapiro: an award-winning environmental journalist for three decades, and the author of *Carbon Shock: A Tale of Risk and Calculus on the Front Lines of the Disrupted Global Economy*
- Capps Forum on Ethics and Public Policy
- Thursday, November 12 / 8:00 p.m. / Free
- Lotte Lehmann Concert Hall / UCSB
- Courtesy of The Book Den, copies of *Carbon Shock* will be available for purchase and signing
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## EVENT DESCRIPTION

Scientists describe the climate-havoc wrought on our natural world as the end of ‘stationarity’—a shift of the ecosystem so profound that it is no longer possible to extrapolate into the future from past patterns. Award-winning environmental journalist, Mark Schapiro, takes us on a journey to the tension points where these shifts are vividly underway. From the agricultural fields of California to the Amazon rainforest, from the oil-splattered beaches of Spain to the world’s ‘greenest’ cities, he reveals the accounting sleights of hand that have obscured the costs of fossil fuels—thus creating confusion over the costs of shifting toward renewable energy—and how the struggle to integrate those costs is reshaping the financial and political status quo. When climate negotiators convene in Paris next month, they will be facing this landscape in flux: Schapiro will also foreshadow some of the major areas of dispute and possibility informing the negotiations. Courtesy of The Book Den, copies of *Carbon Shock: A Tale of Risk and Calculus on the Front Lines of the Disrupted Global Economy* will be available for purchase and signing at this event.

## SPEAKER PROFILE

An award-winning environmental journalist, Mark Schapiro is the author of *Carbon Shock: A Tale Of Risk and Calculus on The Front Lines of the Disrupted Global Economy*, *Exposed: The Toxic Chemistry of Everyday Products and What’s at Stake for American Power*, and the co-author of *Circle Of Poison: Pesticides and People in a Hungry World*. His work has appeared in *Harpers*, *The Atlantic*, *Newsweek*, *Mother Jones*, *Yale 360*, *The Nation*, *Los Angeles Times*, and elsewhere. He teaches at the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, and at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey.

Schapiro is the recipient of a number of journalism awards, including the Society of Environmental Journalists Reporting Award, and the Kurt Schork Award for International Reporting.

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