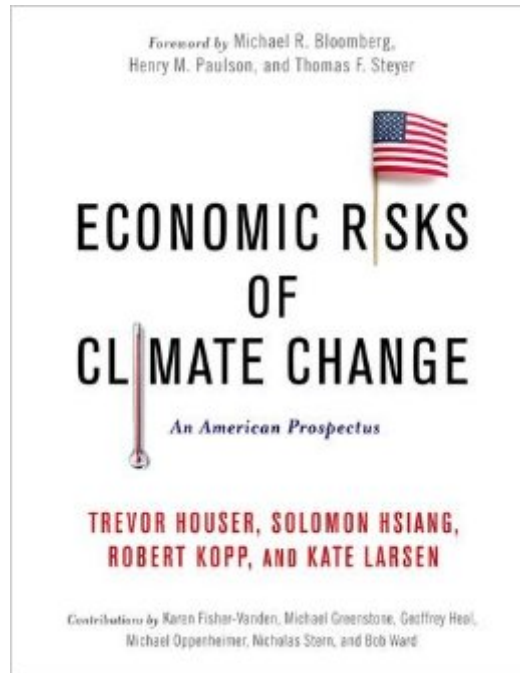


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# Economic Risks Of Climate Change: An American Prospectus



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Climate change threatens the economy of the United States in myriad ways, including increased flooding and storm damage, altered crop yields, lost labor productivity, higher crime, reshaped public-health patterns, and strained energy systems, among many other effects. Combining the latest climate models, state-of-the-art econometric research on human responses to climate, and cutting-edge private-sector risk-assessment tools, *Economic Risks of Climate Change: An American Prospectus* crafts a game-changing profile of the economic risks of climate change in the United States. This prospectus is based on a critically acclaimed independent assessment of the economic risks posed by climate change commissioned by the Risky Business Project. With new contributions from Karen Fisher-Vanden, Michael Greenstone, Geoffrey Heal, Michael Oppenheimer, and Nicholas Stern and Bob Ward, as well as a foreword from Risky Business cochairs Michael Bloomberg, Henry Paulson, and Thomas Steyer, the book speaks to scientists, researchers, scholars, activists, and policy makers. It depicts the distribution of escalating climate-change risk across the country and assesses its effects on aspects of the economy as varied as hurricane damages and violent crime. Beautifully illustrated and accessibly written, this book is an essential tool for helping businesses and governments prepare for the future.

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This book is a massive work that modestly considers and examines the economic risk that the United States of America may face from climate change in the future, considering what may be

done to mitigate the risks where possible. The economy of the country is threatened, it is claimed, by climate change through flooding, storm damage, agriculture failures and even a breakdown in social structures. The veracity of the claims are beyond the pay grade and knowledge of this reviewer, yet it appears to be a considered work and not some tinfoil-hat radical manifesto that you may find on the fringes of the Internet. The authors certainly appear to have done their research and have a wealth of respected, powerful names from the world of science, politics, academia and activism to support their opinions and conclusions in this book that they believe will be an essential tool to help businesses and governments prepare for the future. It won't be for everybody, if only due to the price and the writing style, yet it would be good if a deluxe version could be prepared for the regular reader. This weighty book is split into five parts, comprising of 22 chapters and is bolstered by five large technical appendixes, extensive references and a detailed index. The largest criticism is saved for the layout as this reviewer found the strange art of splitting a page into two columns to be significantly annoying, especially when reading it on a small screen. It is extremely uncommon that a book should force the reader to endure this torture for hundreds of pages of close type and it was a major turn-off. A lesser book would have been binned a lot sooner for this annoyance.

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