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Investigating the Natural Gas Drilling Boom



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Shortly after the devastating oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico that raised questions about the adequacy of government regulations, the *New York Times* assigned one of its reporters, Ian Urbina, to undertake an investigation of onshore natural gas extraction. The logic behind the investigation was to broaden the debate and shed light on questions that were not yet being addressed related to one of the most important energy issues facing the country.

Join us to hear Mr. Urbina talk about the latest developments in the hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") debate, disposal of the return water from fracking wells, current government regulations of the natural gas industry, the science and economics of gas extraction, and the role and responsibilities of newspaper reporting.

In addition to his writing on natural gas extraction, Urbina's *Times* reporting has covered the Virginia Tech killings, Hurricane Katrina, coal mining disasters, and a special series on child sex trafficking, runaways, and homelessness. He also was part of the team that broke the Eliot Spitzer story, for which the paper won a Pulitzer.

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