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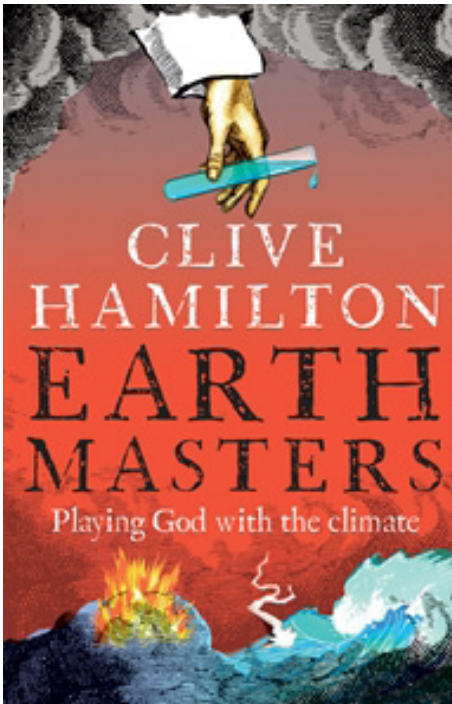
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Earthmasters. Playing God with the Climate

Tuesday 19 March 2013 5.30 - 6.30pm

Clive Hamilton Author, *Earthmasters: Playing God with the Climate*

Finkel Lecture Theatre, The John Curtin School of Medical Research, ANU



Public intellectual and acclaimed author Clive Hamilton will speak about climate engineering and its implications, the subject of his latest book *Earthmasters: Playing God with the Climate*.

The lecture will be followed by a discussion with The Climate Change Institute's Will Steffen and Frank Jotzo.

Earthmasters looks into the huge risks of reaching for desperate measures to save the planet from climate change, explains the science in an accessible manner and uncovers the worrying motives of those promoting them.

At the heart of the book is a response measure considered by scientists that appears to have been plucked straight out of science fiction: climate engineering. The large scale manipulation of the Earth's climate using grand technological interventions, like spraying sulphur compounds into the upper atmosphere to reduce amount of sunlight reaching the planet, or transforming the chemistry of the world's oceans to soak up more carbon hold enormous potential risks. Hamilton spells out the implications in a discourse that is lucid and passionate.

Clive Hamilton is an Australian author and public intellectual. In June 2008, he was appointed Professor of Public Ethics at the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, a joint centre of

Charles Sturt University and the University of Melbourne. He was Executive Director of the Australia Institute, a progressive think tank he founded, for 14 years until February 2008. He holds degrees from Australian National University, University of Sydney and University of Sussex.

He has published a number of bestsellers, including *Growth Fetish* (2003), *Affluenza* (with Richard Denniss, 2005), *What's Left: The death of social democracy* (2006), *Silencing Dissent* (edited with Sarah Maddison, 2007), *Scorcher: The dirty politics of climate change* (2007). Clive's last book, *Requiem for a Species: Why we resist the truth about climate change*, was published by Yale University Press and Allen & Unwin in late February 2013.

Earthmasters: Playing God with the Climate is published in Australia by Allen & Unwin.

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