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### **Baker Institute cancels March and April events**

Rice University has canceled on-campus events through April 30 over the serious public health issues involving the coronavirus. Accordingly, the Baker institute has canceled public events scheduled for March and April at Baker Hall. A list of institute events is [available here](#). Please refer to the [Rice crisis management page](#) for additional information and updates.

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***“It’s not easy to align a slow-moving global industry with a fast-moving virus.”***

Energy fellow [Jim Krane](#) on moves to cut oil production to boost prices hit by the coronavirus outbreak, to [Al Jazeera](#)

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## Oil market: The bottom fell out — now what?

A drop in oil consumption driven by the coronavirus outbreak has contributed to a price war, with Saudi Arabia's announcement of its largest oil price cut in 30 years upending global markets. In a [post for the Forbes blog](#), energy fellow [Mark Finley](#), the former senior economist at BP, looks at what may come next in a volatile energy environment.

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## Upcoming Events

### **Webinar: The Novel Coronavirus and Its Impact on Global Security.**

At this online event, [Peter Hotez](#), fellow in disease and poverty with the Baker Institute Center for Health and Biosciences and dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, assesses the threat posed by the coronavirus and its potential to undermine global security.

Hotez will also answer viewer questions about coronavirus during the webinar. [Click here](#) to submit a question, and [click here](#) to watch the webcast when it goes live. **March 26 | 3:00 pm**

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