Sustainable jobs: Are new technologies and U.S. business priorities at odds with sustaining employment? HOST: Linda Barrington January 25, 2012

The U.S. employment picture continues to look weak. Are longer-term sustainability issues at play in these unemployment numbers, or are we just working through a business cycle, albeit a very bad one?

Some say we entering a new world where technology competes with employment. Others argue that technology will "save us" and generate the sustainable jobs of the future. What role can policy initiatives and market incentives in the U.S. play in successfully stimulating sustainable job growth? What are the long-term effects of greater numbers of unemployed and underemployed workers? Can we create a culture of sustainability-conscientiousness regarding the employment of "human resources" that parallels that regarding environmental resources?

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