

COLORADO

# CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE

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at the **Wynkoop Brewing Company**

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Corner of 18<sup>th</sup> and Wynkoop in LoDo, Denver

About a block from Light Rail. Thirteen minutes by foot from Auraria.

**CHINA AND INDIA'S RAVENOUS APPETITE  
FOR NATURAL RESOURCES:  
*THEIR POTENTIAL IMPACT ON COLORADO***

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China's economy is growing at close to 10 percent per year and India's at 7 percent. Both are drastically increasing their use of all natural resources. Although China has large resources of its own, they are insufficient to fill the internal demand. The price of nearly every natural-resource commodity has dramatically escalated since 2001 (have you priced building in Denver lately?) Not only has the cost of commodities increased, but the competition to simply obtain a share of these natural resources has become intense. Colorado is already suffering from a shortage of several mineral commodities. We are, and will be, significantly affected by this new world disorder. Colorado's mineral and energy industry produced \$11.8 billion in 2005 which compares to \$8.4 billion for tourism and \$6.2 billion for agriculture. Because Colorado is so rich in natural resources, the increased pressure to produce this natural wealth will probably result in increasing conflicts among various constituencies.

***EVERYONE IS WELCOME.*** The discussion starts at 6:30 in the Mercantile Room (no food service there). Come before 6 PM to leave yourself time to get something to eat, or stay and eat afterwards. We end around 8 PM.

There's no charge. The Wynkoop is generously providing the facility; we buy our own drinks. It is first come, first seated, and **seating is limited** so that everyone can take part in the discussion.

The Colorado Café Scientifique is organized by an informal group of President's Teaching Scholars and faculty from CU and institutions up and down the Front Range, as well as science fans from industry, government and elsewhere. We welcome your input, including ideas for speakers and topics. Bring them with you to the next Café, or e-mail them and any questions to [John.Cohen@UCHSC.edu](mailto:John.Cohen@UCHSC.edu)

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