**Bios for StartupColumbia Panel Speakers   
*Climate Change: Fact, Fiction, Innovations and Solutions***

**Jeffrey Sachs** is a world-renowned Columbia professor of economics and leader in sustainable development; The New York Times claimed he is "probably the most important economist in the world."

Full bio available here: <http://startupcolumbia.org/speakers.html#jeffrey>

**Adam Sobel** is a Columbia and Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory professor and author of “*Storm Surge: Hurricane Sandy, Our Changing Climate, and Extreme Weather of the Past and Future.*”

“An engaged and engaging examination of “what current science allows us to say (or does not) about Sandy’s relation to human-induced climate change.”  
 -- Kirkus Reviews

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**Peter Kelemen,** Department Chair or Earth & Environmental Sciences at Columbia, was recently elected to the National Academy of Sciences. His primary focus is on geologic capture and storage of CO2 (CCS), and reaction-driven cracking processes in natural and engineered settings.

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**Kate Shepard** is an editor and senior reporter at Huffington Post

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