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**EDC PRESENTS KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

## **Alex Epstein**

Alex Epstein is a philosopher who applies big-picture, humanistic thinking to industrial and environmental controversies. He founded Center for Industrial Progress (CIP), a for-profit think tank and communications consulting firm focused on energy and environmental issues.

Epstein is the author of *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* (Penguin, 2014), which has been widely praised as the most persuasive argument ever made for our use of coal, oil, and natural gas. Epstein has publicly debated leading environmentalist organizations such as 350.org, Greenpeace, and the Sierra Club. Arguing that industry needs to become a confident champion for energy and freedom, Epstein helps companies use his moral arguments to neutralize attackers, turn non-supporters into supporters, and turn supporters into champions.

He was named "most original thinker of 2014" by *The McLaughlin Group* for his *New York Times* bestseller *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*.

Epstein has guest-lectured at dozens of universities including Harvard, Yale, Stanford, and Duke—as well as dozens of Fortune 500 companies.



**Wednesday, January 18, 2017**

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**8:00AM - 11:30 AM** Program

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