

Program
Interconnected Voices: Climate Change, Equity, and the Way Forward
Online Conference on Climate Change and Climate Justice
25-26 November 2020

Day 1: Climate Change
Wednesday, 25 November 2020
***indicated times refer to CET**

9:00 – 10:00	<p>Opening Session Chair: Dr. Philipp Blechinger, Reiner Lemoine Institut & AGYA member, Germany</p> <p>Key Note 1 The role of renewable energy in climate protection and social justice Prof. Dr. Daniel M. Kammen, University of California, Berkeley, USA</p> <p>Key Note 2 Renewables, Climate and Africa's Clean Energy Transition Dr. Rebekah Shirley, Strathmore University, Kenya</p>
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Parallel Session 1A: Cross-cutting issues of Climate Change on Water, Education and Housing Chair: Dr. Lilia Makhloufi, Ecole Polytechnique d'Architecture et d'Urbanisme (EPAU) & AGYA member, Algeria</p> <p>Climate change is connected to different sectors and creates different challenges and solutions. Here, we focus on different cross-cutting issues such as renewable energy and architecture, water supply and the energy-health nexus.</p> <p>Presentation 1: "Emergency action plan against Climate Change: Effective Environmental Education", Ziya Ince, Tekirdag Namik Kemal University, Turkey</p> <p>Presentation 2: "Analysis of traditional housing specificities in both Mediterranean and Saharan climates", Dr. Lilia Makhloufi, Ecole Polytechnique d'Architecture et d'Urbanisme (EPAU), Algeria</p> <p>Presentation 3: "Climate Change as a Threat-Multiplier on Transboundary Water Interactions in the Euphrates-Tigris Basin", Armin Bigham Ghazani, SWIM, International</p>

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Parallel Session 1B:

Fighting Climate Change with Technical Innovation

Chair: **Prof. Dr. Zeina Hobaika**, Saint Joseph University of Beirut & AGYA member ,
Lebanon

This session looks at technical solutions to tackle the impacts of climate change. We focus on the energy sector and the ways and extent applied renewable energy technologies contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation. We also explore how a just and participative energy transition may develop.

**Presentation 1: "Indigenous Peoples' Innovative Renewable Energy Solutions",
Adrian Lasimbang**, Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development
(IPMG), international

**Presentation 2: "Oyster-Leftists: Why „clutching our pearls“ is a precious practice
when it comes to geoengineering", Louise Wagner**, Friedrich-Schiller-University of
Jena, Germany

**Presentation 3: „Reliance on Carbon Dioxide Removal due to Techno-bias“,
Christian Hauenstein**, Technical University Berlin & CoalExit Group, Germany

11:00-11:30

Coffee Break

11:30-12:30

Session 2:

Connecting Global Islands for Innovation and Sustainable Development

Chair: **James Ellsmoor**, Founder & Director, Island Innovation & **Isabel Godoy**,
Partnerships & Ambassadors Manager - Island Innovation

Islands worldwide are in a state of climate vulnerability due to the many different factors that threaten their development. In terms of climate justice, islands may be considered to represent a disadvantaged or marginalised group due to their socioeconomic status, political autonomy and/or geographical position. Many islands, despite being the most impacted by climate change, do not have a seat at the negotiating table on global agreements and so must find other ways to express their concerns and explore innovative mechanisms for adaptation.

This session will address the voices of representatives of a diverse group of islands that are part of the Island Innovation 2020 Ambassador Program. Each representative will expose how their island is facing the challenge of sustainable development and demonstrate what approaches are being taken locally to meet their unique constraints that could be of interest to other communities.

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Ambassador 1: Alfredo Coro, Siargao Islands

Ambassador 2: Jon Buckland, Guernsey Island

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	<p>Ambassador 3: Natasha Arnold, Norfolk Island</p> <p>Ambassador 4: Jay Ralitera, Madagascar</p> <p>Ambassador 5: Veta Wade, Montserrat</p>
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30-14:30	<p>Parallel Session 3A: Top-down or bottom-up? Socio-political analyses of power structures and local initiatives Chair: Dr. Irene Weipert-Fenner, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt & AGYA member, Germany</p> <p>The question of how current socio-technical provisioning systems can be shifted towards low-carbon and just systems must analyze the wide-ranging social, institutional, and cultural shifts. In this session, we look at the social and political aspects of climate change. How is society able to adapt to constantly changing circumstances? What is needed to support communities? To what extent is policy guiding change and where do we need a bottom up approach?</p> <p>Presentation 1: "Intersection between energy, gender equality and sustainability research", Camille Belmin, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), Germany</p> <p>Presentation 2: "New forms of electricity provision in Tanzania: Political Economy Analysis of Public vs. Private Electrification", Georg Heinemann, Technical University Berlin, Germany</p> <p>Presentation 3: "The aspects of (in)justice of cycling infrastructure provision in Egypt", Ahmed Tarek alAhwal, Tabdeel for cycling urbanism, Egypt</p>
13:30-14:30	<p>Parallel Session 3B: The International Perspective: How do we talk about climate change and climate justice in different regions of the world. Chair: Dr. Kathrin Goldammer, Reiner Lemoine Institut, Germany</p> <p>In this session, we talk about climate change from three perspectives: Oman, Japan and Europe. You can gain insight into the different perspectives on climate change and renewable energy from the industry, NGO and academic experts. We will elaborate on what the situation is currently like in each country or region, who the main stakeholders are, what the public debate about climate change is like and what the local energy and climate policies are.</p> <p>Presentation 1: Omani perspective, Bushra Al Maskari, Oman Power and Water Procurement Company</p>

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	<p>Presentation 2: European perspective, Katrin Riegger, European Climate Foundation</p> <p>Presentation 3: Japanese perspective, Florentine Koppenborg, Technical University Munich</p>
14:30-15:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:00-16:00	<p>Session 4: Faces of transition – different cultural perspectives on an international challenge Chair: Prof. Dr. Franziska Müller, Chair of Global Climate Governance at the University of Hamburg, Germany</p> <p>The climate change challenge needs an interdisciplinary solution-finding process. In this session, we explore existing interdisciplinary processes, movements and approaches in order to tackle the impacts of climate change. What kind of dialogue is needed and how can we support interdisciplinary exchange and solution-development?</p> <p>Presentation 1: "(Energy) Transition(s) from Below: an analysis on gender, territory and community sovereignty with four Colombian communities" Felipe Corral Montoya, Technical University Berlin, Germany</p> <p>Presentation 2: "Faith on Climate - Fostering Climate Science and Interreligious Dialogues", Alice de Moraes Amorim Vogas, German Chancellor Fellow at the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany</p> <p>Presentation 3: „Towards greater energy justice: African transition scenarios and lessons learnt for SDG7", Prof. Dr. Franziska Müller, Chair of Global Climate Governance at the University of Hamburg, Germany</p>
16:00-16:15	<p>Wrap-Up and Closing Day 1 Chair: Dr. Philipp Blechinger, Reiner Lemoine Institut & AGYA member, Germany</p>

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Day 2: Climate Justice
Thursday, 26 November 2020

9.00-10:00	<p>Opening Session Chair: Dr. Philipp Blechinger, Reiner Lemoine Institut & AGYA member, Germany</p> <p>Key Note 1 Perspectives on Climate Change, Gender, and Injustice Zakia Soomaroo & Katrin Lammers, Reiner Lemoine Institut & Technical University Berlin, Germany</p> <p>Key Note 2 There is no climate justice without racial justice Imeh Ituen, University Hamburg & BIPOC Environmental Justice Collective, Germany</p> <p>Key Note 3 Thwarting in a Climate Change Apocalypse through Civic Narratives Dr. Amro Ali, American University Cairo, Egypt & AGYA member</p>
10:00-11:00	<p>Session 1: Different Perspectives on Climate Justice Chair: Prof. Dr. Hanna Pfeifer, Goethe University Frankfurt & AGYA member, Germany</p> <p>Climate change and climate justice are very complex topics, which require a diverse and multi-perspective analysis of global challenges. In this session, we aim to integrate voices around the globe; and their perspective of current and ongoing changes and their strategies and needs to cope with these changing environments.</p> <p>Presentation 1: "Protecting nature for the future generations: Indigenous Peoples and Climate Justice", Joan Carling, Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development (IPMG), international</p> <p>Presentation 2: "Counter Frames of Climate Change", Carolin Schuster, Technical University of Munich</p> <p>Presentation 3: "Whose crisis: some questions from social movements", Mihir Sharma, University Bayreuth, Germany</p>
11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>

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11:15- 12:45

Session 2: Lecture with interactive workshop elements

Climate, Mental Health & Resilience

Christoph Hausmann and Katharina van Bronswijk, Psychologists for Future

Many people working in the field of climate change and activism face frequent climate depression and burn-outs. In this session, we try to explore strategies to cope with climate depression and how to deal with frustration in climate change research and activism.

12:45 – 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30-16:00

Session 3:

Parallel Workshops on Climate Justice: How Can We Work on Inclusive Solutions?

**Workshop 1: “Changing energy flow from bottom up - Bosnia & Herzegovina”,
Centre for Environment (CfE), Majda Ibrakovic, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Why energy matters and to whom? How harmful energy projects (hydro and coal) affect the communities and how their struggles interconnect? What inclusive solutions they actually need and how is it possible to speak about energy democracy in a country where democracy is only demonstrative? How to maintain (good) energy flow and interconnection between people in affected communities? What climate narratives to use to communicate with different target groups in a country where climate is least priority?

You will be introduced to good practices as well as challenges throughout CfE's different campaigns working with communities which we believe will lead to absolute transformation of the current energy system in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Inclusive solutions based on two case studies with plenty of other good-practice examples will be presented. You will hear contrasting stories and backgrounds from struggling communities with harmful coal and hydro projects and how these problems connect people of various ethnic, social and historical backgrounds. Interconnected voices of those communities bring a strong message of no borders and contrast when it comes to saving the environment and humanity.

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Workshop 2: "Rights Based Approach for Climate Justice: Renewable Energy and Indigenous Peoples", Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development (IPMG), moderated by Janene Yazzie

Speakers:

Philippines: Lulu Jimenez and Tyrone Beyer

Russia: Dmitry Berezhkov

Kenya: Ikal Angelei

Brazil: Jama Wapichana

IPMG, Right Energy Partnership (international): Joan Carling

Indigenous Peoples around the world continue to be stewards of lands and resources and have the lowest carbon footprint. They are at the frontline of climate change and are fully committed to the needed transition towards renewable energy for climate justice and sustainable development. However, indigenous territories host renewable energy projects that are often designed without respect for indigenous peoples' rights and without social equity. Too often, these projects are being planned and implemented without meaningful consultation and consent by affected indigenous peoples. Thus, it has resulted in conflicts, displacements, destruction of livelihoods, violence against indigenous women and girls and undermined the self-determined development and effective solutions to climate change by indigenous peoples. Further, the energy generated by these projects are not for indigenous communities but for industries and or urban or semi-urban areas. This is thereby worsening the marginalization, discrimination and inequity experienced by indigenous peoples, instead of climate justice and sustainable development.

The workshop will highlight the experiences of Indigenous Peoples from Latin America, Russia, Kenya, and the Philippines in relation to false climate solutions that are impacting their communities and the environment. The workshop will likewise highlight the contributions of indigenous peoples to in combatting climate change and on ways forward for a more holistic and inclusive solution towards attaining climate justice.

Workshop 3: "Is this what democracy looks like? - Looking at the intersection of democracy and climate justice", Kippunkt Kollektiv, Felix & Johannis, Germany

The workshop explores, besides the basic ideas of climate justice, how democracy currently interacts with the urgency and injustices of the climate crisis. It further illustrates possible ways to strengthen climate movements and climate action - from civil obedience to citizen assemblies - focusing on the German context. The workshop will be interactive. A microphone and a camera will therefore be appreciated. We will use a mural board – if you don't know mural, don't worry, we will make you familiar.

Workshop 4: "Emancipatory politics in times of crisis: An interdisciplinary approach on multilevel challenges", Initiative für kritische interdisziplinäre Bildung und Praxis (IkiBP), Steffen, Anna and Klaus, Germany

This workshop wants to bring together some already existing but mostly unconnected perspectives of the climate-movement and environmental, social and psychological sciences. We want to address a wide range of topics: from concrete climate plans and protection measures for Germany, to colonial, capitalist and intersectional causes of the climate crisis, to the views and demands of BIPoC and marginalized groups from the Global South and to critical environmental psychology and social studies, theories of change and sustainable activism. We consider it essential to include a psychological approach in a critical analysis of our society and the capitalist system in order to understand (and prevent) reactionary tendencies as well as to build sustainable relationships and strong emancipatory movements that could face the immense challenges that need to be addressed as soon as possible. We want to connect research fields and knowledge from activist practice and develop them further with you if possible. After giving short inputs about the different topics we want to have a joint discussions on how these topics could be connected best for being used for emancipatory politics and how (systemic and individual) obstacles and resistances could be overcome or transformed. How can the old approach "think globally - act locally" be addressed in a way that is adequate to the situation of the world today.

16:00-17:00

Presentation of Workshop Findings, Wrap-Up & Musical Closing

Chair: **Dr. Philipp Blechinger**, Reiner Lemoine Institut & AGYA member, Germany

Representatives of each workshop present main findings (each 5 minutes)

Closing: Dr. Philipp Blechinger

Musical Contribution: Phileas – Song "Satyagraha"

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Registration for conference [here](#)

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Conference Venue

The conference takes place online and at a conference hub in Berlin (Reiner Lemoine Institut); dates and time refer to **Central European Time (CET)**

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