

Spring Campus, April 9-13, 2018

Workshop: “Climate Change Policy and Social Networks”, April 10-11, 2018

Organized by Prof. Dr. Nina Kolleck, Prof. David Tindall and Alexandra Goritz

Abstract:

In recent years, climate change has attracted considerable political attention and has thus become one of the most prominent issues regarding sustainability. By looking at the relations between actors [and/or concepts], social network analysis offers important insights into this crucial policy field. It enables new analyses about climate change policy-making, including examinations of the most important actors and debates. In this workshop, participants from different disciplines will discuss the most current debates around social networks in climate change policy. Researchers from two strands of network analysis will present their work. The first strand of research uses social network analysis (SNA) as a methodology to identify policy networks and the influence different actors have within these networks. These studies focus on the network variables, such as the amount of ties and an actor’s relative centrality within a given social network. The second strand of research examines social phenomena by investigating the existence and design of social networks. Research questions focus on the relationship between social ties and participation in environmental movements. They further explore different kinds of social networks (face-to-face networks and digital social network networks (e.g. Twitter)) in mobilizing for climate action.

Against this backdrop, the workshop will bring together leading scholars in the field of sustainability, climate change and the analysis of social networks. It will showcase and discuss different types of networks both from a theoretical and an empirical perspective. Participants will discuss the effects, relevance, potential and weaknesses of social networks and the role they play for climate change movements and policy discourse, and policy formation. Finally, we seek to facilitate both cross-sectoral and transatlantic discussion, to explore options for further research and, ultimately, to trigger new collaborative initiatives based on advanced network knowledge concerning sustainable development.

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Tuesday 10 April 2018 • Fabbeckstraße 23-25, Freie Universität Berlin

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<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	
9:00 am	Plenary Session, open for all participants	
	Evolutionary Management of Drug Resistance	Prof. Jens Rolff, Freie Universität Berlin
	Carbon Dioxide: Challenges and Opportunities for Chemistry and Society	Prof. Biprajit Sakar, Freie Universität Berlin
10:30 am	Coffee Break	
	<i>Workshop II: "Climate Change Policy and Social Networks"</i>	
11:00 am	Introduction	Prof. Dr. Nina Kolleck and Alexandra Goritz, Freie Universität Berlin, Prof. David Tindall, University of British Columbia
	Perceived Influence in Climate Change Policy Networks: The Effect of Social Network Position in the Canadian Case	Prof. David Tindall, University of British Columbia, Canada
	Scattering and Strengthening Municipal Adaptation: the Case of ClimAdaPt.Local	Dr. Luísa Schmidt, University of Lisbon, Portugal
	Knowledge, Power, and Governance: Organizational Networks in the German Climate Change Policy Domain	Prof. Dr. Volker Schneider, University of Konstanz
12:30 pm	Lunch	
02:00 pm	Measuring the Climate Science-policy Interface: An International Comparison of Overlapping Scientific and Policy Networks	Ass. Prof. John McLevey, University of Waterloo, Canada
	Can Policy Networks Explain the Sweden-Finland Difference in Climate Mitigation Performance?	Ass. Prof. Marcus Carson, Stockholm Environment Institute, Sweden
	Influencing Climate Change Negotiations: The Role of Social Networks during Global Climate Change Conferences	Prof. Dr. Nina Kolleck and Alexandra Goritz, Freie Universität Berlin

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04:00 pm	Coffee Break	
04:30 pm	Building Sustainable Egalitarian Communities: Cross-faculty, Trans-hierarchical Collaborations and Learning Networks	Susan Gerofsky, University of British Columbia, Canada
6:30	We have pre-booked tables in the restaurant "Luise" near U-Bahn station Dahlem Dorf for a self-organized dinner.	

Wednesday, 11 April 2018 • Fabeckstraße 23-25, Freie Universität Berlin

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<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	
9:00 am	Plenary Session, open for all participants	
	Solar Fuels Replacing Fossil Fuels - an Alternative "Energiewende" (Energy Transition) Route?	Prof. Holger Dau, Freie Universität Berlin
	Competing Technological Innovation Systems as a Challenge for Mission-oriented Innovation Policy - Insights from the German "Energiewende"	Prof. Carsten Dreher, Freie Universität Berlin
10:30 am	Coffee Break	
	<i>Workshop II: "Climate Change Policy and Social Networks"</i>	
11:00 am	Discussing ideas for cooperation and a special issue	Prof. Dr. Nina Kolleck and Alexandra Goritz, Freie Universität Berlin, Prof. David Tindall, University of British Columbia
12:30 pm	Lunch	
02:00 pm	Excursion: After a sightseeing tour of Berlin's city center participants can choose between two tour offers (please indicate your choice in the registration form):	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUREF Campus: An urban model for a modern city - a campus consisting of companies and research organizations, that coexist in a sustainable environment. • ECF Farm: An urban farm where fish farming and the cultivation of vegetables are combined to form an economic cycle of growth and sustainability while conserving resources. 	

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06:00 pm	Farewell Dinner, Restaurant ,Umspannwerk Ost', Palisadenstr. 48, 10243 Berlin
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