



Klimalog

Research and dialogue
for a climate-smart and just
transformation

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Klimalog: About the project

An ambitious international climate agenda is essential for a sustainable development. Curbing climate change requires rapid and radical transformations in the political, economic and social spheres and at all levels from global to local. This transformation has to be both climate-smart and just.

With the „Klimalog“ project the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) investigates key issues of international climate politics, facilitates dialogue between pertinent actors in politics, academia, civil society and the private sector, and recommend adjustments in order to meet the complex global challenge of climate change.

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Recent Publications

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Serdeczny, Olivia (2017): What does it mean to "address displacement" under the UNFCCC? An analysis of the negotiations process and the role of research. Discussion Paper 12/2017

Pauw, Pieter (2017): Mobilising private adaptation finance: developed country perspectives. Published on International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics. DOI: 10.1007/s10784-016-9342-9

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Pegels, Anna (2016): Taxing carbon as an instrument of green industrial policy in developing countries. Discussion Paper 23/2016

Chan, Sander / Clara Brandi / Steffen Bauer (2016): Aligning transnational climate action with international climate governance: the road from Paris in: Review of European Community & International Environmental Law (RECIEL), 25 (2), 238-247

Hein, Jonas / Soeryo Adiwibowo / Christoph Dittrich / Rosyani / Endriatmo Soetarto / Heiko Faust (2016): Rescaling of access and property relations in a frontier landscape: insights from Jambi, Indonesia, in: The Professional Geographer 68 (3), 380-389

Work streams of the research project

Global Governance

The interlinkages between global economic governance and global climate governance are essential for the necessary decarbonisation of the global economy. How can interactions between both institutional complexes be adequately shaped? How do international trade and investment treaties support or hinder policy measures for emissions reduction? What are the most pressing climate-relevant reform needs in global economic governance?

National political economy: decarbonization realities

Many countries have already developed strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to decarbonize their economies. Yet, underlying models are generally highly technical and fail to account for the political economy of transformation. Altering economic structures involves interests, power and influence. This workstream examines the specific political-economic prerequisites for the implementation of low-carbon development paths in selected partner countries of Germany and how these may be addressed in international co-operation.

Conflicting objectives and trade-offs

Climate change is real. Many people already suffer from its impacts. Investments have to be taken to both avoid unmanageable impacts and to manage economic and non-economic consequences that are no longer avoidable. Yet, policy responses need to consider potential trade-offs, e.g. regarding poverty reduction. What lessons have been learnt regarding consequences of mitigation policies? What approaches in climate policy and climate finance are suitable to anticipate and to reduce conflicting objectives and corresponding trade-offs?

Multi-level challenges

Whether reforms of global policy frameworks facilitate decarbonisation and climate resilience, ultimately shows at national, regional and local levels. How does the interplay between global institutions and national transformation processes look like? How do climate finance and the emerging international climate finance architecture affect national transformation processes?

Highlights

Access research data online

Academic research has the potential and the responsibility to enlighten crucial debates in societies. Accepting this responsibility the Klimalog project aims at making its research results public and accessible. In several online tools we aim to enable the interested audience to analyse, compare and use our research data and findings.

Analyse and compare (Intended) Nationally Determined Contributions: www.NDCexplorer.info

Analyse environmental provisions in Preferential Trade Agreements: www.TRENDanalytics.info



Coming soon: Explore and analyse synergies between SDGs and (I)NDCs.

Non-state climate action

The enormous potential of non-state climate action to contribute to long-term climate goals is evident. Yet many questions remain: How effective are they? Under which circumstances do they succeed? Do they deliver in an equitable manner? And do the most vulnerable benefit?

Research at DIE aims to better understand the effectiveness of non-state climate actions, as well as their distributing effects. A dialogue on the role of non-state climate actions in the broader climate regime and the context of sustainable development is facilitated within the “Galvanizing the Groundwell of Climate Actions” network.

Forthcoming Events

Trade and the Environment – New Potentials, New Pitfalls?

29 to 30 September 2017, DIE Bonn

In view of the increasingly interconnected relationship between trade and environmental policies and new datasets that map the latest developments and in light of heated controversies about the interlinkages between international trade and environmental protection, it is our pleasure to invite you to a workshop on “Trade and the Environment”.

With: Jean-Frédéric Morin, chairholder of the Canada Research Chair in International Political Economy at Laval University, Canada.

Climate Action and Human Wellbeing at a Crossroads: Historical Transformation or Backlash?

4 to 5 November 2017, Bonn, Conference

Humanity has a unique chance: the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement could become a global social contract for inclusive human development in an interconnected world economy. Will the world avail the opportunity for a global transformation towards sustainability? Back to back with COP23, this conference will send a strong signal for decisive steps towards the accelerated implementation of climate and sustainability commitments.

With: International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).

Interconnection Zone during COP23

6 to 17 November 2017, DIE Bonn

The Interconnections Zone takes place during COP23 and in only five minutes walking distance from the “Bula Zone”. As a transdisciplinary space, it welcomes civil society, researchers, policy-makers and other stakeholders to explore interconnections and possible synergies between climate change and sustainable development. Be part of the dialogue towards more integrated and balanced development, which would both deliver on the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement!

With: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), as well as many others.