

# Energy Justice and Equity: A Conceptual, Empirical and Critical Perspective

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## Abstract

The technological advances in energy systems achieved throughout the past decades placed political communities before the question that humankind has never had to ask before: what type of energy supply system do we prefer? The choice over the ways we cover our energy needs has, like every other political question, a moral/justice dimension. This dimension is often framed by three perspectives on social justice: distributional (are we choosing the system that distributes the costs and benefits of energy use evenly?); procedural (can everybody participate in the political process of selection of the system?); and recognition (can everybody have his say over the way the system is run?). (Jenkins et al. 2016). The panel seeks contributions that foster our understanding of energy justice within three categories identified by Sovacool and Dworkin (2015): energy justice as a conceptual tool for (not only energy) theorists, analytical tool for energy researchers, and decision-making tool for practitioners such as energy planners and consumers.

The Panel invites both theoretical and empirical contributions. The issues covered may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Conceptual reflection of "energy justice" and the diverging perspectives on justice and equity in the study of socio-political energy arrangements.
- (2) Energy justice challenges related to decarbonization policies
- (3) Empirical contributions mapping energy justice challenges within a policy process in a particular country or a region.
- (4) Critical perspectives targeting the intersectional and structural inequalities associated with the existing sociopolitical energy arrangements, and attempting to unveil their origins and the ideological narratives behind them.

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