

The Political Economy of Sustainable Energy Transitions

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Abstract

The local 'level' is often held up, within academia and governance organizations, as being an important site in the realization of national and/or global transitions away from unsustainable energy systems. This is often meant in terms of delivering somewhat technical climate change goals, for example the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, but also sometimes in terms of contributing to sustainable energy transitions that are more socially equitable and democratic in nature. At the same time, however, academic research over the past decade or so points to the many constraints that local energy transitions operate under and to limited capacities to act. This panel explores local sustainable energy transitions by asking questions about opportunities and constraints, about ambitious commitments and the ability to deliver, and how we can better understand these juxtapositions. Contributions to the panel should be both conceptually and empirically rich.

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