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Current position

Doctoral student, University of Bristol, 2013 - present.

Thesis title

'Towards a property analysis of energy transitions.'

Thesis supervisors

Professor Jutta Weldes and Dr Magnus Feldmann.

Thesis abstract

We are on the brink of the fourth grand energy transition in human history. Each previous transition - to hunting large animals, to agriculture, and to fossil fuels - has been accompanied by epochal civilisational transformations in economic and political power. To better understand these socio-metabolic transitions, I ask a simple question: why do property institutions change when energy systems change? My research draws upon the similarities between debates in anthropology, economic history, energy policy analysis, and political economy to produce a framework for analysing the relationship between energy systems and property practices. Bringing together the historical work of scholars such as Kent Flannery and Joyce Marcus, the empirical work of energy scholars such as Rolf Peter Sieferle and Vaclav Smil, and the analytical work of property scholars such as Samuel Bowles and Elinor Ostrom, I begin to develop a unifying framework to reveal commonalities between these otherwise very different energy transitions, helping to make insights from one body of specialist literature accessible to scholars in other disciplines.

Education

MA, School of Philosophy, Birkbeck, University of London, 2009.
BSc, Faculty of Social Science, Open University, 2007.

Working papers and their presentation

'A model of the evolution of property institutions.'

2015 Program for Evolutionary Dynamics, Harvard University, USA.

2015 Department of Human Evolutionary Biology, Harvard University, USA.

'Property practices, technological changes, and energy transitions'

2015 European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, University of Montreal, Canada.

2015 Economic History Lunch, Harvard University, USA.

'Property rights, common property, and public goods.'

2015 Political Studies Association Politics of Property Standing Group, University of

Nottingham.

2015 Political Studies Association General Conference, Sheffield.

2015 New Directions in International Political Economy, University of Warwick.

2014 British International Studies Association Conference, Dublin, Ireland.

2014 European Consortium for Political Research Graduate Conference, University of Innsbruck, Austria.

2014 Aberystwyth-Lancaster Graduate Colloquium, University of Warwick.

Teaching

2015-2016 'International Political Economy', University of Bristol.

2014-2015 'Introduction to International Relations', University of Bristol.

Other activities

2015-2016 Organising committee, '2016 WINIR Symposium on Property Rights', World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research, University of Bristol.

2015 Visiting fellow, Department of Government, Harvard University, USA.

2015 Panel chair, 'Environmental NGOs, governance, and civil society in China, India and Turkey', European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, University of Montreal, Canada.

2015 Panel chair, 'Global trade and environmental governance', European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, University of Montreal, Canada.

2013-2015 Co-convenor, Philosophy of social science reading group, University of Bristol.

2011 Convenor, 'Climate change, sustainability, and biodiversity in Cardiff and Europe', European Commission Representation in the UK, Cardiff.

2011 Convenor, 'Preventing discrimination against Roma, Gypsy, and Travellers in Europe.' European Commission Representation in the UK, Cardiff and London, and Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

2011 Convenor, 'EU policy and the causes of migration.' European Commission Representation in the UK, London.

2011 Convenor, 'Scotland in Europe.' European Commission Representation in the UK, Edinburgh.

2010 Research coordinator, 'People, power and participation.' Rowntree Trust, London.

Awards

2015 Conference award, European Consortium for Political Research General Conference.

2013 Full scholarship, School of Sociology, Politics, and International Studies, University of Bristol.

Professional memberships

European Consortium for Political Research, 'Analytical politics and public choice', 'Environmental politics', and 'Political economy' standing groups.

Political Studies Association, 'Politics of property' and 'Environmental politics' specialist groups.

Sustainability Transitions Research Network.

World Economics Association.

World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research.