

Clear-Eyed Equity: Setting a Climate Equity and Justice Research Agenda

Workshop
Bonn, 15 May 2017

Invitation and Call for Participation

Issues of equity and justice are central to the analysis and design of climate policies and the practice of climate politics at all levels.¹ A broadening range of scholars and practitioners have engaged with these issues, but a strong epistemic community has yet to emerge. You are hereby cordially invited to participate in a one-day workshop and in a broader process of articulating research agendas focused on climate and equity to build that community.

This one-day workshop aims to kick-start the development of a global community of researchers and practitioners contributing to our understanding of and ability to promote equity and justice dimensions in all aspects of climate policy. We want to learn from each other, challenge each other to continuously develop our engagement, and support each other to continue in this work. We are thus calling for participation from scholars and practitioners engaged in issues of equity or justice in the climate context at all levels. Relevant work on climate equity and justice issues may be linked to the international process under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) but does not have to be. We are equally looking for proposals that examine justice and climate issues specific to other related contexts such as certain sectors, countries, or communities.

The workshop is jointly facilitated by Arizona State University (ASU), the Climate & Development Lab (CDL) at Brown University, and the Klimalog project of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE).

How to participate?

This one-day workshop will convene at the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), i.e. in easy walking from the UNFCCC's Bonn Climate Change Conference (i.e. SB-46, 8-18 May 2017). There are **three ways to engage** in our joint endeavour.

First, we are calling for **one-page briefs** that propose a research agenda or research question focused on climate equity or justice at any level. Submissions should be sent to ina.gampfer@die-gdi.de by **17 March 2017** and should follow the guidelines included below. We will use these briefs to further shape the workshop content and structure. **Note: even if you cannot attend the workshop but wish to contribute to this conversation we encourage you to submit a brief!**

Second, we invite you to attend the **one-day workshop** back-to-back with the Bonn Climate Change Conference. Registration is free but required for planning, lunch and coffee breaks are provided, but we are unable to offer help with travel expenses. Having designed the event to coincide with the UNFCCC session we hope that many of you will be planning to come to Bonn anyway. If you intend to participate in our workshop please RSVP to ina.gampfer@die-gdi.de by 17 March.

Third, we will be launching a **Climate Equity and Justice listserv** in the lead-up to our workshop. The aim of this listserv is to provide a place where all researchers and practitioners can exchange information, share their research outputs or experiences, and brainstorm directions forward.

Preliminary workshop agenda and proceeding

The **morning session** will be structured around three dedicated interventions and wrap up in a panel discussion with the general objective to kick off discussions of what kinds of research are needed in the climate equity and justice landscape.

- Introduction by **Sonja Klinsky**, Arizona State University
- Paul Baer Memorial Lecture by **Timmons Roberts**, Brown University
- Thoughts on an initial research agenda by **Joyeeta Gupta**, University of Amsterdam
- Panel discussion featuring several academics and practitioners who are currently working on equity and justice issues in the context of climate change

During a **lunchtime networking session** all those who contributed briefs will be invited to share them, and all other participants, too, will be invited to share their broader research and equity interests, and to engage in discussing the briefs. Organization of this session is subject to the briefs we will receive and the number of participants registered by the 17 March deadline.

The **afternoon session** will feature four sequential sessions structured around the briefs submitted. They will be gathered into bundles depending on the main categories of proposals received and will be used to spur discussion about what research or action agendas might be most valuable to pursue.

Each of the four sessions will collectively discuss:

- What are the key research questions in this specific area?
- Who is already working on these, and what is the state of knowledge?
- What strategies might help to develop and advance this specific line of work?

A **drinks reception** with a **toast in memory of Paul Baer** will wrap up the workshop.

We very much hope that you will join us!

Guidance for research briefs

The one-page research briefs are meant to be thought-pieces for spurring research interest and debate, and identifying potential collaborations. Please do not submit more than one brief per person. **We strongly encourage contributions from junior researchers and colleagues in the global South.**

In your submission please outline the following information:

- Your name and title
- Your institutional affiliation
- Your email address
- Proposal for a research agenda relevant to climate equity and justice of up to 500 words
- Please send in your submissions with the following file name convention:
lastname_firstname.docx (or .pdf)
- Please submit to ina.gampfer@die-gdi.de by **17 March 2017**.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact *Sonja Klinsky* <sonja.klinsky@asu.edu>, *Timmons Roberts* <timmons@brown.edu> or *Pieter Pauw* <pieter.pauw@die-gdi.de>.

ⁱ See Sonja Klinsky et al. 2016. Why equity is fundamental in climate change policy research, *Global Environmental Change* (in press), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2016.08.002>