

Preface and Acknowledgements

Global climate and energy governance increasingly intersect. Transformation in the consumption and production of energy across developing and developed countries is key to setting the world on a low-carbon path. It therefore makes sense, as we argue in this book, to talk about a global climate-energy nexus. This nexus consists of a plethora of international institutions that govern numerous policy fields, such as renewable energy, fossil fuel subsidies, and carbon pricing. These issues, and the institutions that govern them, all have far-reaching consequences for climate change and energy use, and thereby for the future world we live in.

Many of these institutions overlap in their mandates and memberships of governments and nongovernmental actors, while they exercise different governance functions. All this leads to a high degree of institutional complexity across the climate-energy nexus. We lack a deeper understanding of the shapes of this complexity, and of its crucial consequences for the legitimacy and effectiveness of the governance arrangements that are operating therein.

This book provides essential answers to these research gaps. It conceptualizes the governance of the climate-energy nexus and presents novel empirical findings through carefully crafted comparative case studies that combine different methodologies in an innovative way.

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