



A Critical Analysis of ‘Energy Transitions’

**Meaning, Governance, Litigation
from a Comparative Perspective
France / Germany / Japan**



Venue

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The energy transition from centralized fossil fuels to decentralized renewables is typically associated with innovative, transparent, multi-level governance that advances collective interests. However, many current energy policies remain centralized and less inclusive, resulting in significant local opposition driven by economic, social, and environmental concerns. Litigation has emerged as a key method for communities to influence decision-making, exposing local tensions and inequalities related to new energy installations. A comparative study of Germany, France, and Japan is pertinent due to their shared climate ambitions and the challenges posed by the energy crisis following the war in Ukraine. Despite these common goals, each country's approach to energy transition varies widely, shaped by unique socio-historical factors.

This workshop will explore energy transitions in these countries through three main inquiries: 1) Multi-level governance of energy; 2) Litigation's role in highlighting local opposition to new infrastructures; and 3) Litigation's impact on public policy and legal reform. The objective is to deepen the understanding of a just and democratic energy transition by incorporating multiple perspectives and examining their interactions with the institutions that shape energy policies.

Photos:
Nuclear power plant in Nogent sur Seine,
France, 2006 (R. Lippert)
Rokkasho Village, Aomori Pref.,
September 2024 (A. Sala)

 Tokyo time

 Paris/Berlin time

 10:30 - 10:35 am

 2:30 - 2:35 am

Opening Remarks by Satoshi INABA

(Dean, School of International Liberal Studies, Waseda University)

 10:35 - 11:00 am

 2:35 - 3:00 am

Presentation of the Conte Project

by Magali DREYFUS (CNRS) and Adrienne SALA (Waseda University)

 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

 3:00 - 5:00 am

Panel 1 — Energy Transitions and Multi-Level Governance of Energy: Establishing the Institutional Framework for Public Energy Policies (Part I)

Energy Transition in Japan — Yasuko KAMEYAMA (University of Tokyo)

Japan's Green Transformation (GX): Its Prospect and Current Status?

— Hiroshi OHTA (Waseda University)

Mind the Gap? Looking for the Territorialization of the French Energy and

Climate Strategy — Romain GOSSE (CERAPS)

Analysis of the Energy Transition and its Governance in Fukushima Prefecture and its Consequences — Cécile ASANUMA-BRICE (CNRS, MITATE lab)

Discussant: Adrienne SALA (Waseda University)

Q&A Session

[Lunch Break](#)

 2:00 - 4:00 pm

 6:00 - 8:00 am

Panel 2 — Litigation in Energy Transitions: Using Lawsuits to Explore Local Tensions and the Motives Behind Opposition to New Energy Infrastructure

New Energy Infrastructure as a Field of Strategic Litigation?

How to Measure Strategic Elements of Energy Litigation

— Alix WEIGEL & Anna WENZ-TEMMING (FernUniversität in Hagen)

What a Study of Litigation Can Tell Us About Opposition to Methanization:

A Look at France — Alix VOLLET (CERAPS)

Litigation Affecting Energy Transitions in Japan — Eri OSAKA (Toyo University)

Discussant: Masako ICHIHARA (RIHN)

Q&A Session

[Coffee break](#)

 4:15 pm - 6:15 pm

 8:15 -10:15 am

Panel 3 — Energy Transitions and Multi-Level Governance of Energy: Establishing the Institutional Framework for Public Energy Policies (Part II)

Energy Transition and Multi-Level Governance of Energy in Japan

— Andrew DE WIT (Rikkyo University)

The Role of Economic Incentives and Citizen Participation for the German

'Energiewende' — Stefan WURSTER (Technical University of Munich) [online](#)

From Difficulties in Implementing the Energy Transition to Studies of Grumpy Local Residents. Reading French Social Science Literature on the Development

of Renewable Energies in France — Leny PATINAUX (CERAPS) [online](#)

Market Design for a Successful Energy Transition: A German Perspective

— Michael BUCKSTEEG (FernUniversität in Hagen) [online](#)

Discussant: Annette Elisabeth TÖLLER (FernUniversität in Hagen) [online](#)

Q&A Session

[Coffee Break](#)

 6:30 - 8:00 pm

 10:30 - 12:00 pm

Open Round Table — Challenges for Energy Transitions: France, Germany, Japan

With the Participants and Lawyer Shinobu AWAYA

Chair: Magali DREYFUS (CNRS) Adrienne SALA (Waseda University)

Isabelle GIRAUDOU (University of Tokyo) Masako ICHIHARA (RIHN)