

Energy Challenges in the Developing World

Join us for an Open House with faculty and graduate students working on research related to energy issues as these intersect with themes of development. Scholars from all backgrounds are welcome, particularly in the humanities and social sciences.

As climate change threatens communities worldwide, how to transition to cleaner sources of energy remains a global challenge. For developing countries, the stakes are high: they must simultaneously respond to climate change impacts and strive to develop using more expensive, fossil fuel-free energy sources. In this context, what have been developing countries' approaches to energy policy and fuels? How are these challenged by the current pressure to switch to cleaner energies, and with what effects? What have developing countries been doing to participate in new markets for fuels and energy technologies, and respond to new energy challenges, like for mobile technologies that are increasingly important not just in cities but also in rural areas across Africa and Latin America? Can developing countries benefit from new energy sources, like lithium used in electric cars? Or are fossil fuels still black gold, as Brazil's and Ghana's recent oil discoveries suggest? These are some of the questions our research cluster is thinking about, and we hope you will join us.



Rockwood Lithium mine, Atacama desert, Chile (photo: J. Barandiaran)

Friday, February 6 from 12pm to 2pm in SSMS 2001
Lunch will be served

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