

Experts Available: Biden Administration Climate Policy

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As the Biden-Harris Administration sets its agenda for its first one hundred days in office, Scholars Strategy Network has compiled a list of experts who are available to be contacted for commentary and analysis on new policy developments. Below are the scholars who can comment on climate and energy policy.

You can connect with all researchers available to comment on the Administration's policy priorities here.

DEVON KYLA CANTWELL

University of Ottawa



Cantwell's research focuses on human security, which includes issues of gender and violence, environmental security, and cyber security. She is available to comment on local climate governance policy, climate risks to national security, environmental ethics issues, and coordination between national and subnational climate actors (both domestically and internationally).

"It's critical that we have national level leadership with a laser focus on climate action. While cities and subnational actors have been working to develop mechanisms to try to meet climate reduction targets, absent national coordination on components like renewable energy sourcing and transportation infrastructure investment, the United States is going to fall dramatically behind necessary targets to avert a point of no return for climate change."

DANA R R. FISHER

American University



Fisher focuses on understanding the relationship between environmentalism and democracy - most recently by studying American climate politics, social protest, activism, and environmental stewardship. She is available to comment on the overall climate and energy trajectory of the new administration, as well as US participation in the international climate regime.

"Given the team of seasoned experts who have been named to serve in the Administration, we should expect that the issue of climate change will be woven throughout the policies implemented during the first 100 days--from COVID relief through infrastructure, along with energy and climate-specific policies."

MATTHEW TODD HUBER

Syracuse University



Huber's teaching and research focus on the politics of energy and climate change. He is available to comment on energy and climate policy in the new administration.

WALTER A ROBINSON

North Carolina State University at Raleigh



Robinson's research focuses on the atmospheric fluid dynamics as it relates to variability and change in Earth's climate system. He is available to comment on climate policy and energy policy as impacts climate.

"The Biden climate plan is hugely, but appropriately, ambitious. The devil is always in the details, but the big devil here is how fast it gets implemented. To reach 0-net-emissions by 2050, we need a sharp right turn on emissions now, not just plan to do it later."

TANIA M. SCHUSLER

Loyola University of Chicago



Schusler's research focuses on community participation and stakeholder engagement in environmental management. She is available to comment on intersections between climate policy and any of the following: jobs creation, risk reduction, public health, environmental justice, ecosystem health, climate change mitigation, or climate change adaptation.

"I work daily with young people who are rightfully appalled that our nation has been throwing away their futures when we have solutions to the climate crisis at hand. After decades of apathy and even denial of global warming by our federal government, I'm optimistic for climate policy that will generate jobs, protect public health, and reassert the United States as a global leader."

LEAH C. STOKES

University of California, Santa Barbara



Stokes researches public policy and environmental politics, with a focus on environmental and energy policies in the United States and Canada. She is available to comment on energy, climate and environmental politics, climate change, renewable energy, water and chemicals policy.

"Joe Biden made it clear that climate is one of his top issues making the Biden victory a big win for the planet. Even if we can't get new climate legislation, our executive branch already has many tools to act. The best time to cut emissions was decades ago; the second-best time is today. With a Biden administration, we can get started tomorrow."

MATTO MILDENBERGER

University of California, Santa Barbara



Mildenberger's research focuses on climate policy inaction in the face of dramatic economic and social costs associated with the climate crisis. He is available to comment on energy policy, climate policy, Congressional legislative debates over environment, and global climate negotiations.

"President Biden has the potential to become the first climate president in US history. During the campaign, he promised major climate reforms that, for the first time, offered climate solutions at the scale of the crisis. His administration now has a chance to safeguard our future social and economic well-being."