



ONLINE WORKSHOP

March 8th and 9th 2021, 1 pm – 4 pm CET

Petrochemicals and Climate Change: Corporate power, networks and international governance

Overall aim

To discuss key findings, knowledge gaps, and a research agenda concerning the intersection between of petrochemicals and climate change. The workshop will provide an opportunity for both the project group and participants to present and discuss ongoing work, preliminary findings, and future plans.

The long-term aim is for this meeting is to kick-start a series of regular meetings among key experts (both academic and non-profit research) to help drive forward and develop the research agenda on petrochemicals, and its interlinkages with fossil fuels, climate change, and the environment.

Themes

1. Petrochemical sector dynamics: understanding the sector, key actors, geo-political aspects, interlinkages with fossil fuel extraction, and future outlooks of the sector.

3. Narratives of incumbents: exploring the somewhat hidden, yet very active, policy advocacy work of the petrochemical sector. Analysing key narratives and practises that either maintain status quo or promote change.

2. Finance: exploring role of investors in both financing petrochemical growth and steering towards a low-carbon transition; exploring the role of states and fossil fuel subsidies in this respect.

4. Global governance: identifying and analysing the global governance of the petrochemicals sector. Review the current governance arrangements relevant to the petrochemical sector and explore how international regimes can help facilitate and govern a low carbon transition for the sector.

Preliminary agenda

Monday March 8th, 1 pm – 4 pm CET

- Setting the scenes (1 hour)
- Session focused on Theme 1: Petrochemical sector dynamics (1 hour)
- Session focused on Theme 2: Finance (1 hour)

Tuesday March 9th, 1 pm – 4 pm CET

- Session focused on Theme 3: Narratives of incumbents (1 hour)
- Session focused on Theme 4: Global governance (1 hour)
- Conclusions and follow-up (1 hour)

More information and registration

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