

Current Crises and Future Climate Change: How to prevent rising inequality and societal conflict

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The achievements in reducing inequality over the last decades are currently threatened by multiple crises: the energy and food crisis caused by the pandemic and the war in Ukraine, as well as the increasing impacts of climate change. This has the potential to cause or reinforce societal conflicts worldwide. Sustainable policy solutions have to include the different short- and long-term effects to protect especially the most vulnerable groups.

Distributional consequences of climate change policies and impacts and how to best address them on different scales were subject of the CHIPS project. Results comprise advanced integrated assessment models, now including subnational inequalities, and bottom-up microsimulation and empirical studies of inequality complementing the global approach. During the event the project team will present the results and discuss them in the context of the current challenges to inequality.

Preliminary Agenda

14:00 – 14:10	Welcome and introduction (Franziska Piontek, PIK)
14:10 – 14:30	Keynote: Extreme poverty and shared prosperity under socioeconomic and climatic uncertainties (Julie Rozenberg, World Bank)
14:30 – 15:00	Results from the CHIPS project I: Global policy scenarios in the face of distributional effects of climate change impacts and policies (Presentation + 10 min Q and A)
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15:10-15:40	Results from the CHIPS project II: Local policy strategies (Presentation + 10 min Q and A)
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16:00-17:15	Panel discussion: How do the current crises interact with long-term climate policy needs and how should research respond? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthias Kalkuhl (Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change) • Brian Walsh (World Bank) • Lucas Chancel (World Inequality Lab) • Carlotta Balestra (OECD Centre for Well-Being, Inclusion, Sustainability and Equal Opportunity) • Marie-Luise Abshagen (Forum Umwelt und Entwicklung)
17:15-17:30	Final questions and closing remarks

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