



# 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.

📍 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 Transition and Multi-level Governance of Energy: Establishing the institutional framework for public energy policies (Part I)

Yasuko KAMEYAMA (University of Tokyo)

Hiroshi OHTA (Waseda University)

Romain GOSSE (CERAPS)

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 infrastructures

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

Alix VOLLET (CERAPS)

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 Transition and Multi-level Governance of Energy: Establishing the institutional framework for public energy policies (Part II)

Andrew DE WIT (Rikkyo University)

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

Leny PATINAUX (CERAPS) [online](#)

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 With the Participants and Lawyer Shinobu AWAYA — Challenges for Energy Transition: France, Germany, Japan

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

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