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13th and 14th of March

Graduate School of Business, Cape Town, South Africa

Session 5 (Energy)

3:30pm – 5:00pm, Rooftop

'Pathways of change in energy systems and just transitions'

Speakers: Michelle Pressend TRAJECTS UCT (session lead); Rasigan Maharaj, Tshwane University of Technology; Julia Schwab, University of Giessen; Megan Cole, University of Cape Town

Abstract:

This session interrogates the concept of pathways and the role of “justice” in changing the current technological trajectories in energy systems in South Africa, Colombia and Ecuador. The speakers present examples from research and teaching related to “just transitions” in a collaborative program (TRAJECTS), socio-economic implications of closure of coal mines in South Africa as well as the role of the state in advancing Ecuador’s extractive oil industries despite local opposition.