



Dear readers,

today I would like to draw your attention to the [RIFS blog](#), which contains some new and interesting posts. RIFS Scientific Director Mark Lawrence, for example, takes a deep dive into our options for leading more sustainable lives. Cecilia Oliveira and Bernardo Jurema examine the prospects for environmental policy in Brazil following the election of Luiz Inácio "Lula" da Silva, and Charlotte Unger offers an outlook on climate policy at the beginning of the year.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact us by [e-mail](#).

Best regards from Potsdam,
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NEWS



[RIFS Study](#)

[China's Hydrogen Strategy: Sustainable Generation Not A Priority](#)

Hydrogen is widely viewed as a beacon of hope for the global energy transition. China is pursuing an ambitious agenda to strengthen its hydrogen sector. As a new RIFS Study of China's emerging hydrogen economy shows, its current efforts prioritize industrial development ahead of decarbonization and energy security concerns.

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Participation

Berlin Senate Adopts Most of the Recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly on Climate

On 20 December 2022, the Berlin Senate issued a statement on the recommendations prepared by the Berlin Citizens' Assembly on Climate and announced that it would partially or fully incorporate 42 of the assembly's 47 recommendations into its Energy and Climate Protection Programme (BEK 2030). RIFS (then IASS) advised the Citizens' Assembly on Climate and accompanied the participation process.

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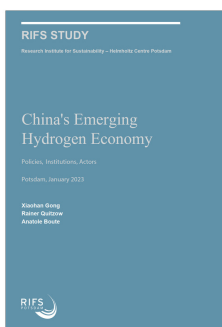
Transformation

Goals Alone Will Not Suffice: Negotiating Pathways Towards Sustainability

Not abstract goals but the paths we take towards their implementation will determine whether we are able to forge a sustainable society in this century. Policymakers will need to negotiate with key societal actors on the concrete steps if this transformation is to succeed. Political institutions must embrace public participation as a means to develop actionable solutions in cooperation with citizens, argue RIFS researchers Jörg Radtke and Ortwin Renn in the new anthology "Umkämpfte Zukunft. Zum Verhältnis von Nachhaltigkeit, Demokratie und Konflikt".

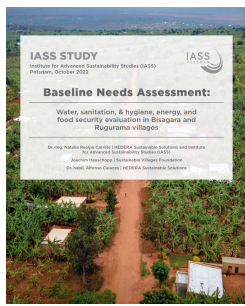
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PUBLICATIONS



China's Emerging Hydrogen Economy: Policies, Institutions, Actors

Gong, X., Quitzow, R., & Boute, A. (2023)
RIFS Study, January 2023



Baseline Needs Assessment: Water, sanitation, & hygiene, energy, and food security evaluation in Bisagara and Rugurama villages

Realpe Carrillo, N., Hauschopp, J., & Caiazza, A.
IASS Study, December 2022

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NEW ON THE IASS BLOG



Brazil: An Environmental Power

Maria Cecilia Oliveira and Bernardo Jurema



RIFS Focal Topic: The Year in Review

Louis Kotzé, Niklas Scheffer, Henrike Knappe,
Alexandra Tost, Bernardo Jurema



Hidden Ghosts: A Story of Climate Devastation

Setenay Kizilkaya



The Turn of the Year in Climate Policy: Insights and Outlook

Charlotte Unger



A Treaty for the High Seas

Ben Boteler



How Can I Live Sustainably?

Mark Lawrence

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14.02.2023

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Green Hydrogen and International Cooperation

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Abschlussveranstaltung des SHAPE-Projekts – Sustainable
Development Pathways

21.02.2023

RIFS Focal Topic Year: "Justice in Sustainability"
Klima- und Umweltpolitik: eine Frage von Privilegien? Zwei
lokale Initiativen teilen ihre Erfahrungen aus Deutschland und
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