

Call for Participation in the International Conference

**Interconnected voices: Climate change, equity, and the way forward - Online
Conference on Climate Change and Climate Justice**

organised by
the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) and
Reiner Lemoine Institut (RLI)

25th – 26th November 2020

*“Let the most affected people in, to participate in decision making.”
Sylvia Atugonza Kapello, Ugandan climate and development expert*

Climate change and the related global warming lead to large-scale shifts in the world’s ecological, societal, and economic systems. These shifts are rapidly redesigning the realities and livelihoods of humanity, who are simultaneously the main victim and main driver of such impacts. Thus, we require systems, societies, and individuals to be capable of quickly adopting to those changes and at the same time decrease climate change drivers. In addition, the system changes are not occurring in the same form and intensity globally, which leads to predominance of ‘**climate INjustice**’ as a research agenda and movement. The concepts of justice are also now routinely mobilised in environmental and climate change activism, with movements for environmental and climate justice emerging around the world.

The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) includes the principle of “common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities”. This therefore requires international climate change mitigation and adaptation regimes in order to derive fair climate stability implementation strategies. Innovative compensation schemes to share the burden of climate change with bonds help weight the burden of climate change more equally between today’s and tomorrow’s society. Deriving respective policy recommendations for the wider climate change community is aimed at ensuring to share the burden but also the benefits of climate change within society, between countries and over time in an equitable and fair way.

“**Interconnected voices: Climate change, equity, and the way forward**” provides a lens towards climate injustice within the broader context of climate change in 2020 by bridging a variety of processes, strategies, practices, and actors. The two days online conference aims to discuss these challenges in an interdisciplinary and inclusive way. Instead of moving scholars emitting additional and avoidable CO₂, we want to move ideas, inspirations and motivation in our interactive online format.

Climate change is a global and urgent issue that requires all existing brainpower. Creating a workspace where currently underrepresented groups can enter, will encourage more diverse perspectives, will have a broader reach and enable more creative, holistic, and sustainable solutions to the pressing issues we are facing. This conference aims at including a **more diverse range of voices into the discussion**.

The call for participation refers to the following sessions:

25th November 2020: Climate Change

- Challenges of climate change on water, energy and environment (*presentations*)
- Technical solutions - renewable energy (*presentations*)
- Economic solutions (*presentations*)
- Socio-political solutions (*presentations*)
- Interdisciplinary solutions (*presentations*)

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- Different perspectives on climate justice (*presentations*)
- Workshops on climate justice: how can we work on inclusive solutions? (*workshop*)

The presentations will have a time slot of 15 minutes and 5 minutes of Q&A; the workshop time slot is 2.5 hrs. **We also welcome all other types of contributions** (videos, talks, picture shows with explanation etc.).

Important Dates

15 October 2020	Submission deadline
01 November 2020	Notification of accepted contributions
25 – 26 November 2020	Online Conference with possible Conference Hub(s) in Germany and the Arab World

Eligibility

The conference aims to integrate diverse voices of our societies and therefore has no specific eligibility criteria. We are searching for innovative ideas and solutions to tackle the impacts of climate change. The type of contribution is not limited to workshops and presentations, all other formats are welcome (e.g. videos, talks, picture shows with explanation).

Application Documents

- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Motivation letter including a short description of proposed topic and type of contribution referring to a specific session (see draft program); max. one page

Interested participants are invited to submit their application in English to the conference team until **15 October 2020** to katrin.lammers@rl-institut.de and zakia.soomauroo@rl-institut.de.

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This is a project of the AGYA Working Group *Energy, Water and Environment*.

All applications will be evaluated carefully and the results of the selection process will be communicated by 1 November 2020. The conference will begin on Wednesday 25 November 2020, at 9:00 am CET, and end on Thursday, 26 November 2020, at 18:00 CET.

About the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA)

AGYA is based at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) and at the Academy of Scientific Research & Technology (ASRT) in Egypt. It was established in 2013 as the first bilateral young academy worldwide. AGYA promotes research cooperation among outstanding early-career researchers (3–10 years after PhD) from all disciplines who are affiliated with a research institution in Germany or any Arab country (Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen).

The academy offers its members support and funding for their innovative projects and initiatives in all fields of research, as well as in science policy and capacity building. Currently 60 members jointly work on research topics such as Arab and German Education; Common Heritage and Common Challenges; Energy, Water and Environment; Health & Society; Innovation and Transformation. Moreover, AGYA fosters the intercultural experiences of its members and promotes them as ambassadors of science and culture. The academy's aim is to serve as a cross-cultural think tank, promoting and supporting Arab-German research exchange and North–South–South cooperation.

For more information: www.agya.info

About the Reiner Lemoine Institute

The Reiner Lemoine Institute is an independent non-profit research institution that contributes to a transformation towards a sustainable energy supply based on 100 % renewable energy. For more than ten years we have conducted applied research to scientifically support the long-term transition of the energy supply system towards renewable energy. Open source models developed here have firmly established themselves in energy system modeling. Our mobility and electrification concepts have been implemented by private companies as well as the public sector worldwide.

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