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CURRENT POSITIONS

- 2015- **Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh**
- 2015- Assistant Professor of Public Policy (secondary appointment), University of Pittsburgh
- 2017- Fellow, Initiative for Sustainable Energy Policy, Johns Hopkins University

PAST POSITIONS

- 2018 Visiting Scientist, Carnegie Mellon University (Fall)
- 2018 Visiting Scientist, Sciences Po, Paris (Summer)
- 2017 Visiting Scientist, Sciences Po, Paris (Summer)
- 2014-15 Postdoctoral Fellow, Browne Center for International Politics, University of Pennsylvania
- 2008-13 Visiting Scientist, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Germany

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International relations, international and comparative political economy, environmental and energy politics, political economy of finance

EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D. in Politics, New York University
- 2008 M.A. in Political Economy (*with distinction*), University of Essex (UK)
- 2007 *Licence* in International Relations, Graduate Institute of International Studies (Switzerland)

BOOKS

- Forth. Aklin, Michaël, Patrick Bayer, S.P. Harish, and Johannes Urpelainen. Forthcoming. *Escaping the Energy Poverty Trap: When and How Governments Power the Lives of the Poor*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- 2018 Aklin, Michaël and Johannes Urpelainen. 2018. *Renewables: The Politics of a Global Energy Transition*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

ARTICLES

- Forth. Aklin, Michaël and Andreas Kern. Forthcoming. Moral Hazard and Financial Crises: Evidence from U.S. Troop Deployments. *International Studies Quarterly*.
[Coverage by [NPR](#).]
- 2018 Aklin, Michaël, Chao-yo Cheng, Johannes Urpelainen. 2018. [Social Acceptance of New Energy Technology in Developing Countries: A Framing Experiment in Rural India](#). *Energy Policy* 113: 466-477.
Aklin, Michaël, Chao-yo Cheng, Johannes Urpelainen. 2018. [Geography, Community, Household: Adoption of Distributed Solar Power across India](#). *Energy for Sustainable Development* 42: 54-63.
Aklin, Michaël, Patrick Bayer, S.P. Harish, and Johannes Urpelainen. 2018. [Economics of Household Technology Adoption in Developing Countries: Evidence from Solar Technology Adoption in Rural India](#). *Energy Economics* 72: 35-46.
- 2017 Aklin, Michaël, Patrick Bayer, S.P. Harish, and Johannes Urpelainen. 2017. [Does Basic Energy Access Generate Socio-Economic Benefits? A Field Experiment with Off-Grid Solar Power in India](#). *Science Advances* 3(5): 1-8.
[Coverage by [The Economist](#), [Reuters](#), [Economic Times](#), and others.]
- 2016 Aklin, Michaël. 2016. [Re-Exploring the Trade and Environment Nexus Through the Diffusion of Pollution](#) *Environmental & Resource Economics* 64(4): 663-682.
Aklin, Michaël, Chao-yo Cheng, Johannes Urpelainen, Karthik Ganesan, and Abhishek Jain. 2016. [Factors Affecting Household Satisfaction with Electricity Supply in Rural India](#). *Nature Energy*. 1(16170): 1-6.
- 2015 Aklin, Michaël, Patrick Bayer, S.P. Harish, and Johannes Urpelainen. 2015. [The Political Economy of Energy Access: Survey Evidence from India on State Intervention and Public Opinion](#). *Energy Research and Social Science* 10: 250-258.
Aklin, Michaël, Patrick Bayer, S.P. Harish, and Johannes Urpelainen. 2015. [Quantifying Slum Electrification in India and Explaining Local Variation](#). *Energy* 80(1): 203-212.
- 2014 Aklin, Michaël, Patrick Bayer, S.P. Harish, and Johannes Urpelainen. 2014. [Information and Energy Policy Preferences: A Survey Experiment on Public Opinion about Electricity Pricing Reform in Rural India](#). *Economics of Governance* 15(4): 305-327.
Aklin, Michaël and Johannes Urpelainen. 2014. [The Global Spread of Environmental Ministries: Domestic-International Interactions](#). *International Studies Quarterly* 58(4): 764-780.
Aklin, Michaël, Patrick Bayer, S.P. Harish, and Johannes Urpelainen. 2014. [Who Blames Corruption for the Poor Enforcement of Environmental Laws? Survey Evidence From Brazil](#). *Environmental Economics and Policy Studies* 16(3): 241-262.
Aklin, Michaël and Johannes Urpelainen. 2014. [Perceptions of Scientific Dissent Undermine Public Support for Environmental Policy](#). *Environmental Science & Policy* 28: 173-177.
- 2013 Aklin, Michaël and Johannes Urpelainen. 2013. [Political Competition, Path Dependence, and the Strategy of Sustainable Energy Transitions](#). *American Journal of Political Science* 57(3): 643-658.

Aklin, Michaël, Patrick Bayer, S.P. Harish, and Johannes Urpelainen. 2013. [Understanding Environmental Policy Preferences: New Evidence from Brazil](#). *Ecological Economics* 94: 28-36.

Aklin, Michaël and Johannes Urpelainen. 2013. [Debating Clean Energy: Frames, Counter Frames, and Audiences](#). *Global Environmental Change* 23(5): 1225-1232.

[Commentary by Jamie Druckman. 2013. [Stunted Policy Support](#). *Nature Climate Change* 3: 617.]

CHAPTERS (PEER-REVIEWED)

2018 Aklin, Michaël. “International Relations Theories and Climate Change Politics.” in Urs Luterbacher and Detlef Sprinz (eds.). *International Relations and Global Climate Change*, MIT Press.

Aklin, Michaël, Eric Arias, Emine Deniz, and B. Peter Rosendorff. 2015. “Domestic Politics of Trade Policy.” in Robert Scott and Stephen Kosslyn (eds). *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons.

REPORTS

2015 Jain, Abhishek, Sudatta Ray, Karthik Ganesan, Michaël Aklin, Chao-Yo Cheng, and Johannes Urpelainen. 2015. [Access to Clean Cooking Energy and Electricity](#). New Delhi: Council on Energy, Environment and Water.

MEDIA

2017 [Off-grid power not a silver bullet for rural India](#), *Swissinfo*, August 16, 2017.

2017 [Off-grid solar power and the future of rural electrification in India](#), *Ideas for India*, July 17, 2017.

2015 [Can solar micro-grids deliver basic electricity access in Indian villages?](#) *Ideas for India*, April 17, 2015.

2014 [La Suisse doit reprendre l’initiative en Europe avec une politique énergétique proactive](#), *Le Temps*, October 31, 2014.

[How \(not\) to talk about climate change](#), *Washington Post* (Monkey Cage), May 22, 2014.

INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

* = invited talk

2018 UCSB*, New York University, University of Pennsylvania, MPSA, APSA

2017 Sciences Po*, New York University*, MPSA, APSA

2016 Heidelberg*, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*, Princeton (SSRC Workshop), EGP (Gerzensee, Switzerland)

2015 Washington University in St Louis*, University of Pennsylvania*, IPES, MPSA

2014 ETHZ*, Université de Montréal*, APSA, IPES, MPSA

- 2013 University of Pittsburgh*, Columbia University*, Yale* (School of Forestry), APSA, IPES, MPSA
- 2012 IPES, MPSA
- 2011 Princeton University, IPES, MPSA
- 2010 University of Potsdam*
- 2009 International Scientific Conference on Climate Change (Denmark)

OTHER SKILLS

Computer Skills: Stata, R

Languages: English (fluent), French (native speaker), German and Swiss German (native speaker)

HONORS & GRANTS

- 2017 *British Academy*, “The Effectiveness of Carbon Markets in Europe, 2005-2012.” Co-PI (with Patrick Bayer, University of Glasgow).
- 2016 *University of Pittsburgh*, Global Academic Partnership (\$20,000). Promoting Sustainability in the Solar Microgrid Sector.
- 2015 *International Growth Center (IGC)* (£22,040). A Global Database of Rural Electrification. Co-PI (joint with S.P. Harish and Johannes Urpelainen).
Browne Center, University of Pennsylvania. Exchange Rates in Argentina. Co-PI (with Julia Gray).
- 2014 *Shakti Foundation* and *ClimateWorks* (\$77,000). A Comprehensive Survey of Rural Energy Access and Poverty in Six Major Deprived States of India. Co-PI (joint with CEEW and Johannes Urpelainen)
- 2013 *International Growth Center (IGC)* (\$44,200). Rural Electrification with Off-Grid Community Microgrids: An Impact Evaluation in Uttar Pradesh. Co-PI (joint with Patrick Bayer, S.P. Harish, and Johannes Urpelainen).
IPES Travel Grant
- 2009 *International Scientific Conference on Climate Change, Copenhagen*. Travel grant.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Reviewer for the following journals:

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Business & Politics, Clean Technologies and Environmental Policy, Ecological Economics, Economics of Governance, Economics & Politics, Energy, Energy Journal, Energy Policy, Energy Research & Social Science, Environmental Politics, Environmental & Resource Economics, Environmental Science & Policy, European Political Science Review, Foreign Policy Analysis, Global Environmental Change, International Interactions, International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Review, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of East Asian Studies, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, Journal of Environment and Development, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Policy, Nature Energy, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Policy Studies Journal, Public Opinion Quarterly, Review of Development Economics, Review of International Organizations, State Politics & Policy Quarterly, Sustainability: Science, Practice, & Policy,

Utilities Policy.

Reviewer for the following institution:

Routledge, NSF, Oxford University Press, Social Science Research Council, Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship.

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