

THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL: GREEN POLICIES IN EUROPE AND BEYOND

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Webinar

In December 2019 the European Commission presented the European Green Deal, the key plan to advance the EU's climate agenda. More ambitious EU decarbonisation targets for 2030 and climate neutrality by 2050 are the main goals. The Green Deal also includes new plans and strategies for sustainable investment, carbon border adjustment, the European industry, sustainable agriculture and biodiversity. The Commission has stated that the Green Deal will remain a priority despite the Covid-19 crisis. Is the Green Deal a step change in EU climate and energy policy? What are the main challenges to its implementation? How will it impact the role of the EU as a global actor?

The webinar is organized by FIIA in cooperation with the Initiative for Sustainable Energy Policy (ISEP) at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

Opening remarks:



Johannes Urpelainen, Director and Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Professor of Energy, Resources and Environment, SAIS and Founding Director, ISEP

Johannes Urpelainen is the Director and Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Professor of Energy, Resources and Environment at Johns Hopkins SAIS and the Founding Director of the ISEP. He received his PhD in Political Science from the University of Michigan in 2009 and spent the next eight years at Columbia University. Dr Urpelainen is the award-winning author of four books and over a hundred refereed articles on environmental politics, energy policy, and global governance.

Speaker:



Marco Siddi, Senior Research Fellow, FIIA

Marco Siddi is a Senior Research Fellow at FIIA, where he focuses on European politics, EU-Russia relations and energy politics. His research has been published in numerous academic journals, including *International Politics*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *Geopolitics*, *Politics* and *The International Spectator*. He has taught at several European universities, most recently at Tampere University and the University of Helsinki. Prior to joining FIIA, he was a Marie Curie and DAAD fellow. He studied at Oxford University, the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna and the University of Edinburgh, where he received a PhD in Politics.

Chair:



Emma Hakala, Visiting Senior Fellow, FIIA

Emma Hakala is a Visiting Senior Fellow at FIIA. She defended her doctoral dissertation in political history in 2018 under the title "International Organisations and the Securitisation of the Environment in post-Conflict Western Balkans". Hakala's broader research interest is on environmental and climate security. She has also done research and published on sustainable energy issues, environmental citizenship in the Balkans and local water sustainability cooperation in Nepal. Hakala's current research explores new practices to respond and adapt to environmental security threats in the context of Finland. She is a member of the BIOS Research Unit and the WISE project (Creative adaptation to wicked socio-environmental disruptions).