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Conceptualizing Normative Uncertainties and Recognition in Energy Justice

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It is crucial to design energy technologies, systems, and policies that are just. Energy justice scholarship has two aims, namely to (a) describe, understand, and causally explain claims of injustice (descriptive aim) and (b) to evaluate energy systems in terms of justice and propose policy and design recommendations (normative aim). However, there is normative uncertainty about energy justice, as stakeholders have different ideas about when something is (un)just. Competing conceptions of justice cause, firstly, energy conflicts, social movements, resistance, and the articulation of grievances and claims of injustice in society. Second, normative uncertainty raises the question of 'what to do', or how to design just energy technologies, systems and policies. In this talk, I focus on conceptualising energy justice in the face of normative uncertainties. In this, I focus on the concept of recognition justice, because this concept is a crucial – and yet misunderstood – tenet of energy justice.



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