

Engaging the Public in a Just and Equitable Energy Transition: A Webinar Series

Public Responses to Large-scale Net-zero Infrastructure: Research Perspectives

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Public Agenda

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine committee on “*Accelerating Decarbonization in the United States: Technology, Policy, and Societal Dimensions*” has been tasked to assess a wide spectrum of technological, policy, and social dimensions of decarbonizing the U.S. economy. This four-part webinar series seeks to better understand what we know and what we need to know to build public support for an equitable and just clean energy transition at individual and community levels. The webinar series will focus on and answer critical questions:

1. What knowledge can be leveraged to improve engaging with the public in a just energy transition?
2. What principles, frameworks, strategies, and/or policies are or should be leveraged or implemented for public engagement in the just energy transition?
3. What are some examples of public engagement failures and successes that we can learn from?
4. What kind of investment should be made for public engagement in the just transition decision-making processes?
5. How can we accelerate change in the energy sector by unlocking social decision-making, social mobilization, social engagement, social will, institutional and governance collaboration?

Additional details on the full study can be found [here](#).

Part 1 of this webinar series provides an opportunity for social learning about the recent theoretical and empirical understandings of public perceptions and responses to new energy technologies from two leading academic experts. The speakers will summarize key theories, implications for the rapid deployment of a high volume of large-scale, net-zero energy infrastructure.

12:00 PM ET Welcome and Purpose

12:05 PM ET Public Responses to Large-scale, Net-zero Energy Infrastructure
Panel:

*Hilary Boudet, Oregon State University
Patrick Devine Wright, University of Exeter*

1:05 PM ET Panel Discussion and Q&A from Committee Members
Moderator: Julia Haggerty, Montana State University

1:55 PM ET Wrap-up

2:00 PM ET Adjourn