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Short presentation

I am a PhD fellow in political ecology at Copenhagen University, where I am part of the research project 'The (re-)production of green imaginaries through Natural Climate Solutions', which receives funding from the Independent Research Fund Denmark.

Today, more companies and organisations are setting net-zero or climate-neutral pledges, while public scrutiny of potential greenwashing has increased. This has caused renewed interest in the voluntary carbon market as a mechanism to achieve climate mitigation while also strengthening calls for reforming the market to ensure greater quality and integrity. In my research, I explore ideas about how the voluntary carbon market can be improved to deliver meaningful change. As part of my research, I explore the role of carbon dioxide removal (CDR) as a new rallying point for climate mitigation. I am especially interested in how the CDR agenda provides further impetus to utilise nature and ecosystems as carbon sinks and how ideas of Natural Climate Solutions, Nature-based Solutions and nature restoration are evoked and discussed.

I build on interdisciplinary research traditions, and my research is influenced by scholarship from science and technology studies, critical political economy and political ecology. I have a background in political science, sustainability science and environmental studies.

Supervisors: Jens Friis Lund (University of Copenhagen) and Kate Dooley (University of Melbourne).

Employment

PhD fellow

Section for Global Development

Frederiksberg C, Denmark

1 Sep 2021 → nu

Instructor

Department of Political Science, Study Council

København K, Denmark

1 Sep 2017 → 31 Jan 2018

Advisor

Energistyrelsen

København K, Denmark

1 Apr 2021 → 1 Aug 2021

Research assistant

Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies

Sweden

1 Jul 2020 → 1 Feb 2021

Tutor

Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies

Sweden

1 Aug 2019 → 1 Oct 2019

Intern

Den danske ambassade i Pretoria

Pretoria, South Africa

1 Feb 2018 → 1 Jul 2018

Student assistant

DIIS - Dansk Institut for Internationale Studier

København, Denmark

1 Dec 2016 → 1 Jun 2020

Qualifications

Environmental Studies and Sustainability Science, Master, Lund University

Sep 2018 → Jun 2020

Political science, Bachelor, University of Copenhagen

Sep 2014 → Feb 2018

Research outputs

Natural Solutions to Climate Change

Christiansen, Kirstine Lund, 2024, *Elgar Encyclopedia of Climate Policy*. Fiorino, D. J., Eisenstadt, T. A. & Ahluwalia, M. K. (eds.). Edward Elgar Publishing, p. 347–351 (Elgar Encyclopedias in the Social Sciences).

Regeringens fokus på vækst og eksport risikerer at stå i vejen for reelle CO2-reduktioner

Hougaard, Inge-Merete, Christiansen, Kirstine Lund & Lefstad, L., 14 Nov 2023, Altinget.dk.

Selvfølger skal KU føre en ambitiøs klimapolitik

Ejsing, Mads, Papazu, I., Racimo, Fernando, Jørgensen, M. S., Bjerre, L., el-Wakil, Alice, Rigkos-Zitthen, I., Nielsen, Anne Bach, Jordal, N. B., Christiansen, Kirstine Lund, Fals, K. B., Christensen, S., Horn, L., Andersen, G., Buerkert, J. S., Lund, Jens Friis & Appel Olsen, F., 31 Jul 2023, Universitetsavisen, Københavns Universitet.

Nogle planer for CO2-fangst får hårene til at rejse sig

Lund, Jens Friis, Christiansen, Kirstine Lund & Tilsted, J. P., 1 Jun 2023, Klimamonitor.

"Our burgers eat carbon": Investigating the discourses of corporate net-zero commitments

Christiansen, Kirstine Lund, Hajdu, F., Planting Mollaoglu, E., Andrews, A., Carton, W. & Fischer, K., 2023, In: *Environmental Science & Policy*. 142, p. 79-88 10 p.

Net zero: Copenhagen's failure to meet its 2025 target casts doubt on other major climate plans

Christiansen, Kirstine Lund & Hougaard, Inge-Merete, 13 Sep 2022, The Conversation.

The Land Gap Report

Dooley, K., Keith, H., Larson, A., Catacora-Vargas, G., Carton, W., Christiansen, Kirstine Lund, Enokenwa Baa, O., Frechette, A., Hugh, S., Ivetic, N., Ching, L. L., Lund, Jens Friis, Luqman, M., Mackey, B., Monterroso, I., Ojha, H., Perfecto, I., Riamit, K., Robiou du Pont, Y. & Young, V., 2022, 99 p.

We can't let markets decide the future of removing carbon from the atmosphere

Carton, W., Hougaard, Inge-Merete & Christiansen, Kirstine Lund, 16 Nov 2021, The Conversation.

What 'climate positive future'? Emerging sociotechnical imaginaries of negative emissions in Sweden

Christiansen, Kirstine Lund & Carton, W., Jun 2021, In: *Energy Research & Social Science*. 76, 10 p., 102086.

Activities

Crises in/of forest carbon offsetting

Christiansen, Kirstine Lund (Organizer), Asiyambi, A. (Organizer) & Lund, J. F. (Organizer)

22 Jun 2022 → 23 Jun 2022

Finding Green Transitions: Food, Forestry and Finance
Christiansen, Kirstine Lund (Participant)
7 Dec 2021