

Courses in English Course Description

Department	05 Technical Systems, Processes and Communication
Course title	Energy Democracy: A Seminar on Social Theory and Practice
Course number	To be determined
Hours per week (SWS)	4
Number of ECTS credits	5
Course objective	This class addresses complex dynamics present in attempts to change the world's energy infrastructure from one dominated by fossil fuels to one dominated by renewable energy sources in order to address energy demand in the face of climate change. The course focuses specifically on energy democracy social movements attempting to promote energy infrastructure change in a just and equitable manner. In this course, students will gain: (1) Use of democratic and communication theories to inform practice; (2) Evaluation techniques for researching energy system discourse and the effectiveness of energy democracy campaigns to inform decision-making; (3) Skills to analyze energy related decision-making processes; and (4) Skills to analyze stakeholder engagement and energy imaginaries emerging in the discourse.
Prerequisites	None
Recommended reading	Routledge Handbook of Energy Democracy; Energy Democracy: Advancing Equity in Clean Energy Solutions; journal articles still to be determined
Teaching methods	Discussion and research-based activities
Assessment methods	Literature bibliographies, research papers, and thought pieces
Language of instruction	English
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Course content	Energy systems, climate change, democratic practice, social theory, and social movements
Remarks	I would like to break the class into two two-hour meeting times.