

Nordic Energy Islands - Testbeds for Just Transitions?

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The EU has identified the Baltic Sea region as a critical area for energy production and security: the energy grids and markets of EU states around the Baltic Sea are to be integrated and the production of renewable energy (especially offshore wind) is to expand drastically. Against this backdrop, islands gain importance as places where necessary infrastructure can be located. Islands communities in the region have long spearheaded renewable energy development, leading to the creation of "energy islands". In this talk, I present the energy transitions unfolding in island communities in Denmark, Sweden and Finland. I analyse these processes through the lens of energy justice and problematise both local outcomes and theoretical approaches.

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