

# Proposal for Research Agenda

In the following I identify some gaps I perceive to exist in research about climate justice and equity. I restrict my observations to gaps in research in the area of (anglophone) philosophy and political theory. This is the area I am most familiar with (e.g. as the co-author of Routledge's "Climate Justice. An Introduction" which has just come out).

The greatest shortcoming in the philosophical debate on climate justice and equity is the lack of dialogue between researchers from different parts of the globe. There need to be more research projects and workshops that bring in particular the perspectives of researchers from the Global South and the Global North together.

While, unfortunately, I cannot be present at the workshop in May, I list here some gaps in research (as I perceive them) on which I would be most interested to collaborate with colleagues from the Global South:

- **Stocktake, Monitoring, Transparency, Data, etc.**  
To me, it is to some extent a mystery why many nations are so reluctant to make their efforts in climate policy easily comparable to other nations' efforts, why they are so resistant to being monitored from the outside, so resistant to being transparent about data and measurements, etc. While this is in many ways a question for social scientists, I believe that it also raises a number of relevant philosophical questions.
- **Institutions**  
Climate change is a long-term and global problem. Our political decision-making processes are, however, oriented towards the short-term and national level. How can we adapt our political institutions -- in legitimate, in particular democratic, ways -- such that they are more effective at solving climate change?
- **Technology**  
If emissions must be reduced as radically as it currently seems, it looks like we can hardly get around a radical technological push (an "Apollo programme", a "breakthrough", etc.). Philosophers have often (and in many ways justifiably) focused on the dangers of looking for technological fixes. However, there needs to be more research on the ethical aspects of the promises of technological fixes and the various means of pushing radical innovation.

Here is a small list of further topics which I believe have received insufficient attention in the climate ethics literature written by Western political theorists and philosophers and on which I would be interested to collaborate with colleagues from the global South:

- Aviation and Shipping Emissions
- Gender
- Climate Finance
- Animals
- Risk communication