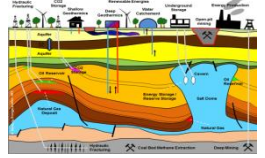


Integrated Project EnergyLandUse

Land Use Aspects of Transforming the Energy System –
Sustainable Options for a Renewable Energy Era



UFZ EnergyLandUse Lecture

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UFZ Leipzig, OESA library, building 1.0, room 220

New energy landscapes – merely by-products of energy transitions or innovative action arenas?

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Landscapes have always been closely intertwined with energies. Landscapes are affected or transformed by infrastructures of energy production, storage, transport and consumption; they are the material by-product of human agency and its related institutions. But landscapes are not only material phenomena, but also cognitive and aesthetic phenomena as well as action arenas of governance arrangements. In his talk, Ludger Gailing will discuss the term “energy landscape” and will present empirical examples of the regional governance of energy landscapes in Germany in the course of the transition to renewable energies. Dilemmas of energy landscape governance such as the difference between energy legislation and local governance arrangements concerning the respective landscape will be outlined. Ludger Gailing calls into question a main assumption of governance research that the success of regional energy transitions depends to a large extent on collaborative governance. Alternative ways of understanding the success of energy landscape governance are discussed with the help of three strands of the literature: debates about ‘socio-materiality’, the often neglected role of power and key individuals.

After Dr. Gailing's talk, discussion is open to all interested colleagues - coffee will be served.

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