



Call for Participation:

The Conference on Global Coal Transitions

July 17-19, 2024

Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA

HOSTED BY

THE GLOBAL COAL TRANSITIONS RESEARCH NETWORK

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Approaching Deadlines:

December 1, 2023: Deadline for Organized Session proposals

February 15, 2024: Deadline for Paper and Poster Presentation abstracts

For updated conference details and listserv: <https://u.osu.edu/globalcoal/>

Submit proposals for Organized Sessions and Paper and Poster Presentations at:
<https://go.osu.edu/coalconference>

Reductions in coal production and consumption occurring unevenly around the world are driving a wide variety of social, economic, political, and environmental impacts. There is an urgent need to coordinate academic and policy work focused on coal transitions and foster mutual understanding and sharing of insights from diverse transition experiences.

This in-person conference will assemble **Keynotes, Plenaries, Organized Sessions, and Individual Paper Presentations** from social science and humanities scholars, regulators, practitioners, and students from around the world whose work deals with the problem of coal transitions. We invite participation from sociologists, geographers, political scientists, economists, planners, anthropologists,





practitioners, grants makers, regulatory officials, engineers, and other interested parties whose work addresses the processes and impacts of coal transitions on communities, regions, and economies.

The Conference on Global Coal Transitions creates an opportunity to showcase the state of knowledge about:

- The social and economic costs and benefits of the transition away from coal in regions across the world;
- Comparison of coal transition trajectories in US and international contexts;
- Innovative best practices for managing coal transition at scales from local to national, including strategies for economic development, revenue distribution, community planning, workforce retraining, and alternative forms of energy development;
- Ongoing consequences for international relations and security;
- The interaction of environmental change with quality of life and indicators of health and well-being;
- Questions of equity and justice in energy development patterns and outcomes;
- The efficacy of existing regulatory and governance regimes; and,
- Social acceptance and risk perception of energy technologies

Through facilitated interactive workshop activities, invited experts and symposium participants will produce a roadmap for future cross-disciplinary research priorities. Participants are encouraged to submit manuscripts to a special issue on Global Coal Transitions in *Environmental Research: Energy* edited by Max D. Woodworth and Jeffrey B. Jacquet and planned in conjunction with the conference (full manuscript submission deadline: Sept. 15, 2024).

Conference Dates and Venue: Wednesday July 17 & Thursday July 18, 2024, at the 4-H and Nationwide Conference Center on the Ohio State University Campus in Columbus, Ohio.





Conference Field Day: Friday, July 19, 2024. Participants are invited to take part in a field trip to the Ohio River Valley to experience eastern Ohio's coal region and meet with the Ohio Environmental Professionals Network Field. Field trip includes breakfast, lunch, and visits to Ohio coal transition sites and communities.

Registration: Registration portal will open March 2024.

PARTICIPATION FORMATS

Organized Sessions: Organized sessions are moderated panels, collected paper presentations, or other organized activities arranged by the proposer(s) and expected to occupy a 90-minute period of time. Proposers must provide a 350-word abstract and names and contact information for participants in the organized session.

Possible thematic tracks might include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Site Retirement and Closure Planning
- Coal and International Relations
- Workforce and Socio-demographics
- Transition Policy and Regulation
- Community and Regional Development
- Coal Industry Dynamics
- Coal Transitions Research Methods
- Coal and Energy Humanities
- Environmental and Energy Justice

Participants are encouraged to propose tracks when registering.

Oral Paper Presentation: 15-minute oral presentations of original research, study assessment, case study, best practice, or policy implementation pertaining to the societal transition away from coal.





Poster Presentation: Research posters that provide an overview of original research, study assessment, case study, or policy implementation pertaining to the societal transition away from coal.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION SUPPORT

Special opportunities and travel awards are planned for ***Early Career Scholars*** and ***Community Practitioners***. Participants are also encouraged to apply for travel and registration support as Global Coal Transitions Conference Fellow™ (details to be announced).

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