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JUSTICE CONSIDERATIONS IN CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PLANNING

The impacts of climate change are becoming more tangible every year. State and local governments, municipalities, but also non-governmental organisations and the private sector are under increasing pressure to systematically assess local and regional climate change risks and to develop and implement effective and efficient adaptation measures. In such adaptation processes, the focus is often placed on structural and technical solutions, while the social and political dimensions of climate change adaptation are neglected. However, adaptation planning and decision-making can hardly do without value-based judgement and political decisions. These carry risks, e.g. of maladaptation and exclusion, which can exacerbate existing vulnerabilities and social inequalities. At the same time, processes of climate change adaptation also offer opportunities for shaping more socially just local environments and livelihoods. From the perspective of human geography, the lecture will discuss which social justice issues are particularly relevant in climate change adaptation practice and how these can be used as starting points for social transformation. In drawing on established theoretical discourses from environmental justice research, the talk will discuss if and how questions of justice can be integrated in transdisciplinary research on climate change adaptation and related areas.

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Professor Hartmut Fünfgeld is a Professor of Geography at the Institute of Environmental Social Sciences and Geography, Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg, Germany. Having completed a Diploma in Geography (2002) and a PhD in Human Geography (2006) from University of Heidelberg, Germany, Prof. Fünfgeld has over a decade of experience in researching on climate change, sustainability and local governance with the public sector and communities worldwide including Australia, Europe, Africa and Asia.

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