



Press Invitation

The Coal Rush and Beyond

A Workshop on Coal Contestation and Advocacy for Energy Transition

Potsdam, 27.10.2017 At a two-day workshop at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) in Potsdam, international experts will explore issues relating to the energy transition on November 13-14. Researchers from Sydney, Australia, will present “The Coal Rush and Beyond”, an international research project focusing on opposition to the expansion of coal mining in India, Germany, and Australia. The research makes connections between local struggles against coal mining on the Liverpool Plains (Australia), in the central Indian state of Chhattisgarh, and the Lausitz (Germany) and the global politics of climate change. Talks on the second day will examine the prospects for a decisive shift in energy policy, away from reliance on coal to various forms of renewable energy, and the social and political dynamics surrounding such a shift.

The IASS invites journalists to join the workshop “The Coal Rush and Beyond”.

When: Monday, **November 13**, and Tuesday, **November 14**, from **9 am to 5 pm** respectively

Where: Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS),
Berliner Straße 130, 14467 Potsdam, Germany

With: Ortwin Renn, Daniela Setton and Craig Morris (IASS), Devleena Ghosh, Tom Morton, James Goodman and Jon Marshall (University of Technology, Sydney), Linda Connor and Stuart Rosewarne (University of Sydney), Katja Müller (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg), Martin Dotzauer, (Deutsches Biomasseforschungszentrum Leipzig), Sven Teske (Institute for Sustainable Futures, UTS), Mari Martiskainen, (Science Policy Research Unit at University of Sussex), Tadzio Müller (Rosa Luxemburg Foundation), Kuba Gogolewski, (Foundation Development YES - Open-Pit Mines), Heike Askland (University of Newcastle), Sarah Glúck (Zeppelin University), and Riikka Heikkinen (Finland Oy Espoo).

Find more information on the agenda here: [Link](#)

Find more information on The Coal Rush project here: [Link](#)

For further information or to arrange an interview, please contact

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