



What makes global climate governance so hard?

The sovereignty paradox and how to solve it

The University of Copenhagen is pleased to invite you to a Sustainability Lecture on **2nd of June with Inge Kaul, former Director at the United Nations Development Programme and Adjunct professor at Hertie School of Governance, Germany.**

Kaul argues that states, notably their governments, are shying away from effective international cooperation out of fear that it could constrain their sovereignty. This sovereignty paradox is a major obstacle in meeting the climate change challenge.

Yet, in policy fields like climate change that are marked by global interdependence, such behavior leaves global challenges unresolved and, thus, actually undermines rather than strengthens states' policymaking capacity.

So how do we break out of the sovereignty paradox?

Kaul outlines four concrete policy innovations that could allow us to have effective international cooperation as well as sovereignty. This would enhance the prospects for sustainable growth and development.

The talk is followed by a panel debate with

Maria Figueroa, IPCC author and postdoc at Copenhagen Business School

Ian Manners, Professor in global politics at the University of Copenhagen

and moderated by **Jens Hoff, Professor in Political Science at the University of Copenhagen**



Inge Kaul focuses her research on the changing role of the state; links between regionalisation and globalisation; the future(s) of multilateralism, with special reference to the role of the G-20; and the provision of contested global public goods.

She is adjunct professor at the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany and advisor to various governmental, multilateral and non-profit organizations on policy options to meet global challenges, including new and innovative ways of international-cooperation finance and global-issue diplomacy .

She was the first director of UNDP's Human Development Report Office, a position, which she held from 1989 to 1994, and director of UNDP's Office of Development Studies from 1995 to 2005.



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Maria Figueroa studies the challenges and opportunities faced by governments, private firms and citizens in a democratic transition to low carbon sustainable society. Her research area includes the rationales for governments to engage in energy innovation, particularly in the transport sector.

She is one of the Lead Authors in the Working Group III, IPCC Fifth Assessment Report on Mitigation Options. She was one of the Coordinating Lead Author in the Global Energy Assessment (Cambridge University Press, 2012) and the co-author of A New Sustainability Agenda (Ashgate, 2010).

She is currently associated with the Department of Business and Politics at Copenhagen Business School.

Ian Manners studies the EU and global governance at the intersections of global economy, society, environment, conflict and politics. For global environment he focuses specifically on the promotion of sustainable development and addressing global warming.

He has contributed to three major handbooks of European/EU politics/studies and In 2007 the members of the European Union Studies Association voted his work on 'Normative Power Europe: A Contradiction in Terms?' one of the five most important academic EU works of the last decade.

He is Professor at the Department of Political Science at the University of Copenhagen.



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