

## **Discussing climate-social policies in Austria: Tentative application of a new framework to the field of public health**

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**Background:** The literature on sustainable welfare has expanded in the last decade contributing to knowledge at the intersection of social and environmental policy. So far, the focus lies on welfare state regimes and the compensation of negative social outcomes of climate policy. Congruently, some scholars argue that climate policy can contribute to social outcome, and moreover, a social just and inclusive society. This article contributes to this literature with a newly developed framework on climate-social policy. Moreover we investigate the interlinkages between Austrian climate, health, and care policies.

**Methods:** We build on a recent transdisciplinary book project which aimed at identifying climate-social policies in Austria. In our contribution we focus on findings in the field of (public) health and care but relate them to 14 other domains we discussed in the book (e.g. gender, inequality, housing, work, financial system).

**Results:** We find that development of climate-social policies (1) needs to take into account institutional specificities and power relations, (2) requires a vision of a socially progressive society (in addition to a sound understanding of climate goals) and (3) needs to include a critical analysis of political-economic developments.

**Conclusions:** We conclude that the framework for climate-social policies expands the scope of political options and interventions by shifting the focus away from only compensating regressive outcomes of climate policy. An application of the framework to the field of public health is still in its infancies and requires further debate within the public health community.

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