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Mini Track on Gender and Energy

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Fossil energy use and its enabling systems while supporting many of our everyday activities are also a major contributor to global greenhouse gas emissions, and, in turn, climate change. Thus, to counteract pending climate change related disasters energy transitions are being promoted. However, this is not a simple matter of substituting one energy technology for another; technology is not neutral, it has political dimensions. The emergence of discourses of environmental justice, energy justice, or energy poverty testifies to this. So, while the role of gender identities in the consumption of energy is well recognised in the Global South and increasingly in the Global North, empirical research, as well as theoretical and concept development are lagging behind. Even less attention has been paid to how gender influences the production of energy, the creation of material and social infrastructures, (non-)energy policy work, or the 'indicatorism' in research projects to stimulate novel energy technology systems.

The existing knowledge about gender in energy systems is largely codified in non-academic literature. This is not an issue in itself. However, making this knowledge subject to scrutiny from peers and improving its findability and accessibility will not only increase the scientific body of knowledge as a complementary to everyday knowledge and experiences but also help create a more gender equitable energy transition. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Gender differences in the consumption of energy, including patterns of everyday lives
- Perceptions of energy and how these are mediated by gender
- Reflections of gender in material and social infrastructures
- Re-enactment or destabilisation of incumbent gender relations in/through energy policies
- Promotion of gender and social diversity in research projects

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Joy Clancy is Professor Emeritus of Energy and Gender, University of Twente, The Netherlands. Joy's research has focused, for more than 30 years, on the social dimension of energy systems in which gender has been an important factor addressed in this research. Although she initially focused on the Global South, her area of interest now includes the Global North, particularly in relation to energy poverty.

Submission details

In the first instance a 300 word abstract is required by 28th September 2022. Submissions must be made using the online submission form at: <http://www.academic-conferences.org/conferences/icgr/icgr-abstract-submission/>

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