

Emancipating Energy? Global Struggles in the Transition to Renewable Energy

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This book locates the question of “energy crisis” and “transition towards renewable energy” within an understanding of capitalism’s world-wide division of labour. Many actors shape the energy sector, and it is a site of multiple conflicts and alliances. By creating a space for different voices from strategic locations within the sector to be heard, this book seeks to contribute to building a common analysis, based in an appreciation of the open and *political* nature of the "energy crisis" and its "solutions". The book is a networking tool, aimed at strengthening people’s ability to act collectively to intentionally shape future developments in ways that contribute to a wider process of emancipatory social change. It will be published under Creative Commons license.

The 40 contributors, from 20 countries, are active in: a) democratic, decentralised and non-commercial use of renewable energy, and technology transfer, b) struggles against the social and environmental impact of fossil and nuclear fuels, c) resisting climate change, d) energy sector workers, e) gender dimensions of energy, f) defending common ownership of energy resources, infrastructures and technologies, g) communities lacking access to energy, h) communities effected by land and environmental conflicts due to energy extraction, infrastructure and transportation projects, including agrofuels, i) global anticapitalist networks.

Four important global processes make the book timely: a) financial crisis, b) UN COP 15 Climate summit, in Copenhagen and worldwide grassroots resistance to it, c) founding of an International Renewable Energy Agency by the German Government, D) International Energy Agency report predicting oil shortages from 2010.