This year I gratefully returned to Fletcher after working in the Office of Science and Technology Policy in The White House and as Senior China Advisor in the Special Envoy for Climate Change Office at the State Department. I was enormously proud to contribute to the U.S.-China climate agreements, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and to help establish the Climate Services for Resilient Development public-private partnership. My experience in Washington gave me the idea to establish a new Climate Policy Lab at CIERP, which will examine which policies work in the real world, which don’t and why.

As you will see in our annual report, we had many new developments and achievements this year in CIERP. Prof. Jenny Aker became the new Director of our Sustainable Development Economics program. Prof. Tim Griffin from the Friedman School joined Avery Cohn’s Agriculture and Forests program. Prof. of Practice Rachel Kyle became the new CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary General, Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL). Doctoral student Laura Kuhl became Assistant Professor at Northeastern University, and Kartiksha Singh will be a post-doctoral fellow at the Center for Global Development in Washington, DC.

We added an important new course at Fletcher on energy, entrepreneurship, and finance. Our students made us proud in their amazing internships at the World Bank, State Department, and the Climate Group, to provide a few examples, and some led to job offers, including at Mint Energy and Blue Wave Capital. Students were also fortunate to travel to Paris to take part in the international climate negotiations, a nice example of student experiential learning.

Rebecca Pearl-Martinez received the prestigious Advocacy Award from the Clean Energy Education & Empowerment (C3E) initiative of the U.S. Department of Energy, MIT and Stanford University, and Prof. Avery Cohn’s paper presented at FLARE was awarded a Pathways to Prosperity prize by OFID. CIERP was delighted to support the inaugural Tufts Energy Conference Energy Policy Challenge, the winner of which was Fernando Rezende Ayres of Northeastern University.

We were fortunate to directly engage with policymakers at the highest levels this year, whether it was during our Roundtable on Research Needs in Global Climate Policy in Paris, visits from UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres to Fletcher, or at the Roundtable on Climate Finance we co-sponsored with the World Resources Institute at Fletcher.

Last, but not least, we made important contributions in the research domain. Avery Cohn and co-authors landed a major article in Nature: Climate Change on crop responses to climate variability. Fang Zhang and I published in Energy Policy a new article that merged our research on the PV industry in China. Professor of Practice Mihela Papa published an article in Global Environmental Politics on sustainable global governance.

We warmly thank our long-standing supporters BP and the Dutch government for their core ongoing support, as well as the International Center for Tropical Agriculture, The Energy Foundation, Economec and Social Research Council, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, UK Department for International Development, BNGF Climate Results Fund, The Mint Energy Research Fund, and numerous alumni, including Andy Darrell, Bobbi Kates-Garnick, John Harper, and Charlie Chester. Without you, we could not bring so many opportunities to our students, conduct meaningful research, and influence policy and governance so effectively.

Kelly Sims Gallagher
CIERP Director
Professor of Energy and Environmental Policy

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CIERP’s operating budget increased this year to over $1M. The expansion was driven by increases in grant expenditures, expansion of the Executive Education program, and thanks to increased generosity from donors in support of co-curricular programming for students. The total operating budget of $1,138,386 was sourced as follows:

79% Research Grants
13% Fletcher School
5% Executive Education
3% Gifts

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Energy, Climate, and Innovation
Advancing policy-relevant knowledge to address energy-related challenges and opportunities.

Directed by Professor Kelly Sims Gallagher and focused on policy for energy innovation, climate change, energy security, energy access, and sustainable prosperity, CIEPR concentrates on the United States, China, and India. Sample projects in 2015-2016 were:

Renewable Energy Innovation: Professor Gallagher, working with Research Fellows Fang Zhang and Zdenka Myšlíková, worked with the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) on a project examining innovation in renewable energy. The project examined how the private sector can advance innovation to bring down costs as well as how to better assess progress in renewable energy innovation.

Diffusion of Solar PV in India: Research Fellow Kartikeya Singh examined business models for scaling up the diffusion of solar PV technologies in India, finding that certain approaches are more effective than others.

Renewable Equity Project: Led by Research Fellow Rebecca Pearl-Martinez, this project demonstrates the impact that women’s advancement could have on expanding the clean energy economy, and to develop innovative solutions to drive this expansion.

ACHIEVEMENTS
- CIEPR doctoral research fellow Laura Kuhl will become Assistant Professor of Resilience at Northeastern University in 2017-18 after completing a post-doc at CIEPR.
- CIEPR doctoral Research Fellow Kartikeya Singh will become a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Global Development in Fall 2016.
- Rebecca Pearl-Martinez was the 2016 recipient of the C3E Advocacy Award. C3E is an initiative of the Clean Energy Action Network.
- Professor Gallagher was appointed to the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement selection committee.

LITERATURE

PUBLICATIONS


Virtual Lab For International Comparative Policy Analysis

Climate Policy Lab
Understanding which energy and climate policies work, why, and under what conditions.

“The Climate Policy Lab is a new initiative to better understand which energy and climate policies work, why, and under what conditions. The Lab is creating a robust network of scholars, policymakers, and practitioners that will be flexible and nimble and partner collaboratively with other groups and agencies focusing on different aspects of climate policy analysis. By undertaking international comparative policy analysis through rigorous empirical research, the Lab is developing a Climate Policy Performance Index. It will host an annual Climate Policy Conference to improve dialogue, lesson-learning, and communication among academics, policymakers, and academics and be a source of independent and objective advice for governments implementing new climate policies consistent with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.”

— Professor Kelly Sims Gallagher
Agriculture, forests, and biodiversity for low carbon development in a changing climate.

The Agriculture, Forests, and Biodiversity program (AFB) is directed by Professor Avery Cohn and is composed of the Cohn Research Group, as well as researchers and affiliates from across campus and around the world.

It was a busy and productive year for the Cohn Research Group. The group welcomed postdoctoral fellows John Duncan and Nislanth Bhatiarri and PhD student Barbara Farelli. Publications on climate impacts to agriculture, the economics of agricultural intensification, the climate effects of forest loss, and the greenhouse gas mitigation potential of food loss and waste appeared in peer reviewed journals such as Nature Climate Change, Land Use Policy, and Environmental Research Letters. The group’s research was covered in the Harvard Business Review, National Public Radio, and the Independent.

Cohn and collaborators were awarded grants from the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs to research the value of ecosystem services from forests for agriculture, the National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center and the Tufts Institute of the Environment to research the value of ecosystem services, and the independent TRACES program (AFB) is directed by Professor Avery Cohn and is composed of the Cohn Research Group, as well as researchers and affiliates from across campus and around the world.

In 2016, AFB added affiliated researchers Tim Griffin (Friedman School), B. Kelsey Jack and Kyle Emeric (Economics), Sally Thompson and Morgan Levy (UC Berkeley), Juliano Assunção (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro) and the Climate Policy Initiative, and Arthur Bragança (TRACES-Brazil). Research completed by AFB affiliates in 2016 included “Regional self-reliance of food systems in the Northeastern United States” (Griffen), “Seasonal liquidity constraints and agricultural output: Evidence from Zambia” (Jack), “Adaptation to climate change: Evidence from US agriculture” (Emeric), “Geographic heterogeneity and technology adoption” (Assunção and Bragança), and “Data selection uncertainty in hydrological research” (Thompson and Levy).

Vulnerability to climate change. Sustainable Development Goal to halve food waste (Cunguara), the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs (Laake), and the notion that environmental policy will hinder economic development in the developing world.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Bank Group (WBG) have both identified food security as a major development priority. However, the relationship between environmental protection and economic development has been a subject of debate for decades. While some argue that environmental policies can hinder economic growth and development, others believe that protecting the environment is essential for long-term economic stability.

One way to address this challenge is through the implementation of sustainable development policies. These policies aim to balance economic growth with environmental protection, ensuring that development efforts are sustainable and beneficial for future generations. Studies have shown that sustainable development policies can lead to increased economic growth and reduced environmental degradation.

Moreover, research has demonstrated that investments in sustainable development can have positive effects on other aspects of human well-being, such as health and education. For example, studies have shown that clean water and air can lead to improved health outcomes, while access to education can improve economic opportunities.

In conclusion, while there is no one-size-fits-all solution to balancing environmental protection with economic development, there is a growing consensus that sustainable development policies are necessary to achieve long-term economic growth and protect the environment for future generations.
The principal activity in this program is the Sustainable Development Diplomacy (SDD) course, co-taught by Professors Mihaela Papa and Patrick Verkooijen. The course examines how to integrate economic, environmental, and social equity goals in foreign policy-making. It discusses the emergence of sustainable development as a concept and international institutions and negotiation processes that facilitate its implementation. Focusing on climate, forest, and ocean diplomacy, students explored the complexity of the competing claims on natural resources and the role that global natural resources play in national and international security, business relations, and trade policies. The course combines SDD themes with insights from practice and comprised a full-day negotiation training on UN forest diplomacy, where students received negotiation advice and insights from CIERP Professor of Practice Hans Hoogeveen.

SDD student Angga Dwi Martha, 1st year MALD from Indonesia, served as a youth leader and torchbearer for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and Social Equity Goals in Foreign Policy-Making, and Insights from CIERP Professor of Practice Hans Hoogeveen.

The program also hosted lectures by a broad range of practitioners: European experts Dr. Louis Meuleman and Dr. Ingeborg Niestroy on governance requirements for making Sustainable Development Goals work, CIERP Professor of Practice Rachel Kyle, who addressed climate finance and trust building in the climate negotiations processes; UN Special Advisor on Forests, Sustainable Development and Indigenous and Local Communities Issues, Ambassador Hans Brattskar who discussed climate change and Norwegian foreign policy; Co-Chairs of international climate negotiations Dan Reifsnyder and Ahmed Deyghan on the challenges of negotiating the Paris Agreement and Christine Figueres on the challenges of implementing the Paris Agreement.

Every year, the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs invites several Fletcher SDD students to participate in various international meetings that the Ministry is (co)hosting. This year, five students participated in two meetings, acting as session recorders and writing blog posts for the Ministry at the African Union – European Union Investing in a Food Secure Future (AU-EU Partnership for African Food Security), and Blue Week in Grenada 2016.

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Faculty Engagement with Policy Makers, Practitioners and Peers

CIERP hosts an active seminar series at Fletcher. Some seminars are research-focused, and faculty and students present their work in progress to receive feedback. Others invite contributions from national and international academics, practitioners, and policy makers. This year’s series featured seminar presentations from Prof. Arnulf Grubler (IIASA), Kate Brauman (University of Minnesota), Prof. Mark Zeitoun (University of East Anglia), Prof. Anita Milman (University of Massachusetts). Invited speakers included Dr. Louis Meuleman and Dr. Ingeborg Niestroy (European Commission), Dan Reifsnyder and Ahmed Dyogo Haf (Co-Chair of international climate negotiations), Rachel Kyte (Sustainable Energy4All), Hans Brattskar (Government of Norway), Dr. Chengchuan Tian (Government of the People’s Republic of China), and Christiana Figueres (Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change)

While in Paris to observe negotiations at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, the Center hosted a high-level workshop. Twenty two senior experts from around the world participated and assisted in identifying the key research needs for climate policy post-Paris. Closing out the year, we co-hosted a Climate Finance Roundtable with the World Resources Institute (WRI). A lunchtime panel discussion explored ways in which the international climate finance architecture could evolve to build the capacities of national institutions in developing countries and promote the transformational change necessary to deliver on the ambitions of the Paris Agreement.

CIERP faculty are experts in their fields and their contributions are sought by academic peers, policy makers, industry leaders, and practitioners internationally. This map gives a snapshot of who they spoke to in 2016.
When Fang joined CIERP as a Research Fellow in October 2012, she was in the middle of a PhD program in the School of Public Policy and Management at Tsinghua University working under the direction of Professor SU Jun. She did not realize at that time that within two years she would be enrolled in two PhD programs simultaneously on opposite sides of the globe in two different languages.

Fang’s introduction to CIERP came through Professor Kelly Sims Gallagher when she was on sabbatical from Fletcher and a Senior Visiting Scholar at Tsinghua in 2010. Fang supported Professor Gallagher’s field work when she was researching The Globalization of Clean Energy Technology: Lessons from China and travelled with her to multiple cities in China, namely Beijing, Shanghai, WuXi, and Shenzhen. Working with Prof. Gallagher helped Fang identify clean energy technology policy as an important area of study, and gave her rich insights into clean energy technology innovation in China. She narrowed her focus to examine how the coupling between policy instruments and diverse academic atmosphere in CIERP influenced the effectiveness of wind power technology innovation in China and other different developing countries.

During a ten-month visiting Fellowship at CIERP from 2012-2013, Fang was very involved in the Center’s academic research. She presented ‘An Empirical Study on China’s Wind Turbine Industry’ at the 2012 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference in Baltimore and co-authored a CDKN working paper with Kelly to understand where China would insert itself in the global PV value chain and how it would build international competitiveness across the global value chain in the solar industry. She also expanded her research interests to industrial energy efficient technology transfer by mainly focusing on the iron and steel sector in China. The exposure to a deep and diversified academic atmosphere in CIERP and at the Fletcher School triggered her desire to extend her study here.

In 2014, Fang enrolled as a PhD student at Fletcher and is an active contributor to the Center in many ways. While taking classes she coordinated the field work and data collection for a collaborative CIERP – NREL project to build understanding of the dynamics and market conditions of China’s rapidly growing PV market. She also worked on a joint project between CIERP and Tsinghua on comparison analysis of Sino-U.S. innovation systems. In addition, Fang has been invaluable in strengthening the Center’s links to China through the Executive Education program designed for the NDRC. Fang facilitated the case-study component of the course during the week-long program in December 2015.

In June this year, Fang defended her dissertation at Tsinghua. She was the first PhD student at the school to receive an A grade from all eight professors on her committee. When she completes her comprehensive exams at Fletcher she will start on a new round of data collection to better understand how the rapid development of green energy technologies is financed in China, and how policy sustained that investment through the 2008 global economic crisis.
Research and Teaching Assistants

- Grant Bridgman – Research Assistant to Professor Aker
- Keerthana ChandraShekar – Research Assistant to Professor Gallagher
- Timothy Grant – Research Assistant to Professor Papa
- Graham Jeffries – Research Assistant to Professor Cohn
- Maggie Kellogg – Research Assistant to Professor Cohn
- Nicholas Kenney – Research Assistant to Professor Papa
- Zdenka Myslikova – Teaching Assistant for Professor Gallagher
- Easwaran Narassimhan – Teaching Assistant for Professor Gallagher
- Caroline Ott – Research Assistant to Professor Aker
- Helen Pittam – Research Assistant to Professor Papa
- Qi Qi – Research Assistant to Professor Gallagher
- Jordan Rosenthal-Kaye – Research Assistant to Professor Cohn
- Fahad Siddiqui – Teaching Assistant for Professor Kates-Garnick
- Sydney Stevens – Research Assistant to Professor Cohn
- Natalie Theyes – Research Assistant to Professor Cohn
- Chelsea Wang – Research Assistant to Professor Cohn
- Christopher Williams – Research Assistant to Professor Papa
- Yao Wu – Research Assistant to Professor Gallagher

Supported Students

- Spandana Battula – Sponsored to attend the NEWIEE Gala
- Preetish Biswal – Summer Internship with MINT Energy
- Chengcheng Dong – Summer Internship with the research institute of the Chinese Environmental Protection Bureau
- Alexandra Edelstein – Travel Bursary to attend Ceres Conference 2016
- Justin Erickson – Dutch Ministry sponsored to attend Blue Week Grenada 2016
- Peter Frank – Sponsored to attend BSAS Investing in Clean Energy
- Harper Gay – Summer Internship at the U.S. State Department Bureau of Energy Resources
- Tarun Gopalakrishnan – Sponsored to attend CoP 21
- Carl Kjellman – Travel Bursary to present and run the negotiation simulation he wrote at Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- Riyoung Ko – Travel Bursary to undertake research into the Role of Natural Resources as a Mediation Tool for Peace Negotiations in Myanmar
- Laura Mansfield – Sponsored to attend the NEWIEE Gala
- Lynn Massengill – Travel Bursary to attend ARPA-e
- Aleksandra Mazarioges – Travel Bursary to attend CoP 21
- Amit Naresh – Sponsored to attend BSAS Investing in Clean Energy
- Sean O’Reilly – Dutch Ministry sponsored to attend AU-EU Partnership for African Food Security
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- Julio Rivera Alejo – Summer Internship with the U.N. Global Compact Environment Unit (Climate Team)
- Alexander Schulte – Sponsored to attend the Green Tie Gala
- Jesse Simmons – Travel bursary to take a team to compete in the final of the MBA Impact Investing Network and Training (MIINT) competition
- Sydney Stevens – Dutch Ministry sponsored to attend Blue Week Grenada 2016
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