



TITANS OF THE CLIMATE

EXPLAINING POLICY PROCESS IN
THE **UNITED STATES AND CHINA**

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ABOUT THE BOOK

The United States and China together account for a disproportionate 45 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions. In 2014, then-President Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping announced complementary efforts to limit emissions, paving the way for the Paris Agreement. And yet, with President Trump's planned withdrawal from the Paris accords and Xi's consolidation of power—as well as mutual mistrust fueled by misunderstanding—the climate future is uncertain. In *Titans of the Climate*, Kelly Sims Gallagher and Xiaowei Xuan examine how the planet's two largest greenhouse gas emitters develop and implement climate policy. Through dispassionate analysis, the authors aim to help readers understand the challenges, constraints, and opportunities in each country. They make the case that if each country understands more about the other's goals and constraints, climate policy cooperation is more likely to succeed.

SPEAKER

Kelly Sims Gallagher is Professor of Energy and Environmental Policy at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. She directs the Climate Policy Lab and the Center for International Environment and Resource Policy at Fletcher. From 2014 to 2015 she served as Senior Policy Adviser in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and in the U.S. State Department's Senior Envoy for Climate Change Office. She is the author of *China Shifts Gears* and *The Globalization of Clean Energy Technology*, both published by the MIT Press.

DISCUSSANTS

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MODERATOR

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