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Curriculum Vitae

Lisa Graaf (née Münch) has been research fellow at Environmental Policy Research Centre (FFU), Freie Universität Berlin, from 2011-2019. In June 2019 she started working for the Wuppertal Institute for Environment, Climate, Energy as part of the research unit “Mobility and International Cooperation”. In the same year, late 2019, Lisa joined the Habitat Unit.

At FFU Lisa had worked in various projects on sustainability governance, resource policy, environmental strategy development and transformative environmental policy, mainly in projects commissioned by the Federal Ministry for the Environment and the Federal Environment Agency. Her perspective on transformation processes is now being applied in her work at the Wuppertal Institute with a focus on urban sustainable mobility systems and waste management.

At the Habitat Unit of TU Berlin, she is part of the “Urban Change Maker Group” project, focusing on sustainability transitions at the local level, working with partner cities and academic institutions to trigger support of key stakeholders and creating innovative solutions in the area sustainable urban mobility and integrated planning – this way helping to deliver on the New Urban Agenda, the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals. The project is supported by the UN-Habitat. Lisa is also part of the Habitat Unit's team within the “SolutionsPlus” project, where 45 project partners and over 100 associated partners work together on transformative change towards sustainable urban mobility through innovative and integrated electric mobility solutions.

As a lecturer at Freie Universität Berlin, she has worked on sources of legitimacy and examined political philosophers and their applicability to current environmental policy processes.

In 2012 Lisa Graaf spent two months at The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI) in Delhi, India, as part of the DAAD program "A new passage to India", researching on sustainable water management.

In 2010 and 2012 Lisa was Conference Manager of the international "Berlin Conference of the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change".

She studied political science and communication science in Berlin, Munich and Barcelona.

Education

2007 –2011

Diploma in Political Science
Otto-Suhr-Institute, Freie Universität Berlin

2004 –2008

Bachelor of Arts in Communication Science (B.A.)

Employment History

Since 2019

Research Fellow
Wuppertal Institute for Environment, Climate, Energy; Research unit:
Mobility and International Cooperation

2018 –2019

Consultant
Project on German Governance System for Urban Mobility; Client:
Urban Electric Mobility Initiative (UEMI)

2011 –2019

Research Fellow
Environmental Policy Research Centre, Freie Universität Berlin

2010

Conference Manager
Berlin Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change, at Freie Universität Berlin (including: initiation and coordination of virtual conference centres in Tokyo, Colorado and Cape Town with partner universities)

2009 –2010

Student Assistant
Environmental Policy Research Centre, Freie Universität Berlin

Research Projects

Since 2020

“SolutionsPlus”:The international SOLUTIONSplus project launched to

support the global transition to sustainable mobility. 45 project partners and over 100 associated partners work together on transformative change towards sustainable urban mobility through innovative and integrated electric mobility solutions; Habitat Unit, TUB

Since 2019

“Urban Change Maker Group: Knowledge Sharing Facility on Urban Basic Services in the Context of Integrated Urban Development.” There is substantial potential to improve urban access, air quality, safety and the quality of life in cities along with reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions if an integrated policy approach is applied that combines all intervention areas for urban policy and involves all levels of government. The Urban Change Maker Group tackles these issues through a development of a research group to further analyse linkages and highlight the role of different policy and governance approaches in stimulating low-carbon urban development solutions. Habitat Unit, TUB

Since 2019

“Urban Pathways”, The project supports the implementation of the Paris Climate Convention and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) within the framework of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by implementing concrete projects in the fields of sustainable mobility and waste management with partner cities in, among others, Kenya, Brazil, Vietnam and South Africa. Wuppertal Institute for Environment, Climate, Energy

2017 –2019

“Social-ecological transformation of the food system”. Exploration of environmental policy intervention options on the basis of current findings in transformation research; identification of novel policy intervention options and at the same time contribution to the further development of transformation research. FU Berlin, commissioned by: Federal Environment Agency

2016 –2018

“Strategy Guide for the Environment” - Analysis and evaluation of strategy knowledge, processes and effects in the portfolio of the Federal Environment Ministry. Formulation of recommendations for the management level, policy and technical levels of the Ministry and preparation of an updated and expanded guideline for internal training in the business unit, FU Berlin, commissioned by: Federal Ministry of the Environment

2015 –2017

“Development of central elements of a concept for transformative environmental policy”. Analysis of scientific contributions with regard to the potentials of a governance of transformations, as well as stakeholder workshops to identify and discuss the elaborated elements of the concept. Formulation of a practical guide which includes fields of action, instruments and institutions for transformative environmental

policy. FU Berlin, commissioned by: Federal Environment Agency

2012 –2019

“Resource Policy I & II”. The aim of the successive projects was the analysis, monitoring and consulting of German resource policy, namely the German Resource Efficiency Programme ProgRes. To this end, policy instruments were analysed, the strategy as such evaluated and stakeholder workshops organised. FU Berlin, commissioned by: Federal Environment Agency

2014 –2016

“National Roadmap Sustainable Consumption in the Post Rio+20 Process“.The project’s aim was to deliver the technical basis for a “National Roadmap for Sustainable Consumption”. The project team supported the process of strategy development and developed a first draft version of the roadmap. This included analysis of academic literature as well as the current state of political processes and interviews with experts of the environment administration. The draft of the roadmap was an input to the “Program for Sustainable Consumption” – an initiative of the German government, which was adopted in 2016 by the German Government. FU Berlin, commissioned by: Federal Ministry for the Environment

2011 –2014

“Sustainable Germany 2030 to 2050 – How do we want to live in the future? Concepts and communication processes for a “Grand Design” of the German Sustainability Strategy from an environmental policy perspective”. The project aimed at expanding the period of time covered by Germany’s Sustainability Strategy to the year 2030 and at sketching out the development until 2050. Analysis of various long-term transformation concepts focusing on their possible contribution to the further development of the German Sustainability Strategy, identification of key areas for action in politics and society. FU Berlin, commissioned by: Federal Environment Agency

2012

“2012 Berlin Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change -Evidence for Sustainable Development”. The conference covered two issues: How can the research process be organised to develop evidence that is considered relevant and timely in the political process to meet the challenges of sustainable development? And: How can the policy-science interface be organised in a way that such scientific evidence is taken into consideration? FU Berlin (jointly with LIAISE Network of Excellence), funded by DFG

2009 –2011

“Environmental strategy development - Sustainable Management of political environmental goals and strategies”. In order to identify possible interdependencies, trade-offs and synergies of environmental politics in an early stage of developing concrete politics, a strategy

guide was developed. Main goal was to contribute to a more consistent environmental policy and to avoid inconsistencies within the respective measures. FU Berlin, commissioned by: Federal Ministry for the Environment

2010

“2010 Berlin Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change -Evidence for Sustainable Development – The Social Dimension of Global Environmental Change”. FU Berlin, funded by DFG

Teaching Activities

2014

Sources of Legitimacy: what can we draw from political philosophers for current environmental policy?” (together with Klaus Jacob), Otto-Suhr Institut, Freie Universität Berlin.

Publications

Refereed articles

(2018) Wolff, F., Jacob, K.; Graaf, L.; Heyen, D. (2018): Transformative environmental policy: consistently promoting and shaping sustainable development. A guide for the BMU's business area. (Hg. Federal Environment Agency)

(2012) Jacob, K.; Werland, S.; Münch, L. (2012): Expectations, positions and conflicts of resource policy. Contribution of the project “Resource policy – Analysing the debate and developing policy options” to the European Resource Forum, November 2012.

(2015) Jacob, K., Bär, H., Graaf, L. [Was sind Transformationen? Begriffliche und theoretische Grundlagen zur Analyse von gesellschaftlichen Transformationen](#). Teilbericht 1 des Projekts Nachhaltiges Deutschland 2030 bis 2050 – Wie wollen wir in Zukunft leben? Konzeptionen und Dialogprozesse zu einem „Grand Design“ der deutschen Nachhaltigkeitsstrategie in umweltpolitischer Perspektive. Federal Environment Agency: UBA-Texte.

(2014) Graaf, L.: Neue Indikatoren für die Ressourcenpolitik – Ansprüche an das deutsche Ressourceneffizienzprogramm. In: Ökologisches Wirtschaften, 2/2014, 29. Jahrgang, S. 12-13.

Conferences

(2019) Nexus Resource Efficiency Program and Waste Avoidance Program. Synergies and conflicts (*Netzwerk Ressourcenschonung, Umweltbundesamt, 8.1.2019*)

(2014) Societal transformation: what is being transformed, what are the drivers of transformation and how can the process be governed? – A review of the literature on transformation (*Paper presentation, De-Growth Conference, Sept.2014*)

(2012) Discourses, Indicators and Evidence in Raw Material Policies (2012 Berlin Conference on the Human Dimension of Global Environmental Change, October 2012 (*Paper presentation*))

Grants, Awards and Fellowships

2012

DAAD scholarship – New Passage to India