

May 2023 Dartmouth Workshop: Panelists & Participants

Alexis Abramson

Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth

Alexis Abramson is the 13th dean of Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth. Prior to joining Dartmouth, she was the Milton and Tamar Maltz Professor of Energy Innovation at Case Western Reserve University and served as a director of the university's Great Lakes Energy Institute focused on creating sustainable energy technology solutions. During the Obama administration, Abramson served as chief scientist and manager of the Emerging Technologies Division at the US Department of Energy's Building Technologies Program. In 2018, she served as technical adviser for Breakthrough Energy Ventures, a \$1 billion effort launched by Bill Gates to combat human-driven climate change. Abramson's research has focused on novel techniques for thermal characterization of nanostructures, the design and synthesis of unique nanomaterials for use in alternative energy applications, virtual energy audits for building energy efficiency, and strategies to accelerate technology commercialization at universities and research institutions.



Ali Al-Saffar

Rockefeller Foundation

Ali Al-Saffar is the Director of Energy Transition and Climate Action at the Rockefeller Foundation, where he works on projects to promote energy access and a just and equitable energy transition. Prior to joining RF, he spent over a decade at the International Energy Agency, most recently as program manager for the Middle East and North Africa, leading the IEA's engagement with the region and acting as a key advisor to the executive management. Prior to this role, he was an energy analyst and co-authored seven editions of the IEA's flagship long-term forecast, the World Energy Outlook. He spent his early career at the Economist Intelligence Unit, after graduating from the School of Oriental and African studies in London.



Tracy Bach

Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth

Tracy Bach serves as the Co-Focal Point of the Research and Independent Non-Governmental Organizations (RINGO) constituency to the UNFCCC Secretariat. She is a law professor who has taught and published on climate change, international environmental law and human rights, and health care and environmental health law. She received her B.A. from Yale University and her J.D. and M.A in public affairs from the University of Minnesota, after which she clerked for the Honorable Harriet Lansing of the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Bach has been a visiting professor at the law faculties of the National University of Rwanda; Petrozavodsk State University (Karelia, Russia); the University of Paris 13; Cheikh Anta Diop University (Dakar, Senegal); and Qatar University College of Law. She has conducted workshops and consulted in China and Myanmar with IUCN, UNDP, and UNEP. In 2009-10, Bach was a Fulbright Scholar in Dakar, Senegal. She has attended COPs and SBs since 2009, and led delegations to more than a dozen of these international meetings. Bach is currently a Lecturer at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College, where she serves as the Climate Change Ecosystem Deep Dive Advisor to the Center for Business, Government and Society and the Revers Center for Energy. Bach is also a Visiting Professor at Washington University in St. Louis.



Benedetta Bianchi

United Nations Operations (UN OPS)

Benedetta Bianchi is the lead energy engineer of the UN Rapid Environmental and Climate Technical Assistance Facility working with Peacekeeping operations to reduce their energy footprint. Her main focus is on the transition of peacekeeping to renewable energies through energy outsourcing projects and on the deployment of solar solutions by troop and police contributing countries. Prior to the UN, she was completing her studies in engineering and scientific computing at Imperial College London and the University of Cambridge. She is Italian, has lived in the UK, Switzerland and is now based in the US.



Melody Brown Burkins

Institute of Arctic Studies, Dartmouth

Melody Brown Burkins, PhD, is the Director of the [Institute of Arctic Studies](#), Senior Associate Director in the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, and Adjunct Professor of [Environmental Studies](#) at Dartmouth. In January 2022, she was also named the [UArctic Chair in Science Diplomacy and Inclusion](#). With over 30 years of experience as a polar scientist working in academia and governance, she is an advocate for policy-engaged scholarship, experiential education, and the support of science policy and diplomacy initiatives advancing sustainability, inclusion, and gender equality in the Arctic and around the world.



Tom Candon

Initiative for Global Security, Dartmouth

Tom is the Senior Associate Director of the [Initiative for Global Security](#) at the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding. The Initiative advances Dartmouth's contributions to international security through research designed to improve policymaking, promoting direct engagement with foreign policy-makers, and inspiring students to explore careers in international affairs. In his role, Tom serves as the administrative lead for all Center programming related to international security, including the [War & Peace Fellows program](#) and the Rosenwald Postdoctoral Fellowship in US Foreign Policy and International Security, as well as event and conference planning, the distinguished visitors programs, internship partnerships, outreach and communications, strategic planning, and budgeting.



Dawn Carey

Global Health and Development, Dartmouth

Dawn Carey brings to Dickey a deep background in global and public health, focused on alleviating health disparity at the population level. At the Global Health Council, she stewarded the [Bill and Melinda Gates Award for Global Health](#), working with leading institutions dedicated to improving the health of the two billion poorest people around the globe. She then joined the newly-formed Dartmouth Center for Health Care Delivery Science under President Jim Kim, later merged with The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice. There she directed the TDI Learning Lab, created to transform curriculum for better learning and engagement.



Eugene Chen

Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding, New York University

Eugene Chen is the Director, Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding. He is an expert on international public administration whose research focuses on the interplay of substantive policy, intergovernmental politics, and bureaucratic processes at the United Nations. Prior to joining the NYU Center on International Cooperation, Eugene worked as a consultant on issues such as peacebuilding financing, United Nations transitions, and climate action in United Nations peace operations. He previously worked in the United Nations Secretariat in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti, the Department of Field Support, and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. Earlier in his career, Eugene served as lead negotiator for the US government at the United Nations on subjects including peacekeeping financing and cross-cutting policy issues, the scales of assessments, and institutional reform. Eugene is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations and holds both a BA in Government and an MPA from Cornell University.



Sherwin Das

Energy Peace Partners

Sherwin Das is Managing Director and co-founder of Energy Peace Partners (EPP), a non-profit organization focused on leveraging climate solutions and innovative finance to promote peace in the world's most fragile regions. At EPP, he has played a key role in developing and piloting the Peace Renewable Energy Credit (P-REC) financing instrument, launching the P-REC Aggregation Fund to support of a portfolio of new renewable energy projects in sub-Saharan Africa, and supporting the Powering Peace initiative with the Stimson Center, which aims to accelerate UN peacekeeping energy transitions as a means to drive renewable energy investment in poorly-electrified host countries. Prior to EPP, Sherwin spent more than a decade with the United Nations facilitating peace processes and supporting conflict prevention and resolution initiatives in Africa, Eastern Europe and the Balkans. His UN experience includes deployments in peacekeeping operations and political missions. He has also served as a Peace and Development Advisor and worked on peacekeeping best practices and mediation support at UN Headquarters.



Maron Greenleaf

Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth

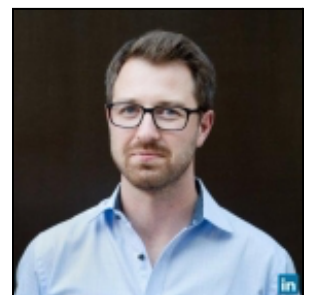
I am a sociocultural anthropologist, political ecologist, and legal scholar studying intersections of the environment and economy. I examine how people interact with, understand, and govern the worlds around them and the kinds of economic and cultural values this engenders. In particular, I examine efforts to create “green economies” and the political practices, aspirations, and forms of inclusion and exclusion they create.



Mads Uhlin Hansen

Kube Energy

Mads has spent his career on the intersection between humanitarian and economic development. He has spent several years in the field, including Burundi, Sierra Leone and Sudan, gaining experience in operation and project implementation.



Joanna Harvey

UN Department of Operational Support

Joanna Harvey is the Chief of the Environment Section in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Department of Operational Support. The Environment Section supports the strategic role of the Under-Secretary-General on environmental management and oversees technical and operational support to missions in monitoring and improving risk and performance management. Ms. Harvey has worked for the UN on peace and security related issues for twenty-five years, including as Senior Peace and Development Advisor for the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office in the Pacific, Chief of the Civil Affairs Team in the former Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and a variety of field-based roles in the Balkan, Middle East and Africa regions.

Ms. Harvey has a Master of Science in Conflict, Violence and Development from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London and received her undergraduate degree in Social and Political Science from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom.



Angelika Hofmann

Irving Institute for Energy and Society, Dartmouth

As the Senior Associate Director, Angie Hofmann works to identify, coordinate, and supervise novel opportunities for research support in the engineering, environmental, chemical/physical and related disciplines and in areas of interest to the Arthur L. Irving Institute for Energy and Society and to GrantGPS. Angie also advises administrative leadership on strategic initiatives in these fields. In her role, she aims to align Dartmouth's needs with the funding interests of donors to advance university priorities in education, scholarship, and research.

Previously, Angie was Senior Associate Director and Interim Director for Corporate and Foundation Relations at Dartmouth, Strategic Projects and Communications Advisor to Yale University's Vice Provost for Research, and Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations for Science and International Initiatives in Yale's Office of Development. In these roles, she managed top university prospects, advised and aided in implementing science priorities, and played a key role in fundraising from leading international corporations and foundations. Angie holds a PhD in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry from the University of California, Irvine, and was a post-doctoral fellow at the Max-Planck-Institute of Molecular Genetics in Berlin, Germany. She is the founder of SciWri Services, a venture providing editing, training, and consulting services on scientific communication worldwide, and the author of two books that are standards in the field: *Scientific Writing and Communication – Papers, Proposals, and Presentation* and *Writing in the Biological Sciences* (Oxford University Press.)



Victoria Holt

Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth

Victoria K. Holt is the Norman E. McCulloch Jr. Director of the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding. She joined Dartmouth in September 2021, with a background in public policy, leadership and diplomacy. In Washington, DC, she served as Vice President at the Henry L. Stimson Center, a research and policy institute focused on international affairs, and directed the Transforming Conflict and Governance program. Earlier Holt was tapped to be Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Security, Bureau of International Organization Affairs (IO), and served at the State Department from 2009 to early 2017. In that role, she was responsible for policy and guidance for actions in the UN Security Council and oversaw the Offices of Peace Operations, Sanctions & Counterterrorism and UN Political Affairs. Holt led the development of U.S. diplomatic initiatives, including the 2015 Leaders' Summit on U.N. Peacekeeping, hosted by President Obama to increase capacities for UN operations.



Holt's track record includes research, writing and teaching. She joined Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs in 2018, where she has taught graduate seminars on U.S. policy on conflict prevention in the post-Cold War world. Before 2009, she co-directed the Future of Peace Operations program at Stimson, writing and speaking widely on UN and regional peace operations, the protection of civilians and atrocity prevention, targeted sanctions, rule of law and U.S. policy. Holt served on the Genocide Prevention Task Force as the lead on military options and wrote a pioneering report on UN missions and the protection of civilians.

During the Clinton Administration, Holt served as Senior Policy Advisor in the Bureau of Legislative Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, following a role as Executive Director of a bipartisan diplomatic campaign to pay U.S. arrears to the United Nations. Previously, she served on Capitol Hill for members of the House of Representatives, first as Senior Legislative Assistant to Rep. George Hochbrueckner and then as Legislative Director for Rep. Tom Andrews, both members of the House Armed Services Committee, from 1987 to 1994. Holt also worked at Washington-based policy institutes on international affairs and nuclear weapons issues. She is a graduate of the Naval War College and Wesleyan University.

Andrew Hyde

Stimpson Center

Andrew Hyde is a Director and Senior Fellow at the Stimson Center on the Transforming Conflict and Governance Program where he has leadership roles on projects covering UN Peacekeeping, UN financing, and NATO. Prior to Stimson, Andrew served for nearly 30 years as a career U.S. Foreign Service Officer. During his diplomatic tenure, Andrew worked extensively on multilateral diplomacy at the



global and regional levels. He served as the interim NATO Deputy Senior Civilian Representative in Kabul where he helped lead Alliance diplomatic efforts in support of NATO's Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan. Previously, in the Department's International Organizations Bureau, he led a team that provided a regional focus to U.S. multilateral engagement, especially at the United Nations and developed a comprehensive strategy for meeting U.S. financial commitments to the United Nations. In a prior assignment he was head of the Alliance Relations in the State Department's office of Korean Affairs where he worked closely with the U.S. Department of Defense and Korean counterparts on a range of Alliance security issues. Andrew has also worked in the U.S. Congress, in both the House and Senate. He has a Master's degree in National Resource Strategy from the Dwight Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy (National Defense University), and a BA in International Relations, Economics and Political Science from Dickinson College. He also has done graduate studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the London School of Economics.

Hans Olav Ibrekk

Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk is Policy Director, Section for Energy, Climate and Food Security, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has more than thirty years of experience from government, international organizations, research and consulting in development cooperation, climate change, energy, water resources management, environmental financing, and capacity building, among other areas. He is a member of the Board of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and served on the Board of the Adaptation Fund 2007-2017, including serving as Chair in 2013 and 2015. Mr. Ibrekk is also the co-facilitator of the UNDESA-appointed SDG7 Technical Advisory Group. He is the focal point for water and sanitation in the Ministry. Mr. Ibrekk previously worked at the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad), the World Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). He holds a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering from University of Washington and a Master's in Civil Engineering from the Norwegian Institute of Technology.



Ieva Indriunaite

Camco

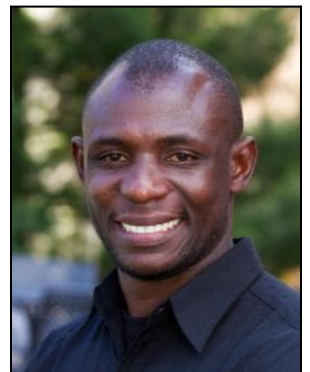
Ieva leads policy and strategic partnership work stream at Camco – a climate and impact fund manager. Camco manages multiple investment platforms aimed at financing innovative solutions to address climate change and deliver positive impact in emerging markets, including the Renewable Energy Performance Platform (REPP), Spark Energy Services and TIDES, and is an Accredited Entity of the Green Climate Fund. In partnership with Energy Peace Partners, Camco is working on the design and fundraising for the P-REC Aggregation Facility to support of a portfolio of new renewable energy projects in sub-Saharan Africa. Based in Nairobi, Ieva is leading the design of market-specific investment strategies for Camco's platforms with a strong focus on assessing policy, political and regulatory risk. She also manages Camco's work on investee capacity building and the development of the enabling environment for investments in its target markets and is supporting the work on the P-REC Aggregation Facility. Ieva has extensive experience of working with governments, international organisations, helping to strengthen governance, inform policy development and implementation. Before joining Camco, she worked as a Senior Policy Consultant at SD Strategies and was a Technical Advisor to the Energy Working Group of the Global Climate Action Partnership (formerly LEDS GP). Previously Ieva's work focused on public sector management and parliamentary capacity development, including as a Project Manager at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK at the UK Houses of Parliament.



Washikala Malango

Altech Group

Washikala Malango is co-founder & CEO of Altech Group – a clean energy and sustainable transportation company which has sold, on a pay-as-you-go model, about 500k solar and e-mobility products including solar home systems and electric motorcycles, thus positively impacting over 3 million people in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).



Sean Marrett

National Institutes of Health and Dartmouth College

Sean Marrett mainly focuses on Nuclear medicine, Neuroscience, Cerebral blood flow, Positron emission tomography and Sensory system. The study incorporates disciplines such as Artificial intelligence and Pattern recognition in addition to Nuclear



medicine. His studies in Pattern recognition integrate themes in fields like Voxel and Iterative reconstruction. In his work, Visual cortex and Analytical chemistry is strongly intertwined with Blood flow, which is a subfield of Cerebral blood flow. Sean Marrett combines subjects such as Central sulcus, Tomography and Gyrus with his study of Positron emission tomography. His Sensory system research is multidisciplinary, relying on both Somatosensory evoked potential, Somatosensory system, Forebrain and Perception.

Erin Mayfield

Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth

Dr. Erin Mayfield is the Hodgson Family Assistant Professor at Dartmouth College in the Thayer School of Engineering. Her research is in the areas of sustainable systems engineering and public policy, with a focus on energy and environmental system transitions in the context of climate change. Mayfield has participated in several large-scale collaborations on infrastructure transitions, including the [Net-Zero America Project](#), the [REPEAT Project](#), and currently serves as a co-author of the Fifth National Climate Assessment. Mayfield also has several years of experience prior to academia as a practitioner working with and in environmental justice communities on hazardous waste remediation, environmental litigation, and infrastructure planning. She received her bachelors in environmental science from Rutgers University, masters in environmental engineering from Johns Hopkins University, and doctorate in engineering and public policy from Carnegie Mellon University.



David Mozersky

Energy Peace Partners

David Mozersky is a Nonresident Fellow with the Protecting People Program at the Stimson Center. He is the co-founder of Energy Peace Partners, a new organization working on linking climate solutions with peace building. Dave is the Founding Director of the Program on Conflict, Climate Change and Green Development at UC Berkeley's RAEL. He has been involved in peace building and conflict prevention work since 2001, with a specific interest in mediation and peace processes. He has worked with the International Crisis Group, the African Union, and Humanity United, among others. He has written extensively about the conflicts and peacemaking efforts in the Horn of Africa, and has testified or presented before the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, the Canadian Parliament, and South Sudanese Parliament. David has authored and co-authored more than two dozen International Crisis Group reports and briefing papers, and his writing has appeared in the Harvard International Review, International Herald-Tribune, Financial Times-Europe, and other publications.



Amy Newcomb

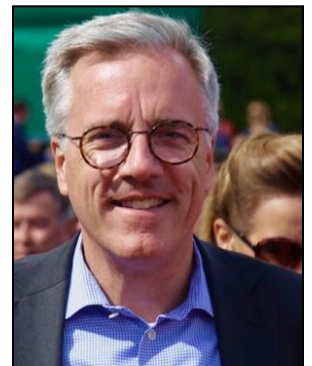
Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth



Amy is an education experience designer with nearly twenty years working in the higher education sector. She has lived and worked on four continents and currently splits her time between the United States and Brazil. An avid interculturalist, Amy thrives in environments that allow her to bring together diverse learners from a broad range of backgrounds and cultures. She believes truly transformative learning happens when we push our boundaries of comfort in tandem with intentional reflection. Amy spent fifteen years directing global learning experiences for students through the Dickey Center for International Understanding at Dartmouth College. She also spent seven years serving as the Academic Director of the Young African Leaders Initiative at Dartmouth, an Obama White House initiative that allowed her to design and coordinate a leadership exchange program with entrepreneurs from 38 countries across sub-Saharan Africa. Amy is the co-founder and managing partner of Compacity Partners, LLC an education consulting firm based in Hartford, Vermont. She holds a B.F.A. (ceramics and sculpture) and an M.S. Interdisciplinary Studies. When she isn't designing or facilitating learning experiences, Amy enjoys spending time with her teenage son as well as hiking, yoga, baking and traveling.

Mark Nichols

Stimson Center and Seven Summits



Mark Nichols is the Founder and President of Seven Summits. He has an extensive background in European affairs, energy, infrastructure, commodities, emerging markets and national security. He has worked at the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and Wesley K. Clark & Associates. He is also currently a Principal at SeaSpire Advisors, a merchant banking firm based in Chicago. During the Clinton Administration, Mr. Nichols was Senior Advisor at the State Department in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Europe. He worked on the NATO 50th Anniversary Summit, the Sarajevo Summit and the Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe, a multi-billion dollar program with the EU to rebuild the infrastructure of the region after the wars in Bosnia and Kosovo. During President Clinton's first term, Mr. Nichols managed humanitarian assistance programs in the Caucasus and Central Asia at USAID in the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia's Office of Emergency and Humanitarian Assistance. Prior to joining Wesley K. Clark & Associates, Mr. Nichols was Vice President and Treasurer of General Clark's 2004 presidential campaign. At SeaSpire Advisors, Mr. Nichols has been involved in the development of a number of commercial and utility scale solar projects, both in the United

States and overseas. Mr. Nichols holds a Masters' degree in International Affairs from Columbia University and a B.A. in European History from Bard College. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Stimson Center in Washington DC, a prominent national security think tank. Previously, he served on a number of non-profit boards, including as Trustee of Lyon College, the Arkansas Zoological Foundation and City Year Little Rock. Mr. Nichols is a graduate of the Georgetown Leadership Seminar, the British Council's European Series, the Young Leaders Program of the Council for the United States and Italy and the Aspen Institute's Executive Seminar. He is also a former Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He speaks English, French, Russian and Portuguese. A native Arkansan, he lives in Washington DC.

Madelene O'Donnell

Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, United Nations

Madalene O'Donnell leads a team on UN-IFI Partnership in the UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, Peacebuilding Support Office (DPPA/PBSO). Previously, she was Focal Point for Climate-Security and Team Leader for Partnerships in the Department of Peace Operations, Division of Policy, Evaluation and Training (DPO/DPET). She has more than 15 years of experience with the United Nations, including positions in the Department of Peace Operations, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, Executive Office of the Secretary-General and UN field missions. She has also held positions in international development at USAID and the World Bank focused on conflict and governance. At New York University's Center for International Cooperation, she led a Programme on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding. Ms. O'Donnell has a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.



Olusegun Odunaiya

Havenhill Synergy Limited

Olusegun Odunaiya is the CEO of Havenhill Synergy Limited, a clean-tech utility company that uses solar energy to generate clean, safe, cost-effective and sustainable electricity in rural and urban areas in Nigeria and West Africa. In rural communities, Havenhill uses the community-level centralized smart solar mini grid to provide electricity to these communities in a sustainable way while in Urban areas, Havenhill help commercial and industrial customers to diversify their energy mix while ensuring reliability, cost-effectiveness and safe electricity. With vast experience in business management, social entrepreneurship and renewable energy systems, Olusegun leads a team of innovative and committed young people in improving energy access to unserved and underserved populace in Africa. In the past 13 years, Olusegun has successfully



led Havenhill to be one of the leading organizations in the Energy Access Space in Nigeria and currently expanding to other parts of West Africa. With over \$18M in funding in the last 3 years, Havenhill is developing significant footprints in the Solar C&I market and currently manages over 15,000 connections across 30 off-grid communities in Nigeria. In addition, he has steered the organization towards impact through the electrification of 38 healthcare facilities under her Energizing Healthcare Initiative, the deployment of over 5MW of solar solutions across all her Business units in the last 2 years and the deployment of mini-grids serving over 100,000 people. Olusegun, a multifaceted consultant, holds both science and management degrees and is an alumnus of the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders.

Geoffrey Parker

Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth

Prior to joining Dartmouth, Geoff was a professor of business at Tulane University. He is also a research fellow at MIT's Initiative for the Digital Economy where he leads platform industry research studies and co-chairs the annual MIT Platform Strategy Summit. Geoff has made significant contributions to the field of network economics and strategy as co-developer of the theory of "two-sided" markets. He is co-author of the book, Platform Revolution. His current research includes studies of platform business strategy, data governance, smart cities and energy systems, financial services, and electronic healthcare record systems.



Steve Peterson

Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth

Steve is a Senior Lecturer at the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth, where he teaches undergraduate courses in system dynamics and energy systems. He also works as an independent consultant. His client work over the past 20+ years has applied system dynamics modeling approaches in a diverse array of topic areas in industry, government, and non-profit settings. In recent years, Steve has collaborated with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop systems-based approaches to address public health issues. Additionally, he has worked extensively with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to develop systems-based scenario-generation tools for exploring the future of bioenergy in the United States.



Stefan Rajaonarivo

International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Stefan Rajaonarivo is a Principal with the Transaction Advisory department of the International Finance Corporation (IFC). As Global Sector Lead for the Energy, he is responsible for developing the development of the strategy for the sector on top of providing senior management and execution teams with advice on portfolio projects informed by market trends, policy, standards as well as regulations. He previously was Regional Head in West & Central Africa where he oversaw all IFC sovereign advisory operations in energy, transport, telecommunications, health, housing, education, and hospitality across the sub-region. Prior to joining IFC, Stefan worked in banking and consulting with Deloitte, Capital One, and Societe Generale Investment Banking.



Anna Rubio-Reich

UAE Mission to the United Nations

Anna Reich has more than 10+ years experience working at diplomatic representations to the UN in New York. She is an expert on global sustainable development, climate policy, and multilateral governance including UN reform and finance. She was part of the core team facilitating bringing the Sustainable Development Goals to life and has played key roles in leading other intergovernmental negotiations at the UN. She has in-depth experience producing policy analysis, recommendations and advocacy strategies for governments.

April Salas

Irving Institute for Energy and Society, Dartmouth

April Salas was appointed Executive Director of the Irving Institute in October 2022. April first joined the Dartmouth community in 2016 as Executive Director of the Revers Center for Energy, Sustainability, and Innovation at the Tuck School of Business. Previously, she served as director of the White House Quadrennial Energy Review Task Force Secretariat under President Obama, leading 22 federal agencies and stakeholders across the energy industry to conduct a thorough analysis of U.S. energy systems that included more than 70 recommendations that were foundational to U.S. energy policy. She also served in senior roles at the U.S. Department of Energy, including director of the State Energy Assurance Program and chief of planning and analysis for federal energy emergency response, where she worked with industry, state and local energy officials, public utility commissions, and state emergency management directors. April began her career in energy finance consulting, working on projects across Africa, Europe, and Latin



America, and served in several roles at UNESCO and the Africa desk of the United Nations Headquarters' Department of Peacekeeping Operations. A graduate of the College of William and Mary, April went on to earn an MBA from Cornell University; a master's degree in international affairs, conflict resolution, and civil society development from the American University in Paris; and a master's degree in international security and economics with a focus on energy poverty and development from L'Institut Catholique de Paris. She has extensive board director experience with nonprofits, public and private companies, and growth-stage startups, including 3Degrees, Clean Energy New Hampshire, and Available Power.

Zafar Samodov

International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

Zafar Samodov is a Programme Officer Partnerships at the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). Zafar supports the Agency on the multilateral and bilateral partnerships initiatives: Energy Compact on Renewable energy for United Nations Peacekeeping, Collaborative Framework Enhancing Dialogue on High Shares of Renewables, and the global Alliance for Industry Decarbonization. Over the last 25 years Zafar has been working on policy, technical, investment and partnership dimensions of the energy transition, from different perspectives (international cooperation, consultancy, industry association, engineering, and development assistance). Zafar holds Master of Science in International Management from the University of Leeds and a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from the Technical University of Osemi.



Richard Smith

United Nations Rapid Environmental and Climate Technical Assistance (UN REACT)

Richard is an environmental consultant with some 20 years' experience in many sectors and geographies. He currently serves as an adviser on environmental matters to the UN and oversees a small team of specialized environmental experts who deploy to peacekeeping missions to provide hands-on assistance. Richard's core areas of expertise are on environmental management systems, data management and analysis, GHG project origination and verification, internal audit and technical certification. Born in New Zealand and living in Europe, he has visited all continents for either work or pleasure, but is yet to experience New Hampshire and looks forward to visiting Dartmouth.



Anant Sundaram

Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth

Anant K. Sundaram is a finance professor at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. His expertise is in business valuation, corporate governance, business & climate change, and health care finance. He has worked with dozens of global companies on these issues. He has won numerous teaching awards. He is widely published in leading journals in finance, law, and organization studies, is coauthor of two books (including the first ever [Handbook of Business and Climate Change, 2023](#)), and served on multiple editorial boards. He has published op-eds in major newspapers, and is quoted by (and appears in) numerous media outlets. He is a founding member of the Foundation for Advancement of Research in Finance, a member of the Faculty Advisory Board of the Irving Institute at Dartmouth, faculty affiliate of the Revers Energy Center and the Center for Business Government & Society, serves on the boards of the Hubbard Brook Research Foundation and of Kendal at Hanover. He was previously Faculty Director of Tuck Executive Education and of the Tuck Environmental Sustainability Forum, on the advisory board of The Energy and Resources Institute of India, and a member of a National Academy of Sciences steering committee on climate education. He created the 'Fossil Fuel Beta' (FFB) for CFO magazine, a metric to measure the stock price impact of a company's exposure to fossil fuel price changes. He is co-author/developer of [uValue](#), a free, highly-rated iOS app on corporate valuation.



Ambassador James Swan

Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth

James Swan has devoted most of his career to African countries facing complex political transitions in risky security environments. Most recently, Swan served as the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia (2019-2022) with broad oversight of more than 20 UN agencies operating in the country. He led international support for improved relations between the central government and federal member states, for a peaceful conclusion to the 2022 elections, and for increased security operations against the al-Shabaab terrorist group. Swan joined the UN after a three-decade career with the U.S. State Department. His final assignment was as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2013-2016). He guided the Embassy during a period of intense U.S. diplomacy to degrade rebel forces, expand stabilization programs, and promote a political settlement to avert conflict at the end of the DRC President's constitutional mandate. As U.S. Special Representative for Somalia (2011-2013) Swan worked with international partners to support Somalis to recapture large areas of the country from al-Shabaab and organize the 2012 elections and a peaceful transfer of power. This progress led the U.S. to recognize a Somali government for the first time 20 years. As Ambassador to Djibouti (2008-2011) Swan led a significant increase in U.S. military cooperation with



Djibouti (which hosts the largest U.S. military base in Africa) while also expanding U.S. support to the health, education, and governance sectors. Swan also held senior headquarters positions at the State Department, including as Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs (2006-2008) with responsibility for U.S. policies and programs in 23 central and east African countries. Earlier in his career, Swan served in a variety of Foreign Service positions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Congo, Somalia, Cameroon, Nicaragua, and Haiti, and in Washington as Director of African Analysis in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research and Desk Officer for Zaire/Congo. He began his work in the public sector at the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education. After retiring from the U.S. Government in 2016, Swan formed Cygnet Strategies, a consulting firm specializing in business opportunities in Africa. In 2018-2019 he also worked as a Senior Advisor on Africa at the Albright Stonebridge Group. Swan holds a B.Sc. degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, an M.A. from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, and a Master's in Security Studies from the National War College.

Minoru Takada

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

Minoru Takada is Team Leader on Energy at the Division for Sustainable Development Goals, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, in New York. He also serves as Head of the Secretariat of UN-Energy, the UN's interagency coordination mechanism in the field of energy. Prior to this position, he was Senior Policy Advisory on Energy at the Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General and Head of the Sustainable Energy Programme at the United Nations Development Programme.



Vikrant Vaze

Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth

Vikrant Vaze is the Stata Family Career Development Associate Professor and the Program Area Lead for Mechanical, Operations and Systems Engineering at Dartmouth College. He holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, two master's degrees from MIT – in Transportation and in Operations Research, and a PhD in Systems from MIT.



Charles Wheelan

Rockefeller Center for Public Policy, Dartmouth

In addition to teaching at Dartmouth, Charlie Wheelan has spent time as a speechwriter, a correspondent for The Economist, and a Congressional candidate and in other policy-related positions that inform his academic work. His goal is to make important academic ideas understandable to the broadest possible audience and to use these powerful ideas to address real social challenges.



Marcus Williams

Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), World Bank

Marcus Williams is the Global Head for Energy and Extractive Industries at the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), the political risk insurance and credit enhancement arm of the World Bank Group. He oversees MIGA's guarantee operations supporting foreign investors and lenders in power projects – utility connected and off grid – in developing countries, as well as mining projects and midstream gas projects. Marcus has been in this role since September 2015, prior to which he held multiple positions in both MIGA and the World Bank, including serving as Adviser to MIGA's Executive Vice President and MIGA's Chief of Staff, and working for the World Bank Group President and senior management on the World Bank's long-term strategy and business agenda. Marcus received an MBA from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. He is a UK national and is based at MIGA's headquarters in Washington DC.



Powering Peace: Supporting Renewable Energy in Fragile States Increasing Energy Access and Reducing Climate Change with UN Peacekeeping Operations

Workshop 18-19 May, 2023 at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Learn more at: dartgo.org/poweringpeace