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Michael Mehling is Executive Director of the [Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research](#) [1] at the [Massachusetts Institute of Technology](#) [2] (MIT), where he helps coordinate research across MIT on the policy implications of energy, climate change and the environment. He simultaneously holds appointments as a Research Scientist with the [MIT Energy Initiative](#) [3] (MITEI) and as a Visiting Professor with the [University of Strathclyde Law School](#) [4].

From 2008 to 2014, Michael served as President of [Ecologic Institute, Washington DC](#) [5], where he remains on the Board of Directors and helps manage the [Konrad von Moltke Fund](#) [6]. During his time at Ecologic Institute, Michael coordinated a range of research and advisory projects for government agencies as well as educational and civil society institutions in North America, Europe, and the developing world. Trained as a lawyer, he has a strong background in legal and institutional analysis, complemented by several years of experience working in an interdisciplinary setting. Recently, his work has focused on coupling his substantive knowledge of energy and environmental policy with didactical experience to design and implement several multi-year capacity development projects.

He is a German and American citizen and has lived for extended periods of time in the United States, Germany, Chile and Finland. A native speaker of German and English, Michael Mehling is fluent in Spanish, has good command of French and Portuguese and knows basic Finnish.

Michael Mehling has published widely in edited volumes and peer-reviewed journals. Recent books include the co-edited volumes "Bridging the Divide in Global Climate Policy: Strategies for Enhanced Participation and Integration" (2009), [Improving the Clean Development Mechanism: Options and Challenges Post-2012](#) [7] (2011) and "Climate Change and the Law" (2013). He was a contributing author to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ([IPCC](#) [8]) and provided a background report for the Lazarowicz Report on Global Carbon Trading commissioned by the UK Prime Minister. He has also participated as an author in several reference works, including the Encyclopedia of Energy, the Encyclopedia of Global Warming and

Climate Change and two commentaries on the law of the European Union. In 2007, he became founding editor of the quarterly [Carbon & Climate Law Review](#) [9], the first academic journal dedicated to climate regulation and the carbon market.

Currently, Michael Mehling serves on the Board of the [International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources - United States](#) [10] (IUCN-US), the Program Committee for the [Master of Science in Energy Policy and Climate](#) [11] at Johns Hopkins University and is a Member of [Climate Strategies](#) [12], an international research network focusing on climate and energy policy.

He has held academic appointments at [Georgetown University](#) [13] (United States), the Universities of Constance and Greifswald (Germany) and the University of Helsinki (Finland). In recent years, he was awarded a [John J. McCloy Fellowship in Environmental Policy](#) [14] from the [American Council on Germany](#) [15] (ACG) as well several grants from national research councils and foundations. Michael frequently speaks at academic and trade conferences and has been invited to brief legislators and legislative staff at the [European Parliament](#) [16] (EP). He also served as a Member in the [Task Force "Global Green Recovery,"](#) [17] established on behalf of the Office of Policy Planning of the German [Federal Foreign Office](#) [18].

Michael Mehling studied law at the Universities of Constance and Helsinki and is an alumnus of the [Prince of Wales's Business & Sustainability Programme](#) [19] (BSP). He holds a master's degree in law (LL.M.) from the University of Helsinki and is admitted to the German Bar. During his judicial training, he was stationed at the department of environmental crimes in the office of the public prosecutor in Hamburg, the [German Emissions Trading Authority](#) [20] (DEHSt) in Berlin and a Brazilian environmental consultancy, *Âmbito - Homem e Ambiente*, in Belo Horizonte.

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