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Transatlantic Fellow

Alexander von Humboldt German Chancellor Fellow

Piper Foster is a Transatlantic Fellow at Ecologic Institute from October 2009 until August 2010. She is researching courtesy a grant from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's German Chancellor Fellowship. The focus of the work is to examine the role of land-use planning when communities site renewable energy installations. She is an English native speaker, works in Spanish, and is learning German.

Piper's research will ask the following questions: How does disciplined land use facilitate generation and distribution of energy? How are issues of viewshed, noise, or odor mediated view community process? How does federally managed spatial planning compare to regional planning in the US? What is wields more influence on the adoption of renewable energies: FIT or spatial planning? In addition, Piper will explore carbon labeling in the EU.

While at Ecologic Institute, Piper remains the Executive Director of the Aspen, Colorado based Sopris Foundation. Her interests spring from commitment to community, and curiosity about creating positive change. Upon graduation she served as a Legislative Correspondent for Hon. George Nethercutt, Jr., the US Congressional Representative from Eastern Washington. She then studied violin and Spanish in Barcelona. Upon returning to the United States, Foster worked at the Rocky Mountain Institute under Amory Lovins.

She graduated with a degree in Politics from Whitman College in Washington State in 2002.

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