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Susanne Langsdorf is a Fellow at Ecologic Institute. She works primarily on projects related to resource policy and environmental governance as well as urbanization and transition processes. Regionally, her work focuses on China and Europe, and she coordinates Ecologic Institute's China related activities. Susanne Langsdorf works in German, English and Spanish, furthermore she has basic knowledge of Chinese.

Her research involves analyzing policies concerned with the decoupling of resource use and economic growth, evaluating resource policy and fostering sustainable resource management towards a Circular Economy. In [Models, Potentials and Long-Term Scenarios for Resource Efficiency](#) [1](SimRes), the project team analyzes the potential effectiveness of policy measures and mixes in the field of resource policy, making use of model simulation. Additionally, she worked on the European research project DYNAMIX, which developed [policy mixes for decoupling resource use and economic growth](#) [2].

Further research foci of Susanne Langsdorf are urbanisation and transition processes towards more sustainable societies. Within Ecologic she leads the project [Transformation to Climate Resilient and Resource - conserving Infrastructures \(TRAFIS](#) [3]). In this project Ecologic Institute will implement action research methods in a number of communal and regional case studies, in which the actors aim to couple infrastructures to make them more resource-light and climate-friendly.

Susanne Langsdorf manages the European research project [Post-Carbon Cities of Tomorrow](#) [4] (POCACITO) and took part in [InContext](#) [5]. POCACITO will develop an evidence-based 2050 roadmap for EU post-carbon cities. InContext examined the interplay between structural conditions and internal factors for individual behavior. Additionally, Susanne Langsdorf was the project coordinator of the oral history project [From 'the Blue Sky above the Ruhr' to the 'Energiewende.'](#) [6] which shed light on the development of environmental policy research in Germany.

Before joining Ecologic Institute, Susanne Langsdorf worked as a project manager for the Friedrich Ebert Foundation's [Shanghai office](#) [7] and was responsible for the office's environmental and energy work. As a freelancer, she organised an EU-China Climate Dialogue for [The Nature Conservancy](#) [8] of Europe and wrote the report [A European Union for Renewable Energy](#) [9] for the Heinrich Böll Foundation.

For her Master's degree in International Relations, Susanne Langsdorf studied at Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, and the University of Potsdam (Germany), concentrating on energy and security policy with a regional focus on China. Her Bachelor's degree in political science and public law was obtained at the University of Rostock and the Universidad de Granada (Spain).

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