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Areas of expertise

Alexander Ochs' has worked extensively on climate and energy policies of the United Nations, Brazil, China, India, Europe, the United States, the Caribbean, and other countries and regions. His areas of expertise further include: international environmental negotiations; costs and opportunities of low-emissions growth strategies; energy roadmaps at the municipal, state, national and regional levels; ways to forge a green new deal and induce a third industrial revolution; global governance and U.N. reform; transatlantic relations; environmental security.

Current primary position

Since 2009, Alexander Ochs is Director for Climate and Energy at the **Worldwatch Institute**, an independent research organization recognized for its accessible, fact-based analysis of critical global issues. Headquartered in Washington DC, Worldwatch's Climate and Energy Program is dedicated to achieving a transformation of the global energy system in order to improve human wellbeing and create sustainable growth while protecting natural resources and the climate system.

Alexander is also the chief editor of the Institute's **ReVolt** blog which explores strategies for low-carbon development around the world and reports on the latest energy revolutions.

Since 2011, Alexander Ochs is a member of **Worldwatch's management team**.

Additional current positions

Alexander serves as president of the **Forum for Atlantic Climate and Energy Talks (FACET)** which he founded in 2008. FACET aims at enriching the transatlantic dialogue on climate change and energy by providing a platform for the open exchange of opinions and solutions.

Alexander is also a Senior Fellow at the **American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (AICGS)** at Johns Hopkins University (since 2007).

Since 2011, Alexander serves as co-editor of **Connected**, a newsletter supported by the Transatlantic Climate Bridge of the German government.

Academic positions

From Spring 2011, Alexander will teach GHG Accounting and Management and Sustainable Technology Management and Policy in the Sustainable Urban Planning Program of **George Washington University**.

Alexander is also a Senior Fellow at the **American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (AICGS)** at Johns Hopkins University.

A graduate of the **Universities of Munich** (M.A., 2001) and **Cologne** (B.A., 1995), Alexander has formerly held research and teaching positions at the **City University of New York** (2007), **Princeton University** (2005-6) as well as at the **Humboldt** (2003-4) and **Freie** (2003) **Universities in Berlin**.

Former primary positions

Before joining Worldwatch, Alexander was Director of International Policy at the **Center for Clean Air Policy**, a recognized world leader in climate and air-quality policy headquartered in Washington, D.C. (2008 -9).

Between 2001 and 2007, Alexander worked as a senior research associate in the global issues department of the **German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, SWP)** in Berlin, Europe's largest foreign policy think tank. At the SWP, he co-founded and later directed the **International Network to Advance Climate Talks (INTACT)**.

Professional achievements

Alexander has been a member of the German delegation to the U.N. climate negotiations and various advisory committees on both sides of the Atlantic. A co-editor of two books, director of two documentary films, and author of numerous scholarly articles, reports and policy papers, Alexander contributes frequently to public media, for example as a regular commentator for Deutsche Welle, Germany's public international broadcaster, Wiener Zeitung (Austria), Katerva (U.K.) and Grist Magazine (USA). In 2005, Alexander was named a Young Leader by the Aspen Institute. In the early years of his career, he was also an elected member of tt30, a think tank of the Club of Rome.