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Research themes proposed:

Beyond the Regulatory State: Rethinking European Energy and Climate Governance - Since the 1990s, the regulatory state model has provided a useful analytical framework for studying policymaking in Europe, the EU's external action and the EU's strategy as a power in global politics. Only recently has this model been challenged, and scholars have begun to develop alternative conceptualizations of internal and external European governance, including in the area of climate and energy policy. This emerging literature seeks to address key questions pertaining the nature of the EU, its policy toolbox and capacity, the way in which EU governmental agents frame climate and energy problems and the mechanisms and resources they deploy for projecting power in an increasingly complex and challenging international environment. This research project aims to enhance the profile of this scholarship by inviting a range of conceptual and empirical works drawing on examples from climate and energy policy that contribute to the theorization of European governance 'beyond' the regulatory state. Possible research topics include, but are not limited to, the following: i) the role of European public banks and EU financial instruments in energy and climate governance; ii) conceptualizations of the 'EU as a power' in global politics alternative to Regulatory/Market Power Europe; iii) the EU's role in network/catalytic climate and energy diplomacy; and iv) hybridization and new modes of public involvement in ownership in climate and energy governance.

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