

Masterclass with Cara New Daggett

June 3, 2024, at the Technical University of Denmark, Department of Wind and Energy Systems, Risø Campus, Frederiksborgvej 399, Roskilde

Theme: *Politics of energy and the environment – engaging with the work-waste ontology of energy in past, present and future*

Cara New Daggett is an Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science at Virginia Tech. Her scholarly works challenge the underlying logic that informs today's uses of energy that have led us towards an era of planetary disruption. In this context, Daggett reflects upon what it means to waste energy and what history has taught us about energy relations. This opens a discussion that questions energy relations and how underpinning logics risk repeating history that is driven by a pursuit of efficiency.

We are very happy that Cara will join us at the Technical University of Denmark, including for this workshop with junior scholars (PhD, postdoc levels primarily).

Selected publications:

2019. *The Birth of Energy: Fossil Fuels, Thermodynamics, and the Politics of Work*. Duke University Press.

2022. "[Designing feminist energy systems: climate politics beyond 'jobs' and 'babies'](#)," Mayapple Energy Collective, *Autonomy*.

2021. "[Energy and Domination: Contesting the Fossil Myth of Fuel Expansion](#)," *Environmental Politics*, 30:4, 644-662, DOI: [10.1080/09644016.2020.1807204](https://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2020.1807204)

Junior scholars interested in presenting and engaging with energy relations, environmental politics and power should write a short abstract about how they plan to relate to the discussion (maximum 300 words).

Lunch: 11.30-12.30 (Risø canteen)

Masterclass: 12.30-16.00

- Introduction (45 minutes).
 - Brief introduction by Julia Kirch Kirkegaard followed by informal presentation by Cara New Daggett on the theme and her recent research interests (45 minutes)
- 10 minutes presentation per participant relating the specific call + 10 minutes for feedback and discussion.
- Collective discussion on theme of the politics and power of energy and environment (30-45 minutes)

Contact Amanda at amom@dtu.dk latest May the 15th date with a short 100 words description of your research if you would like to participate.