

# SANDER CHAN

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## PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a global environmental governance scholar with over ten years of experience in research, especially on public-private cooperation, transnational climate action and global sustainable development politics. My research achievements include the development of methodologies to assess the performance of transboundary state & non-state cooperation in sustainable development and climate change politics; as well as furthering knowledge about local contexts for global environmental governance approaches.

My goal is to contribute scientific knowledge for a greener, fairer and resilient future for all. To build links between research and practice, I co-founded the 'Galvanizing the Groundswell of Climate Action' network, which facilitates dialogues on the role cities, regions, companies, and other groups in climate and sustainability governance. I am founder and co-chair of the Earth System Governance Project's Working Group on Economic Downturn and Climate Action, which investigates the impact of the COVID-19 crisis, and the effects of the ensuing economic downturn, on climate action worldwide.

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Sept'20-Sept'21 Käte Hamburg Kolleg/Centre for Global Cooperation Research (KHK/GCR21)  
Research Fellow Duisburg, DE
- Research on orchestration of transnational climate action in Europe and North America
  - Building up an international research consortium on the orchestration of transnational climate action
- Sep'14-present German Development Institute/Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)  
Senior Researcher Bonn, DE
- Research on Non-Economic Loss and Damage; and Nonstate and Subnational Climate Actions (2015-2016)
  - Project lead: strengthening non-state climate action in the global south ('ClimateSouth'); developing of the 'Global Aggregator for Climate Action' (GAFCA) research database to track progress of non-state and subnational climate actions; mapping non-state climate action globally, and in India and Kenya. (from 2017)
  - Project lead: overcoming incoherence in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development; building a research consortium; and developing a research agenda on (in)coherence, synergies and trade-offs in achieving sustainable development. (from 2018)
  - Chairing the Interconnections series of trans- and interdisciplinary events on linkages between the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement. (since 2017)
  - Organizing conferences, workshops, teaching (Environment and development module, transnational climate governance)
  - Leading "Country Working Group III – Vietnam and Climate Governance" (2016)

- Nov'16-present Utrecht University Utrecht, NL  
Adjunct assistant professor at Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development
- Supervision of MA and BA thesis projects (since 2017)
  - Co-supervision of PhD project by Mr Adis Dzebo (Stockholm Environment Institute/Utrecht University) on transnational climate adaptation (since 2017)
  - Teaching (courses: "Politics of the Earth" [BA], "International Governance for Sustainable Development" [MA]) (since 2016)
  - Research cooperation on transnational governance initiatives
- Mar'14-Jun'14 UNFCCC Secretariat Bonn, DE  
Intern, Assistant to Executive Direction and Management, Implementation Strategy Unit
- Development of climate action agenda strategy ('Lima-Paris Action Agenda')
  - Development of issues paper on a UNFCCC framework for non-state actor engagement and International Cooperative Initiatives
- Jan'06-Sep'14 VU University Amsterdam, NL  
Researcher at Institute for Environmental Studies (member of staff until Mar'09, guest researcher thereafter)
- Research in 'Partners' Project on Partnerships for Sustainable Development
  - Organizing conferences, teaching, research, supervision of master students and interns
- Oct'12-Jun'14 Zhejiang University/Zhejiang Env. Protection Bureau Hangzhou, CN  
Environmental and sustainable development policy expert (intermittent)
- Policy advice and training
- Jan'10-Mar'11 Renmin University of China Beijing, CN  
Guest researcher at School of Environment and Natural Resources
- Teaching
  - Research on Partnerships for Sustainable Development in biodiversity governance
- Aug'09-Dec'09 China University for Political Science and Law (CUPL) Beijing, CN  
Guest researcher at Globalization and Global Issues Institute
- Teaching
  - Research on Partnerships for Sustainable Development in sustainable forestry

## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATES

- Jan'09-Sep'14 VU University Amsterdam, NL  
PhD  
Dissertation Title: "Partnerships for Sustainable Development: Emergence, Adaptation and Impact on Global and Domestic Governance"
- Mar'09-Aug'09 Beijing Foreign Studies University Beijing, CN  
Mandarin Chinese Certificate
- Sep'05-Dec'05 Netherlands Institute for International Relations The Hague, NL  
Certificate  
Post-graduate course in Foreign Relations
- Sep'00-Jul'01 Uni. of Turku, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Turku, FIN  
European Studies Diploma  
Dissertation Title: "Trends, Models & Divisions: US, German and EU Federalism in Comparison"
- Sep'98-Aug'04 VU University Amsterdam Amsterdam, NL  
Doctorandus Political Science (MA eq.)  
Dissertation Title: "Anticipatory Europeanisation and the Break-up of

Czechoslovakia"  
Oct'97-Aug'98 VU University Amsterdam Amsterdam, NL  
Propedeuse Public Administration and Politics (BA eq.)

## GRANTS

- IKEA Foundation. Impact of cities, regions and businesses on global greenhouse gas emissions: 2020 update. (2020) (EUR 42,500 [DIE Share]). Project Partners: Prof. Dr. Niklas Höhne, Dr. Takeshi Kuramochi (NewClimate Institute), Mark Roelfsema (Utrecht University), Dr. Thomas Hale (Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University), Dr Angel Hsu (Data-Driven Lab, Yale-NUS), Sander Chan (DIE), Andrew Clapper (CDP).
- Käte Hamburger Kolleg/Centre for Global Cooperation Research (KHK/GCR21) research fellowship 2020-2021 (EUR 36,000)
- 'DAAD Alumni Programme', funding acquired for organizing the Spring School 'Global Transformation towards Sustainability - Rising Powers and Africa' for three consecutive years (2019-2021), (approx.. 200,000 EUR). Project partners: Dr Sven Grimm (DIE), Bonn University.
- The ClimateWorks Foundation, funding for 'Global Aggregation of the Impacts of Non-state and Subnational Climate Action (2019) (25,000 EUR [DIE Share]). Project Partners: Prof. Dr. Niklas Höhne, Dr. Takeshi Kuramochi (NewClimate Institute), Mark Roelfsema (PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency), Dr. Thomas Hale (Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University), Dr Angel Hsu (Data-Driven Lab, Yale-NUS), Sander Chan (DIE).
- European Economic and Social Council funding for study "Toolbox for multi-stakeholder climate partnerships: a policy framework to stimulate bottom-up climate actions" (15,000 EUR)
- 'Europe and Global Challenges', joint funding initiative of the Volkswagen Foundation, Wellcome Trust, and Riksbanksens Jubileumsfond, July 2017-August 2021, title of research project: 'Strengthening Non-State Climate Action in the Global South' (757,700 EUR). Project Partners: Dr Thomas Hale (Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University), Dr Sander Chan (German Development Institute/Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik [DIE]), Dr Manish Kumar Shrivastava (The Energy and Resources Institute), and Mr Kennedy Mbeva (African Centre for Technology Studies).
- CCCEP Innovation Fund, Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy (CCCEP), November 2014-December 2015, title of research project: "Applying lessons learnt from the New York Climate Commitments to design a Global Framework for Climate Action for better coordination and greater effectiveness in a fragmented climate governance landscape" (10,000 GBP)
- EU China Science and Technology Fellowship, EuropeAid, March 2009-March 2011, title of research project: "Sustainable Forestry Partnerships in China" (48,700 EUR).

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Principal Investigator of the Synergies of Planetary Health Research Initiative, Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research, York University, Canada (January 2020- present)
- Co-chair of the Earth System Governance Project's Working Group on 'Economic Downturn and Climate Action' (ESG - EDCA) (February 2020-present)
- Guest researcher at Data-driven Lab at Yale-NUS, Singapore (February-March 2020).
- Research Fellow of the Earth System Governance Project, and ESG Research Centre focal point for the German Development Institute/Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), (January 2017-present)
- Member of Steering Committee 'Galvanizing the Groundswell of Climate Actions'
- Founding partner 'Non-Economic Loss and Damage' Platform (NELD Platform) (March

2015-March 2017)

- Member of the Technical Working Group on Non-State and Subnational Action Guidance of the Initiative on Climate Action Transparency (ICAT), (November 2016-present)
- Chair of Working Group 1 of the International Climate Governance Alliance, preparing high-level recommendations (May 2017-present)
- Member of the editorial board of 'Environment and Social Psychology' (March 2015-January 2017)
- Member of Advisory Group for the Climate Initiatives Platform (CIP), (May 2014-present)