## Wintersemester 2024/2025

Dienstag 14.01.2025 | 16.15–17.45 Uhr | H6 (Geo II)

## GIB Lecture Series Social tipping dynamics in a world constrained by conflicting interests

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Although the research on social tipping dynamics has taken off and there are more and more publications and research carried out in this area, an open question remains about the tipping dynamics in polarized and unequal societies. The political realties show that often the key decision-makers are resistant to change, tied up by lobby groups and other power structures, do not look at timescales beyond the election period, or use lies, misinformation, and populist arguments to get to power. I discuss how such power dynamics could be counteracted, what can we learn from network theory and what kind of methods and analytical approaches can help to advance our understanding of the net-zero transition dynamics.



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