Climate-social politics: How to shape a just and emission-free society?

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When social dimensions are brought into the climate crisis discourse, the achievement of both, social and ecological advantages, is often framed as conflicting goals. For instance, it is argued that effective emission reduction might lead to higher rates of unemployment or might increase fuel poverty. Even though these arguments must be taken seriously, this panel discussion wants to advance another perspective which has been recently introduced in the book “Climate-social politics” (klimasozial.at). The book discusses how progressive climate-social politics can create fundamental improvements in our lives – in the ecological and the social dimensions alike. We draw on these insights and will address the following questions in our panel discussion: What role does wealth play for effective climate politics? How can social inequality be addressed and how can social politics be linked to climate politics? In what way can we shape budget and tax politics to make them climate friendly?

PANELISTS
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