

# FLORENTINE KOPPENBORG, PHD

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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Since 10/2017      **Technical University of Munich (TUM), School of Politics and Public Policy**
- **Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer**
  - Research projects: “Governing Phase-Outs” and “Effectiveness of Global Climate Governance”
- 12/2016 – 09/2017      **Free University of Berlin, East Asian Studies Department**
- **GEAS Award Postdoc Position**

## VISITING APPOINTMENTS

- 09/2024      **Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA**
- **Visiting Researcher**
- 03/2024      **German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ), Japan**
- **Visiting Researcher**
- 02/2023 & 05/2023      **Kyoto University, Japan**
- **Visiting Researcher** at Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies
- 09/2022      **Waseda University, Japan**
- **Visiting Researcher** at School of International Liberal Studies
- 03/2019 – 04/2019      **Kyoto University, Japan**
- **Visiting Researcher** at Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies
- 08/2018 – 09/2018      **Tokyo University, Japan**
- **Visiting Researcher** at Social Science Institute
- 03/2015 – 09/2015      **Sophia University, Japan**
- **Visiting Researcher** at Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies

## EDUCATION

- 10/2013 – 05/2017      **Free University of Berlin, Graduate School of East Asian Studies (GEAS)**
- **PhD in Political Science**
  - PhD Thesis topic: “Reforming nuclear safety administration in Japan after the Fukushima nuclear accident: A critical juncture in regulatory practices”
- 10/2010 – 08/2013      **Free University of Berlin**
- **MA Japanese Studies and Political Science**
  - MA thesis topic: “The ASEAN Regional Forum’s institutional design: An analysis of reasons for change and inertia”
- 10/2005 – 04/2010      **Free University of Berlin**
- **BA Japanese Studies and East Asian Studies**
- 10/2008 – 03/2009      **Tsukuba University, Tsukuba, Japan**
- **Student exchange**, Japanese language training
- 09/2022 – 07/2003      **Richmond International High School, Vancouver, Canada**
- **High school student exchange**, English language training

## **FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS**

Since 11/2023	<b>TUM Postdoc Training for Interdisciplinary Research and Responsible Leadership</b>
10/2023 – 02/2024	<b>Leadership Training</b>
10/2020	<b>Advanced Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)</b>
08/2017	<b>Introduction to Statistics</b>
02/2017 – 07/2017	<b>Teaching Certificate 1 &amp; 2: Learning and Planning Teaching &amp; Advanced Workshop</b>

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

03/2024 – 12/2024	<b>Project Seed Funding</b> “Effectiveness of Global Climate Governance” <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical University of Munich (10,000 €)</li></ul>
01/2022 – 12/2023	<b>Lead Investigator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Governing Sustainability Transitions: Technology Phase-Outs” (Follow-up to “Governing Energy Transitions”) Project</li><li>• DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) (ca. 29,000 €)</li></ul>
03/2021 – 05/2023	<b>Co-Investigator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Geopolitics of Renewable Energy (GeoReSim)” Project</li><li>• EU Program for Education, Youth and Sports: Erasmus+ (ca. 264.800 €)</li></ul>
04/2023 – 09/2023	<b>Hybrid Teaching Grant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical equipment and student assistant for hybrid teaching (3000 €)</li></ul>
03/2021	<b>Workshop Funding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workshop on “Continuity and Change 10 Years after 3.11”</li><li>• Fritz Thyssen Foundation (ca. 3,300 €)</li></ul>
03/2020 – 12/2021	<b>Lead Investigator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Governing Energy Transitions: Phase-In and Phase-Out of Technologies”</li><li>• DAAD (ca. 27,000 €)</li></ul>
02/2020	<b>Teaching Exchange</b> at Kyoto University, Japan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EU Program for Education, Youth and Sports: Erasmus+ (ca. 2,700 €)</li></ul>
03/2019 – 04/2019	<b>Research Funding</b> for a stay at Kyoto University <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DAAD-Kyoto University partnership programme for SDGs (ca. 4,000 €)</li></ul>
04/2015 – 09/2015	<b>Fieldwork Grant</b> for a research stay at Sophia University, Japan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft DFG (German Research Foundation) (ca. 10,000 €)</li></ul>
10/2013 – 11/2016	<b>PhD Grant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft DFG (German Research Foundation) (ca. 55,000 €)</li></ul>

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Impact Factor (h-index): 4

### **BOOKS**

2023	<b>“Japan’s Nuclear Disaster and the Politics of Safety Governance”,</b> Cornell University Press
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## PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- In progress      **“Phase-Out Climate Clubs’ Role in Phasing Out Fossil Fuels and Implementing the Paris Agreement”** (to be submitted to the *Special Issue on Phase-Out Politics and Governance*)
- Under review      **“Special Issue: Phase-Out Politics and Governance”** (co-edited with Adrian Rinscheid and Gregory Trencher)
- Under Review      **“Japan’s Nuclear Regulation Authority – A Proactive Independent Regulator”** (resubmit with minor revisions to *Regulation & Governance*)
- Forthcoming      **“Legal Fallout from Fukushima Dai’ichi: Fundamental Changes in Nuclear Safety Administration in Japan”** In: Weizdörfer, Julius F.; Laut, Kristian C. (Eds.): *Fukushima and the Law*, Cambridge University Press
- 2024      **“Post-3.11 Nuclear Safety Regulation”** In: Hiroshi Ohta (Ed.): *Handbook of Japan’s Environmental Law, Policy and Politics*, MHM Limited
- 2023      **“The Evolution of "Phase-Out" as a Bridging Concept for Sustainability: From Pollution to Climate Change”** (co-authored with Gregory Trencher, Adrian Rinscheid, Daniel Rosenbloom, Nhi Truong & Pinar Temocin) In: *One Earth*
- 2023      **“More Weapons than Windmills: Japan's Military and Energy Policy Response to Russia's Attack on Ukraine”** (co-authored with Ulv Hanssen) In: *Czech Journal of International Relations*
- 2023      **“More Than Just Organics: Boosting Separate Collection of Dry Recyclables with Door-to-door Bio-waste Collection in EU Capitals”** (co-authored with Kuat Abeshev) In: *Waste Management*, Vol 161
- 2022      **“Continuity and Change 10 Years after 3.11: Processes and Dynamics in State-society Relations”** (co-authored with Anna Wiemann and Tobias Weiss) In: *Contemporary Japan*, Vol 34 (2)
- 2022      **“Nuclear Revival won't Rid Japan of its Energy Crisis”** In: *East Asia Forum*
- 2021      **“Japan’s Climate Change Discourse: Towards Climate Securitisation?”** (co-author Ulv Hanssen) In: *Politics and Governance*, Vol 9 (4)
- 2021      **“Japan’s Energy Transition 10 Years after the Fukushima Nuclear Accident: Special Issue Introduction”** In: *Social Science Journal Japan*, Vol 24 (1)
- 2021      **“Nuclear Restart Politics: How the ‘Nuclear Village’ Lost Policy Implementation Power”** In: *Social Science Journal Japan*, Vol 24 (1)
- 2021      **“Japan’s Nuclear Safety Regulation Policy”** In: Midford, Paul; Espen, Moe (Eds.): *New Challenges and Solutions for Renewable Energy*, Palgrave Macmillan
- 2021      **“Waning Support for Nuclear Power 10 Years after Fukushima”** In *East Asia Forum*
- 2020      **“Japan’s Growing Dependence on Coal”** (co-authored with Ulv Hanssen) In *East Asia Forum*
- 2018      **“Remodelling Japan’s Climate Policy”** In: *East Asia Forum*
- 2017      **“Ausstieg oder Wiedereinstieg?: Abes widersprüchliche Atompolitik”** In: Heinrich, Steffen; Gabriele Vogt (Ed.): *Japan in der Ära Abe. Eine politikwissenschaftliche Analyse*, Iudicium
- 2017      **“Will the Silent Comeback of Coal Threaten Japan’s Climate Goals?”** In: *East Asia Forum*

- 2016 "Japan's Nuclear Power Plans Don't Add Up" In: *East Asia Forum*
- 2016 "Japanese Climate-related Aid to South East Asia: Furthering 'Weak' or 'Strong' Sustainability?" In: *ASIEN- German Journal on Contemporary Asia*, No. 138, 1/2016

### **OPINION PIECES AND MEDIA APPEARANCES**

- 2024 "Japan's Nuclear Energy Policy Disaster" In *The Diplomat*
- 2023 Podcast on "Japan's Nuclear Disaster and the Politics of Safety Governance" for *New Books Network*
- 2023 Interview for "Japan – vom Klimapionier in Kyoto zum Kohlekönig" [Japan – Climate Leader to Coal Champion] In *Tagesspiegel Background*
- 2022 "As Japan Sanctions Russian Coal, it is High Time to Kick the Habit Altogether" (co-authored with Ulv Hanssen) In *Climate Home News*
- 2021 "A Turning Point for Japan-US Climate Cooperation? Biden Needs to Put More Pressure on Japan to Abandon Coal" (co-authored with Ulv Hanssen) In *The Diplomat*
- 2021 "Japan's Climate Policy in Light of COP 26", In *9Dashline*
- 2021 "Japans Nuklearer Weißer Elefant" [Japan's Nuclear White Elephant] In *Süddeutsche Zeitung*

### **TEACHING**

**Climate Politics: International, National and Local dimensions** (B.A. Module, English, Winter Semester 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24), evaluation: 1.2<sup>1</sup>

**Comparative Environmental Politics** (B.A. Module, German, Winter Semester 2017/18, Summer Semester 2019), evaluation: 1.4

**Comparative Politics** (B.A. Tutorial, German, Winter Semester 2017/18, 2018/19), evaluation 1.8

**Comparative Politics** (B.A. Lecture, German, Winter Semester 2022/23), evaluation: 2.1

**Environmental and Climate Transformations in the Asia-Pacific** (M.A. Seminar, English, Summer Semester 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021), evaluation: 1.3

**Global Environmental and Climate Governance** (M.A. Seminar, English, Summer Semester 2018, 2021, 2022, 2024), evaluation: 1.4

**International Climate Strategies in the Context of UNFCCC** (M.A. Module, English Winter Semester 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24), evaluation: 1.8

**Institutions and Institutional Theory** (B.A. Seminar, German, online, Winter Semester 2020/21)

**Research Methods in Political Science** (PhD programme, Tutorial, Winter Semester 2016/17)

**Theories of the Policy Process** (B.A. Tutorial, German, Summer Semester 2022, 2023), evaluation 1.7

### **SUPERVISION & MENTORING**

**12 Bachelor Theses, 14 Master Theses, 1 PhD Student**

**5 Student Research Internships** at the Chair for Environmental and Climate Policy

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<sup>1</sup> scale from 1 = „very good“ to 5 = „very unsatisfied“

## SELECT CONFERENCES & TALKS

- October 2024      **Invited Book Talk “Japan’s Nuclear Disaster and the Politics of Safety Governance”**,  
University of Vienna, Austria
- September 2024      **American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference**, Philadelphia, USA  
• **Paper submitted:** “Japan's Proactive and Independent Nuclear Safety Regulator”
- August 2024      **European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Annual Conference**, University  
College Dublin, Ireland  
• **Panel Chair:** “Phase-Out Politics and Policies for Decarbonization”  
• **Paper submitted:** “Climate Clubs’ Role in Phasing Out Fossil Fuels and  
Implementing the Paris Agreement”
- January 2024      **Invited Lecture “International Climate Negotiations”**, Lecture Series on Theory and  
Practice of Sustainable Resource Management, TUM, Germany
- November 2023      **German Association for Social Science Research on Japan (VSJF) Annual Conference**,  
Japanese-German Center Berlin (JDZB), Germany  
• **Paper presented:** "Comparing Nuclear Energy Policy in Germany and Japan"
- October 2023      **Invited Book Talk “Japan’s Nuclear Disaster and the Politics of Safety Governance”**,  
University of Tokyo, Japan
- September 2023      **Energy, Mobility, and Sustainability Transitions in the Face of Climate Change  
Conference**, TUM Science & Study Center, Germany  
• **Conference Organizer**  
• **Paper presented:** “Climate Clubs and Phase-Out”
- July 2023      **9th Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance**,  
University of Antwerp, Belgium  
• **Paper submitted:** “Japan’s Nuclear Regulation Authority – an Unexpected  
Independent Regulatory Agency”
- May 2023      **Invited Book Talk “Japan’s Nuclear Disaster and the Politics of Safety Governance”**,  
Temple University, Tokyo, Japan
- October 2022      **Invited Book Talk “Japan’s Nuclear Disaster and the Politics of Safety Governance”**,  
University of Zurich (UZH), Switzerland
- July 2022      **Panel Speaker “Climate Futures: Interdisciplinary Strategies for Climate Change”**,  
Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Germany
- March 2022      **Panel Speaker “Climate Summit Legacy: Ambition and Unmet Goals, COP26  
Retrospective”**, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
- November 2021      **Public Panel on “Impressions and Takeaways from TUM Student Excursion to COP  
26”**, TUM Public Climate School, Germany
- October 2021      **International Sustainability Transitions Conference (IST)**, Fraunhofer Institute for  
Systems and Innovation Research, Karlsruhe, Germany  
• **Paper presented:** “Phase-Outs: A Literature Review” (with Gregory Trencher,  
Kyoto University, Daniel Rosenbloom, University of Toronto, Adrian Rinscheid,  
University of St. Gallen, Nhi Truong, Tohoku University, Pinar Temocin, Hiroshima  
University)
- March 2021      **“Continuity and Change 10 years after 3.11”**, VSJF Annual Conference, online  
• **Conference Organizer**
- November 2020      **VSJF Annual Conference**, online  
• **Paper presented:** “Japan’s Discursive Struggle over Climate Change: Increasing  
Securitization?” (with Ulv Hanssen, Soka University Japan)

- August 2020            **ECPR Annual Conference**, online
- **Paper submitted:** “Contradictions in Pursuing Independence and Legitimacy Under Pressure”
- April 2020            **ECPR Joint Sessions**, online
- **Paper submitted:** “Japan’s Nuclear Policy Conflict: Diverging Interpretations of Nuclear Safety”
- February 2020        **Energy Transitions in Germany, Japan, and around the World Workshop**, Center for Advanced Policy Studies, Kyoto University
- **Presentation:** “Comparing Nuclear Power Politics in Germany and Japan”
- November 2019       **Public Lecture on “COP24 and the Evolution of the Climate Regime”**, TUM Public Climate School, Germany
- August 2019          **Japan’s Energy Transition Workshop**, TUM Science & Study Center, Germany
- **Workshop Organiser**
- July 2019            **Nexus Hackathon: Water-Food-Energy**, TUM, Germany
- **Keynote:** “Why We Need to Overcome Trade-Offs Between Water, Food, and Energy”
- May 2019            **EU-Canada Relations Jean Monnet Network Workshop**, TUM Science & Study Center, Germany
- **Presentation:** “EU Energy and Climate Policies”
- September 2017     **European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS) Annual Conference**, Universidade NOVA, Lisbon, Portugal
- **Presentation:** “Nuclear Safety Regulation After the Fukushima Accident”
- May 2017            **Nordic Association for the Study of Contemporary Japanese Society (NAJS) Annual Conference**, Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI), Stockholm, Sweden
- **Paper submitted:** “Nuclear Safety Regulation After the Fukushima Accident”
- September 2016     **3<sup>rd</sup> Energy and Society Conference**, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, Leipzig, Germany
- **Presentation:** “Are Nuclear Safety Measures Undermining Nuclear Power Goals?”
- January 2015        **German Asian Studies Association (DGA) Young Scholars Conference**, Burg Rothenfels, Germany
- **Paper submitted:** “Japan’s Environmental Aid to Southeast Asia”
- December 2014      **Japanese Studies Association in Southeast Asia (JSA-ASEAN) Conference**, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand
- **Presentation:** “Japanese Foreign Climate Policy in Southeast Asia”

## **COMMITTEE WORK**

- Since 2022            **VSJF board member** – German Association for Social Science Research on Japan
- 2018 – 2021        **Representative of research fellows** at the Munich School of Politics and Public Policy
- 2018 – 2019        **Postdoc representative** at the Munich School of Politics and Public Policy
- 2014 – 2016        **PhD student representative** at the Graduate School of East Asian Studies

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