



Editorial

# Geopolitics, Finance, and Climate: A New Era of Interdisciplinary Inquiry

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## 1. Introduction

In recent years, the escalating frequency of extreme weather events has underscored the urgency of global climate governance, while the simultaneous proliferation of geopolitical conflicts, encompassing military tensions, and systemic political pressures, has introduced unprecedented volatility into the international order. Theoretically, geopolitical risks present a dual-edged impact on carbon emissions, with sustainable finance serving as a pivotal intermediary mechanism. On the one hand, heightened risks may trigger economic contraction and capital reallocation that accelerates energy transition; on the other hand, geopolitical instability can disrupt global green investment flows, inflate the cost of capital for renewable projects, and fragment international climate finance cooperation, thereby exacerbating emission risks.

The Paris Climate Agreement established the core objective of achieving net-zero emissions in the second half of this century. Since its adoption in 2015, the concept of carbon neutrality has become deeply integrated into the global development agenda. At present, 127 countries have explicitly proposed or planned carbon neutrality visions, collectively covering 90% of global GDP, 85% of the world's population, and 88% of carbon emissions. Achieving these ambitious targets, however, requires massive capital flows, rendering sustainable finance a critical engine for the low-carbon transition.

Some fundamental questions trigger our thinking: Will financing constraints on renewables force countries to revert to coal, or will robust sustainable finance frameworks facilitate an accelerated transition to green energy? Will carbon emissions ultimately rise or fall under intensifying geopolitical pressures? Currently, academic consensus remains elusive on the intricate nexus among geopolitical risk, sustainable finance, and carbon emissions. It is precisely this critical gap that motivates the launch of *Energy Economics and Sustainable Finance (EESF)*.

## 2. Journal Scope and Vision

As a new international leading journal, *Energy Economics and Sustainable Finance (EESF)* aims to reflect the progress in the vast field of geopolitical analysis, sustainable finance, and climate policy. Attracting the best science articles is a main goal to achieve the reputation necessary to gain influence and bring the discipline to the relevance offered by the cutting-edge research. The editorial team will be supportive to the authors, with polishing, typesetting, production services, and other tools. Such strategy is costly in terms of time, efforts, and commitment of the editorial team but will be rewarding for the journal and the scientific community worldwide.

*EESF* is broad in scope, welcoming original, novel fundamental research. *EESF* focuses on all relevant geopolitical risk, sustainable finance, and carbon emissions themes and aims to the highest standards in climate policy, green investment, and low-carbon transition, with special attention to the sustainable finance instruments, policy uncertainty, and energy restructuring.

Topics of interests include, but are not limited to:

- Geopolitical Risk and Carbon Emissions
- Sustainable Finance and Green Investment
- Climate Policy and Governance



- Environmental Economics and Low-Carbon Transition
- Green Bonds, ESG, and Carbon Pricing Mechanisms
- Energy Restructuring and Renewable Energy Finance
- Policy Uncertainty and Climate Cooperation
- Extreme Geopolitical Events and Energy Supply Chains
- International Climate Agreements and Carbon Markets
- Surveillance, Prevention, and International Climate Cooperation

### 3. Conclusion or Outlook

*Energy Economics and Sustainable Finance (EESF)* will not be just another journal; the Editorial Board and the Editor-in-Chief are committed to making it the journal connecting all new scientific advancements to the practice of climate policy worldwide, with special consideration on the fast-growing economies and developing countries. The quality of the Editorial Board staff and its international and generational blend will allow continuity in the editorial line and attract high-quality, high-impact research. These are the requisites to acquire the scientific reputation necessary to support the progress in extending green finance coverage and protecting the global climate.

We also look forward to a constant flow of information and opinions from the readers and the community of sustainable finance and climate policy scientists and practitioners so that our journal will contribute to their scientific growth and grow with them.

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### Conflicts of Interest

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