

The Global Challenge of Energy Access

The rapid decrease in the cost of solar power generation has made clean energy a key instrument in the effort to end energy poverty. In this talk, Johannes Urpelainen discusses the evolving role of clean energy sources in developing and emerging economies. Drawing on extensive field research and data collection, he evaluates the potential for and challenges to achieving universal energy access with renewables and other low-carbon sources.

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