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WORK EXPERIENCE

Jan 2019 – Present
James E. Rogers Energy Access Project, Duke University
Senior Policy Associate (2021-22)
Policy Associate (2019-21)

Oct 2014– Sept 2015
Ofgem, London, UK
Analyst, Wholesale Markets

Jan – Sept 2013
Quatro PR, London, UK
Account Executive, Energy Team

EDUCATION

2020
Ph.D, University of Cambridge
Department of Land Economy
Thesis: *Rural Electrification Policy and Off Grid Solar: Sector Engagement Strategies in India*

2014
M.Phil., University of Cambridge
Technology Policy

2011
B.A., University of Chicago
History, with Honors

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming J. Phillips, I. Das, **V. Plutshack**. Inclusive Low-Carbon Transitions for Sustainable Development in the Global South – Mobilizing new climate investment models. International Development Research Centre. 2023.
- Forthcoming **V. Plutshack**, P. P. Krishnapriya, T. Kajumba, S. Patel, J. Castaneda, M. Lopez Uribe. Inclusive Low-Carbon Transitions for Sustainable Development in the Global South – Gender Report. International Development Research Centre. 2023.
- 2022 J. Phillips, J. Ewing, A. Rao, L. Teji, **V. Plutshack**, M. Jeuland. “Climate Finance for Just Transitions.” Policy Brief. Sept.
- 2022 I. Das, M. Jeuland, **V. Plutshack**. “The Role of Taxes and Subsidies in the Clean Cooking Transition: A Review of Relevant Theoretical and Empirical Insights.” Policy Brief. August.
- 2022 J. Phillips, **V. Plutshack**, T. R. Fetter, M. Jeuland, F. Elisha, A. Vanover, and E. Yoder. “Catalysing Climate Finance for Low-Carbon Agriculture Enterprises.” Report. Feb.
- 2022 P. DeStephano, B. Hernandez Perez, C. Huepe Minoletti, T. Klug, **V. Plutshack**. “The Political Economy of Coal in Chile.” *The Political Economy of Coal Transitions*. Routledge.
- 2021 **V. Plutshack**. “Building Back Better Means Unleashing the Power of Women.” EAP @Duke Blog. Sept.
- 2021 M. Jeuland, I. Das, & **V. Plutshack**. “Analysis of the implications of the value-added tax on clean cooking in Kenya”. Policy Brief. Clean Cooking Alliance. Jun.
- 2021 A. Merck & **V. Plutshack**. “Biden’s infrastructure success depends on implementation, not just ideas”. Made by History Blog. Washington Post. Jun 2.

- 2020 J. Phillips, B. Attia, **V. Plutshack**. “Lessons from the proliferating mini-grid incentive programs in Africa.” Brookings Institution Future Development Blog. Dec 11.
- 2020 J. Phillips, B. Attia, & **V. Plutshack**. “Lessons for Modernizing Energy Access Finance, Part 2 – Balancing Competition and Subsidy: Assessing Mini-Grid Incentive Programs in Sub-Saharan Africa.” NI PB 20-07. Durham, NC: Duke University.
- 2020 **V. Plutshack**, C. Huepe Minoletti, B. Hernandez Perez, T. Klug, P. DeStephano. “What COVID-19 has cost the climate.” Brookings Institution Future Development Blog. Oct 29.
- 2020 I. Das, T. Klug, P. P. Krishnapriya, **V. Plutshack**, R. Sapparapa, S. Scott, E. Sills, M. Jeuland, N. Kara, & S. Pattanayak. “A Virtuous Cycle? Reviewing the evidence on women’s empowerment and energy access, frameworks, metrics and methods.” White Paper. May.
- 2020 J. Phillips, **V. Plutshack**, & S. Yeazel. “Lessons for Modernizing Energy Access Finance, Part 1: What the Electrification Experiences of Seven Countries Tell Us about the Future of Connection Costs, Subsidies, and Integrated Planning.” NI Policy Brief 20- 02. Durham, NC: Duke University.
- 2019 **V. Plutshack**, S. Sengupta, A. Sahay, & J. E. Viñuales. “New and renewable energy social enterprises accessing government support: Findings from India.” *Energy Policy*, 132, 367-378.

OUTREACH ACTIVITY

- 2022 “Financing Energy for Adaptation.” EfD Annual Meeting Policy Day. (Kampala, Uganda, September)
- 2022 “Catalyzing Climate Finance for Agricultural Enterprises” Webinar. (Virtual, May)
- 2021 “Gender Mainstreaming in the Energy Transition.” SETI Annual Conference. Panel Moderator. (Virtual, June)
- 2021 “Political Economy of Coal in Chile.” Political Economy of Coal Transitions, Mercator Research Institute on the Global Commons and Climate Change. (Virtual, February)
- 2020 “A Virtuous Cycle? Reviewing the evidence on women’s empowerment and energy access, frameworks, metrics and methods.” Energy Access through a Gender Lens (Virtual, May)

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- 2020 Project Lead, Data+ Student Summer Program, “Taking electrification on the road: Exploring the impact of the Electric Farm Equipment roadshow.” Duke University.
- 2020 Project Lead, Story+ Student Summer Program, “Joining the electric circus: rural electrification and gender in the papers of Louisan Mamer.” Duke University.

SKILLS

Research experience with NVivo (intermediate) • R (basic) • Professional experience with Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn