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### **Evaluating U.S. Emissions Targets**

January 10, 2022

This week, John Larsen (Rhodium Group) joins Joseph Majkut (CSIS) to look at how the United States could create a policy action plan to meet the Biden administration's target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50-52 percent by 2030. John and his colleagues provided an in-depth look at the federal and state level steps needed to meet this target in their research report, Pathways to Paris: A Policy Assessment of the 2030 US Climate Target. https://rhg.com/research/us-climate-policy-2030/



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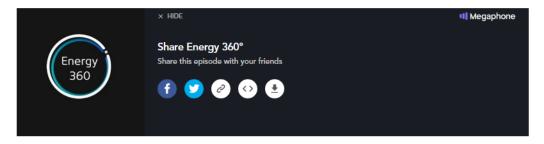




## Looking Back at 2021

December 20, 2021

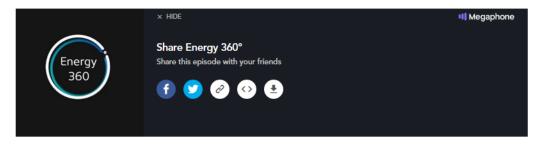
This week, Sarah Ladislaw (RMI) and Liam Denning (Bloomberg) join Nikos Tsafos (CSIS) to look back at what happened in energy and climate over the last year. 2021 saw the world's climate leaders focused on the November U.N. Climate meetings in Glasgow and the Biden Administration come in with a sweeping new agenda. Where was real progress made or lost? How could it impact energy and climate policy developments as we move into 2022? (Recorded on December 14, 2021).



# Outlook for U.S. Shale

December 13, 2021

This week, Artem Abramov (Rystad Energy) and Casey Merriman (Energy Intelligence) join Ben Cahill (CSIS) for a discussion about what's next for U.S. shale production. They look at recent production trends and investor pressure in U.S. oil and gas sector and what that might indicate for the coming year. They also consider possible impacts from recent policy actions coming from the Biden administration, especially those concerning drilling on public lands.



### Energy Agenda for U.S. States

November 29, 2021

This week, David Terry, Executive Director of the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) joins Morgan Higman (Clean Resilient States Project, CSIS) to look at how states are working together and with the federal government to craft workable and

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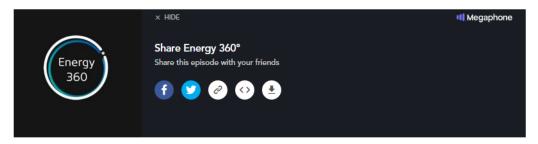


# Just Transitions: Economic Diversification for Coal Dependent Regions

November 15, 2021

This week, Gaylor Montmasson-Clair with Trade & Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS) and Srestha Banerjee with iForest join Sandeep Pai (CSIS) to explore the opportunities and challenges for coal-dependent regions in India and South Africa to create just and sustainable pathways to diversify their economies.

For more, read Understanding Just Transitions in Coal Dependent Communities: Case Studies from Mpumalanga, South Africa, and Jharkhand, India



### Just Transitions: Focusing on South Africa and India

November 1, 2021

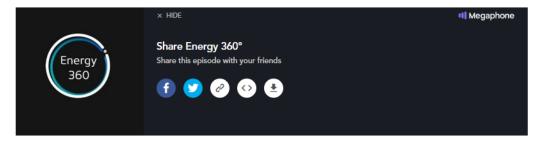
This week, Chandra Bhushan with iFOREST and Jesse Burton with the University of Cape Town join Sandeep Pai (CSIS) to look at how key themes of just transitions are important in the context of CoP26 meetings. They then discuss the key priorities on the ground for a just transition away from coal in the major economies of South Africa and India.

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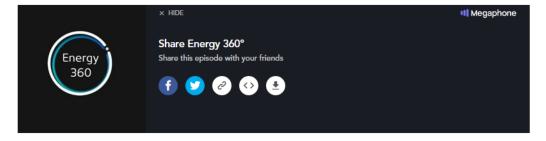


# Moving Global Ambition into COP26 with Jonathan Pershing

October 25, 2021

This week, Jonathan Pershing, Deputy Special Envoy for Climate at the U.S. Department of State joins Joseph Majkut (CSIS) to look at what to expect from the upcoming COP26 meetings in Glasgow. Dr. Pershing discusses what is at stake for these international negotiations, which countries are stepping up their efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and which are lagging on their national commitments. They also discuss what the Biden Administration brings to this year's meetings, whether Congress will have climate legislation in place before the meetings begin, and how the U.S. has been coordinating with other countries to raise ambitions, and hopefully ensure a successful agreement coming out of COP26.

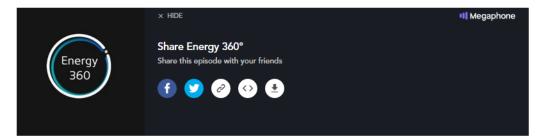
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# Assessing Climate Change Risks after Covid-19

October 18, 2021

This week, Alice Hill, climate risk and resilient expert with the Council on Foreign Relations, joins CSIS Energy Security and Climate Change Program Director Joseph Majkut and discusses her recent book, *The Fight for Climate After COVID-19*. The two explore lessons from the response to Covid-19 to inform building resilience in the face of climate risks, how states can better prepare for climate impacts, and if adaptation might have a role at COP26.

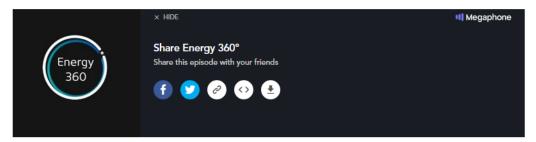




## Making Sense of the IPCC Report

October 11, 2021

This week, CSIS Energy Security and Climate Change Program Director Joseph Majkut talks with Dr. Robert Kopp, a climate scientist, and professor at Rutgers University, about the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Sixth Assessment Report. The contribution of Working Group 1, which reports the physical science of climate change, was released this past August. Dr. Kopp was the lead author of that report's chapter on sea-level rise. They dive into some of the climate science and modeling that supports the IPCC report and discuss the challenge of communicating the findings of a report of this size and scale.



### Making Sense of China's "No New Coal" Announcement

September 27, 2021

This week, Dr. Cecilia Han Springer with the Global China Initiative at Boston University's Global Development Policy Center joins Nikos Tsafos and Jane Nakano (CSIS Energy) to talk about announcements from China at last week's U.S. General Assembly meetings. Chinese President Xi Jinping said that the country would stop supporting (or building) new coal fired power projects overseas and would move towards clean energy projects. Dr. Springer walks us through what this important announcement does and doesn't include, what is says about China's broader climate ambitions, implications for the Belt and Road Initiative, and how China will need to continue domestic efforts to reduce coal plants and lower emissions.

## Recommendations for further reading

- Who Funds Overseas Coal Plants? The Need for Transparency and Accountability
- Renewable Energy: The Trillion Dollar Opportunity for Chinese Overseas Investment
- Interactive Database: China's Global Power Database
- An Empirical Analysis of the Environmental Performance of China's Overseas Coal Plants
- China's Commitment to Stop Overseas Financing of New Coal Plants in Perspective



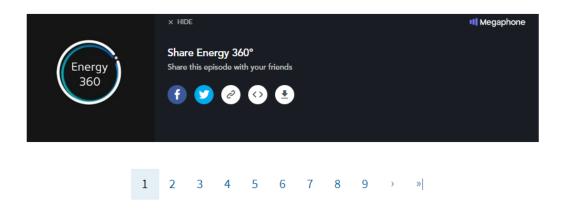
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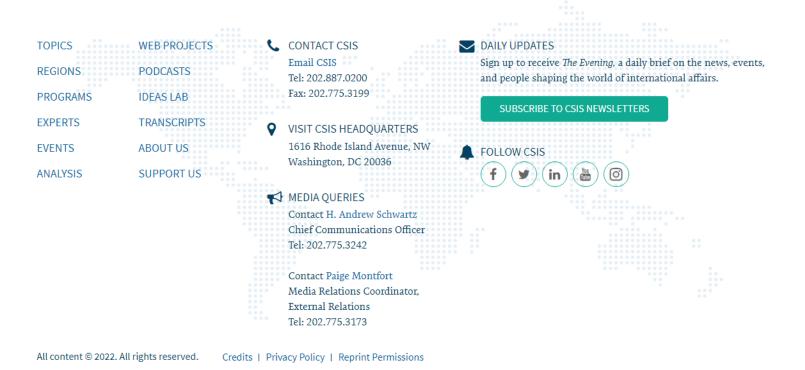
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