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1. Introduction

Energy is central to the survival and prosperity of human society. It is no surprise, then, that the social sciences consider energy production, consumption and distribution as a subject worthy of closer scholarly attention.¹ The emergence of the global environmental agenda in the second half of the 20th century gave rise to a distinctive research literature on how energy systems and global environmental protection are interconnected. The threat of disruptive climate change, in particular, has thrown the spotlight on the central role that energy plays in shaping the future relationship between human society and its natural environment. As Sovacool put it, '[i]f the twentieth century was about energy, then the twenty-first century could very well be about energy governance and climate change'.²

This article provides an overview of how the study of global environmental politics has shaped energy research in the past and how it contributes to defining the future energy research agenda. The subsequent section (2) reviews the emergence of the distinctive field of Global Environmental Politics (GEP) within the discipline of International Relations (IR) and outlines major trends in the evolution of this field. The next section (3) identifies three core conceptual lenses that are central to the GEP research agenda: (i) the study of environmental impacts of human activities and the ecological limits that the natural environment places on global economic growth; (ii) the notions of sustainability and sustainable development, which have informed our thinking on how human societies can live within the boundaries of local, regional and global eco-systems; and (iii) the concept of global environmental governance, which denotes the diverse and complex institutional arrangements that have been created at the global level in order to steer human societies in the direction of greater

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