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Policy Coherence between the Paris Agreement and the 2030

Agenda

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Policy coherence between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda

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Climate and development challenges are becoming increasingly intertwined....



“Limiting global warming to 1.5°C rather than 2°C above pre- industrial levels would make it markedly easier to achieve many aspects of sustainable development, with greater potential to eradicate poverty and reduce inequalities”



The Sustainable Development Goals Report
2021

*“Transformational changes are needed, and the SDGs provide the road map. The crisis demonstrates the **interdependency and interlinkages among the various dimensions of sustainability – from health, well-being, and social and economic prosperity to climate and ecosystems.** To address the vulnerabilities exposed by the pandemic, Governments and the international community should make structural transformations and develop common solutions guided by the SDGs”*

....and the need to address inequality has never been more critical

Economics

Climate Change Will Boost Inequality. So Could the Solution

By [Jana Randow](#) and [Reade Pickert](#)

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Women bear the brunt of the climate crisis, COP26 highlights

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The fight against inequality is the only way out of climate change

[Eva Joly](#)

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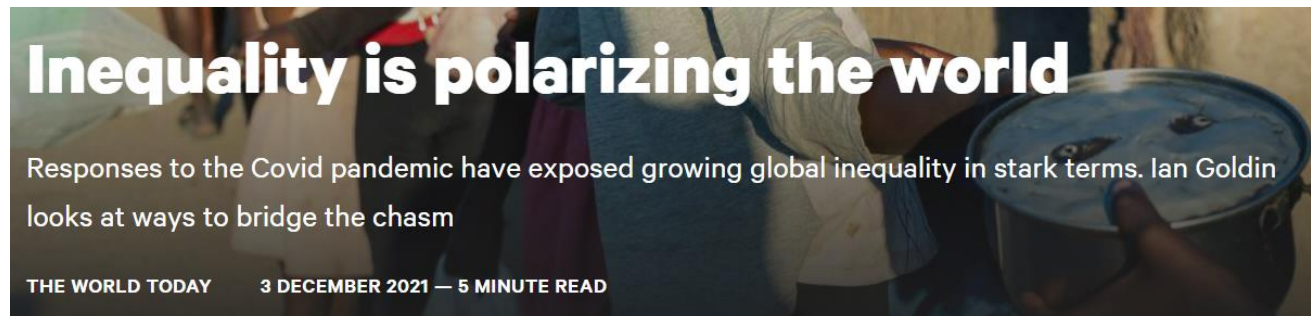
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Climate change will deepen rich-poor global divide, top economists warn

By Jack Graham

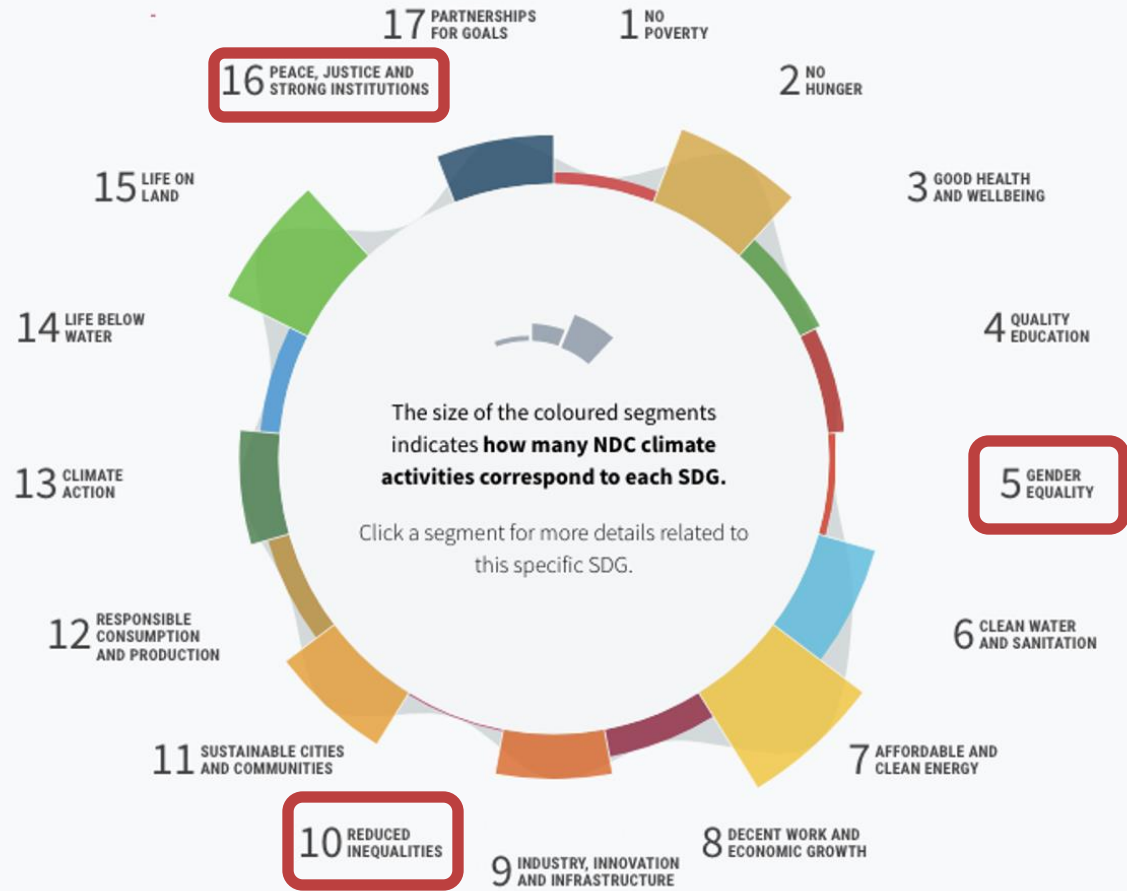
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Inequality is polarizing the world

Responses to the Covid pandemic have exposed growing global inequality in stark terms. Ian Goldin looks at ways to bridge the chasm

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Case study analysis



Increasing policy coherence between NDCs and SDGs: a national perspective



- **“The Agenda 2030 goal to reduce inequality, or SDG 10, conflicts with other goals in all six countries, appearing when governments plan for just energy transitions away from fossil fuels, promote economic growth for poverty alleviation, or enact fuel taxes that open up an urban-rural divide.” (Shawoo et al. 2020)**

SDG 10 has received the least policy coverage in the Voluntary National Reviews (UN-ECOSOC 2019)

This raises some difficult questions

- How can we address the climate crisis in a way that not only enables us to limit temperature increase, but also creates a more equitable world for all?
- How can we move away from the unequal power dynamics, vested interests and profit-driven patterns of capitalist exploitation that created the climate crisis to begin with and left certain populations more vulnerable than others?
- How can we correct historical wrongs and prioritise meeting the needs of marginalised communities to truly ensure that we are leaving no one behind as we transition to a climate-compatible world?

Policy coherence: a lens for exploring these issues



PARIS2015
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE
COP21·CMP11

If ensuring policy coherence is so rational and straightforward, why isn't it happening?

What is at stake?



Bridging the gap: politicizing policy coherence

Policy Coherence

OECD categorization

Institutionalist bias

Technocratic

Focus on intragovernmental processes

Fostering synergies and reconciling conflicts

**two
parallel
literatures**

Comparative Politics

Ideas (underlying values, norms and assumptions about the world)

Institutions (procedures, routines and conventions embedded in the organizational structure)

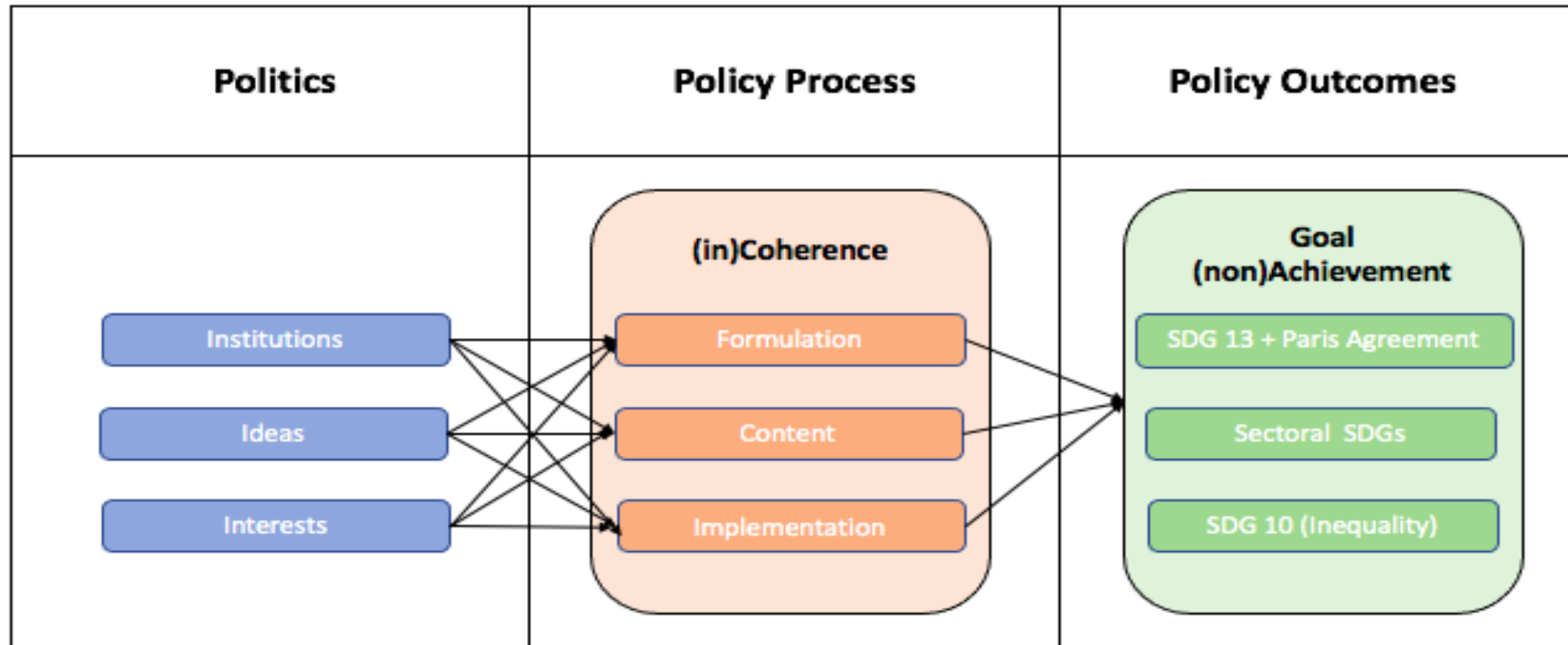
Interests (material considerations and preferences and power embedded within actors)

How can theories of comparative politics help explain varying levels of policy coherence in implementing the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement across governance contexts?

Analytical framework for studying policy coherence



Analytical framework and research questions

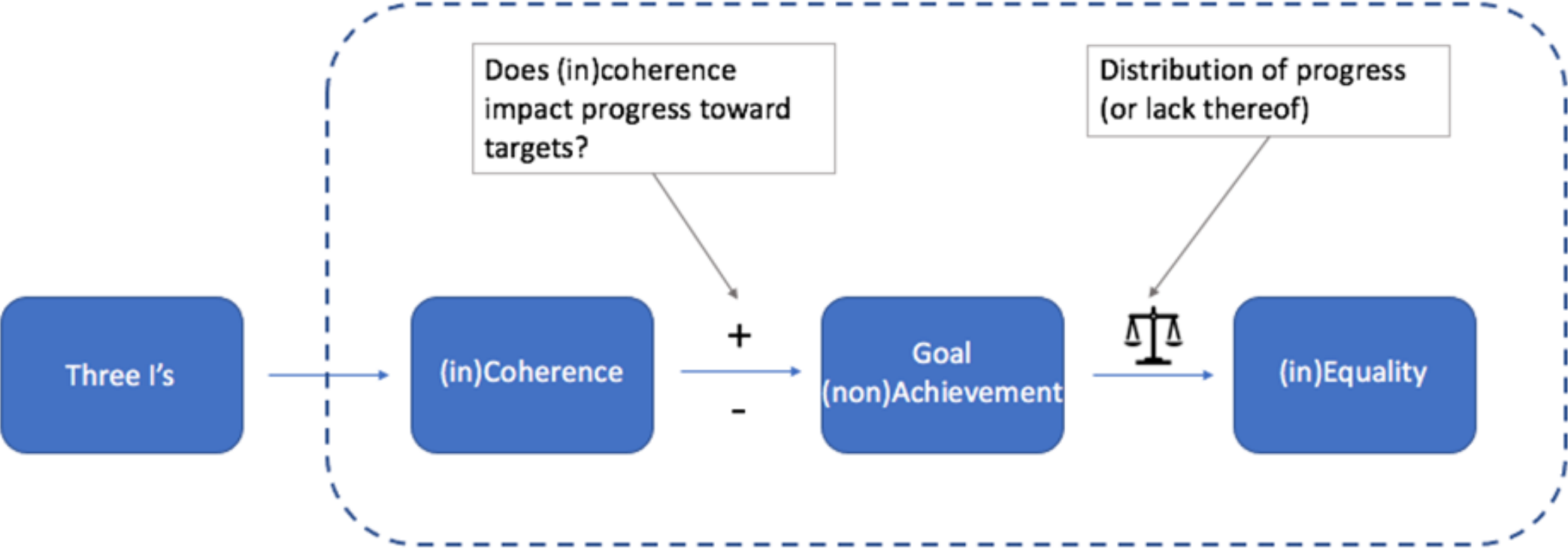


RQ1. What causes policy (in)coherence?

RQ2. Is coherence necessary or sufficient for goal achievement?
RQ3. Do coherent policy processes have more equitable outcomes?

Assessing outcomes through local perceptions

Outcomes Framework



Applying the framework to preliminary case studies



Nine country case studies

Country Case Study	Preliminary Issue Area	Income Level	Fossil Fuel Dependence Index	Gini Coefficient
Sweden	Urban-rural development (TBC)	High	22	30.0 (2018)
Germany	Just energy transition (TBC)	High	42	31.9 (2015)
South Africa	Just energy transition (TBC)	Upper-Middle	47	63.0 (2014)
Philippines	Just energy transition (TBC)	Lower-Middle	35	42.3 (2018)
Sri Lanka	Economic growth (TBC)	Lower-Middle	24	39.3 (2016)
Kenya	Energy and economic growth	Lower-Middle	No data	40.8 (2015)
Fiji	Tourism and agriculture in a post-Covid era	Upper-Middle	32	36.7 (2013)
Australia	Equity in Energy Transitions	High	55	34.4 (2014)
Colombia	Integrated and sustainable rural development	Upper-Middle	57	51.3 (2019)



Australia



Fiji



Philippines



Sweden



Colombia



Sri Lanka



South Africa



Germany



Kenya

Questions for discussion

- Can you share examples of the **role of policy coherence** in implementing climate goals and SDGs in your countries?
- Do you have suggestions for how **ideological barriers** or barriers related to vested interests can be overcome to ensure policy coherence and make progress on climate goals and SDGs?
- How can our **future research** assess the relationship between policy coherence and goal achievement, including inequality?

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