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Biography

Victor is a professor of international relations at UC San Diego's School of Global Policy and Strategy and co-director of the Laboratory on International Law and Regulation at the School. His research focuses on highly regulated industries and how regulation affects the operation of major energy markets. Victor is author of "Global Warming Gridlock," which explains why the world has not made much diplomatic progress on the problem of climate change while also exploring new strategies that would be more effective. Prior to joining UC San Diego, Victor served as director of the Program on Energy and Sustainable Development at Stanford University, where he was a professor at Stanford Law School and taught energy and environmental law. Earlier in his career he also directed the science and technology program at the Council on Foreign Relations and led the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis. Victor's research interests surround energy policy—the future role of natural gas, electric power market reform and rural energy development—genetically modified plants and the related trade policy, climate-change policy, and the role of technology, innovation and competition in development. Victor also serves as a adjunct professor of climate, atmospheric science & physical oceanography at UC San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Areas of Expertise

Energy Development, Energy Markets, Energy Policy, Climate Change, Sustainable Development, Development Issues

Affiliations

American Association for the Advancement of Science, member, American Political Science Association, member, American Society of International Law, member, American Geophysical Union, chair of the Climate Intervention Position Statement Task Force, tbd, Brookings Institution Energy Security and Climate Initiative, co-chair, World Economic Forum Global Future Council on the future of energy, member

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