Janice Beecher

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Expert in economic regulation and pricing of public utilities.

Biography

Dr. Janice Beecher (beecher@msu.edu) was appointed as Director of MSU's Institute of Public Utilities in 2002, bringing more than thirty years of applied research experience to the position. Her areas of interest include regulatory principles, institutions, governance, and pricing and she specializes in the water sector. She is a frequent author, lecturer, and participant in professional forums and Editor of the journal Utilities Policy (Elsevier). She co-authored the book Risk Principles for Public Utility Regulators (MSU Press). Dr. Beecher is presently serving on the U.S. EPA?s Environmental Finance Advisory Board and previously served on Michigan's 21st Century Infrastructure Commission. She has also advised the state and cities on water policy, pricing, and affordability. She previously held positions at The Ohio State and Indiana Universities and the Illinois Commerce Commission. She is a faculty member in MSU?s Department of Political Science and holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Northwestern University.

Industry Expertise

Utilities, Education/Learning, Public Policy, Industrial Automation

Areas of Expertise

Academic journal management and research editing, Environmental and resource policy and regulation, Water industry structure, privatization, and pricing, Theory and practice of public utility regulation, Regulatory institutions, governance, policy, and ethics, Social dimensions of public utility networks, Rates, rate design, and affordability of utility services, Interdisciplinary conceptual and analytical frameworks

Affiliations

Institute of Public Utilities Industry Advisory Board (annual support since 2002)

Education

Northwestern University
Ph.D. Political Science

Northwestern University
M.A Political Science