PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Volume 2, Issue 2 of the *Cambridge Journal of Climate Research* presents interdisciplinary climate research at a critical moment for global climate action. We are witnessing our collective debates increasingly taking place in an environment where evidence is contested, expertise undermined, and lived realities flat-out denied. In this context, the role of rigorous, student-led, and interdisciplinary climate research becomes essential as the practical enactment of our capacity to rebuild trust and collective efficacy.

From our very beginning, the Cambridge Climate Society has been committed to creating spaces where disciplines, voices, and ideas can meaningfully enter into conversation, forming a collective foundation for educating and empowering students on climate change and climate justice. This commitment reflects a simple but, particularly in today's world, overlooked reality: the overwhelming majority of people recognise the climate crisis for what it is, and meaningful progress depends on organising this shared understanding into joint action. Accordingly, the task at hand is not to manufacture consensus or endlessly persuade the unconvinced, but to turn existing concern into shared capacity. The *Journal*, then, moves beyond its role as a record of research. It becomes an organising infrastructure converting common concern into knowledge, legitimacy, and purpose.

The accomplished and varied contributions in this issue do exactly that and demonstrate that this capacity already exists and is growing. Authors throughout show us how to make sense of the invisible structures that often stall progress: Bikakis, for example, tracks the flows of credit in flood-exposed shadow mortgage markets, while Asgarian identifies the possibilities for justice-centred mitigation efforts in Iran under international sanctions.

We also see a powerful reassertion of narrative leadership. Saoudy and Tang both engage with discursive and normative strategies in the UNFCCC and beyond, highlighting how Global South actors and Pacific Island states are designing the very meaning of key terms like climate security and just transition. Alongside the works by Rice and Macleod on two particular instances of power imbalance in climate finance, one historic and one informational, they demonstrate that a more equitable global community is viable.

Ultimately, this issue proves that our collective agency is revitalised when we integrate every scale of collective knowledge. Between Aladalli's technical engagement with biases in precipitation models and DiSera et al.'s ethnographic account of Colombian farmers' relation to weather and climate information, we witness how expertise is most effective when it is grounded in local reality. Whether exploring the political economy of fusion energy (Obeng-Akrofi), hydrogen (Pinto & Hritsyshyna) and aviation policy (Song), dam construction in the 1930s (Sikes) and historic weather soundings (León Báez), these contributors show that by connecting the possibilities of the future with the lessons of the past, we are moving beyond documenting this crisis to build the intellectual resilience required to dismantle it.

This issue is as much a product of collective effort as it is a call for it: I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our exceptional Editorial Board, led by Kaden Pradhan, the *CJCR* Editor-in-Chief and CCS Vice-President for Knowledge and Impact. I would also like to express my profound gratitude to Tamara Zambiasi and Manav Divecha as Senior Editors, and to Isabella Dressel, Lakshmi Rasipuram-Balakrishnan, Md Abu Toha, Siang Ern Lek and Apoorva Aladalli as Associate Editors. My heartfelt thanks also go to the Research Team and the entire CCS Committee for their continued dedication in making climate research and action more accessible. Most importantly, we thank our contributors. Your work is the foundation through which change becomes possible.

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