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Energy, Culture, and the AnthroScene

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Pondicherry University (Tamil Nadu, India, 2012-13) Department of Anthropology; University of Fribourg, Switzerland, Department of Geosciences (2005-6); and the US National Center for Atmospheric Research in Colorado, where she was Project Coordinator for the Societal-Environmental Research and Education Laboratory (2008-9).

Strauss has conducted Fulbright and NSF funded ethnographic research in India, Switzerland, and the United States on topics related to health and the environment. Current research focuses on energy transitions (including biomass, solar, and wind), climate change, and community/cultural transformation.

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Cultural challenges in health systems and improvement of health care. Employing anthropological findings in the diverse social environment of the Irish Health Sector

Anthropology's holistic perspective gives us an opportunity to support and further efforts to find a path through the multi-causal, ill-defined, shape-shifting, and socially complex, 'wicked' problems that define the newest geologic era: the Anthropocene. Here, I explore the nexus of climate change and energy in the context of social-ecological systems, drawing attention to the range of methods, strategies, theories, and policies employed to address these complex issues. Reshaping the relationship between people and their carbonaceous lifeworlds entails a shift in habitus; I present ways in which the notion of an 'oasis regime' can catalyze such a metamorphosis, supporting change at the community, state, and national levels. The pairing of climate change and energy offers an ideal context for engaging with scholars, activists, policy-makers, and the wider citizenry, using our collective knowledge to build a more sustainable world.

What tools can we deploy to help us understand and move past this current stage to imagine a different energy future?

With whom should we collaborate to move past the dominant apocalyptic visions into a more sustainable version of the 'good life' with all it entails, from culture to culture and species to species?