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Why the Yellow Vests rarely ride a cargo bike: on climate change, inequalities and eco-social policies

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The problem of climate change is a problem of inequality. It is often the socially disadvantaged who are most affected by this change. At the same time, they are less responsible for this and have fewer opportunities to adapt easily. We also see this inequality in contemporary climate policy: it often makes the strongest stronger, and hits the most vulnerable the hardest.

And that causes social unrest. While the 'yellow vests' movement takes the streets to protest against high fuel prices, climate activists demand an end to fossil fuels and related subsidies.

In her presentation, Adeline Otto shows how climate change and the welfare state are closely linked and that an effective climate policy that reconciles various social groups is needed, but might be a difficult task. However, making a net zero transition possible for all is key to achieving climate targets.



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