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behind the “Fracking” Debate ”

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**Abstract:** The debate on shale development raises many issues that planners grapple with, such as addressing the uneven distribution of benefits and costs from energy projects and addressing local communities’ concerns about adverse health and environmental risks. More broadly, how do governments, by their conduct of complementary policies, help or hinder the ability for shale development to achieve several stated goals – energy security, broad-based economic development, and climate protection? How do countries’ decision-making processes help or hinder groups who affected by shale development from contributing to the shale debate and thus influence the trade-offs among these competing goals? Moving forward, how can countries that are contemplating shale development improve their decision-making processes? Dr. Gamper-Rabindran will discuss findings from her on-going edited book project, in which she and her colleagues examine the shale debate in the US, UK, France, Germany, Poland, China, Argentina and South Africa.