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Climate change

# International Energy Agency sets traps for “net zero emissions”

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**Since its creation in 1948, the International Energy Agency (IEA) has been the watchdog of big fossil capital. Despite the warnings of scientists, it has continued unabated for decades to produce documents which loosen controls over energy multinationals and therefore lead straight to the transformation of the climate catastrophe into a cataclysm.**

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[1] The Guardian, 17 May 2021 [“Greenland ice sheet on brink of major tipping point, says study”](#).

[2] <https://www.latribune.fr/entreprises-finance/industrie/energie-environnement/conseil-de-l-arctique-l-affrontement-attendu-entre-etats-unis-et-russie-debute-ce-mercredi-soir-884981.html>

[3] <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-chinas-carbon-emissions-grow-at-fastest-rate-for-more-than-a-decade>

[4] Median value

[5] *Carbon Brief*, 18 May 2021, [“IEA: Renewables should overtake coal ‘within five years’ to secure 1.5C goal”](#).

[6] *Financial Times*, May 18, 2021

[7] Sometimes comically: the Japanese Prime Minister, for example, committed himself in an entirely improvised fashion to go from 26 per cent reduction in emissions 2030 to 46 per cent. This was met with amazement in his country, where no politician had yet mentioned this objective... [“Les promesses osées du Japon sur le climat font paniquer les experts”](#).

[8] For a more detailed presentation, see my book *Trop tard pour être pessimistes! Ecosocialisme ou effondrement*, Textuel, Paris 2020.

[9] Over 3000 Mha are allocated to grazing for livestock. Common sense would command an attack on the meat industry, but it is a powerful lobby; in the capitalist logic which is that of the IEA, it will be easier to seize the lands of the peoples of nomadic herders who often have no title deed under bourgeois law.

[10] Referred to by the expression “stranded assets”.

[11] The policy of the European Commission is significant on this subject : it is completely supine before the fossil lobbies which want to produce hydrogen from fossil sources - emitting CO2 2 - and which deceive public opinion by repeating that the combustion of hydrogen only produces water - which is correct but conceals the CO2 2 produced in the production of hydrogen!

[12] See the first action proposed on 20 June against the power plant project in Manage, <https://www.facebook.com/events/922852554946047/?ref=newsfeed>