Private Governance Approaches to Climate Change
ViA Award, Cycle 2015

What We Do:

- The private climate governance project conducts interdisciplinary theoretical and applied research on the role that private climate governance can play in addressing climate change despite government gridlock.
- The project includes faculty and postdoctoral participants with expertise in law, economics, social psychology, environmental science and science policy, along with research assistance from undergraduate and professional students.

Why We Do It:

- Catastrophic climate change is widely acknowledged as one of the greatest threats to modern society, and private sector responses can bypass widespread solution aversion-based barriers to government climate laws and policies.
- Private climate governance initiatives directed at corporations, households and other private organizations can achieve emissions reductions that will help fill the gap between what international, national and subnational government measures will achieve and the 2C goal of the Paris Agreement.

Who’s Involved?

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![Graph: Climate Change Influences on Climate Beliefs: Worldview](graph.png)

IPCC: Likelihood that Observed Climate Change is Mostly Anthropogenic