

# \*Em'power'ing chihō? Smart communities, energy security and multilevel governance in Japan and Europe\*

The war in Ukraine has urged imported energy-dependent countries across Europe to rethink their power generation models gradually shifting to the use of renewable and the promotion of self-sufficient energy communities.

Periodically faced with energy crises, Japan has been at the forefront of new energy model experimentation, with local governments playing a key role. In this presentation, I will offer a preliminary analysis of smart city initiatives in Japan from a multi-level perspective, considering the interactions between local, national and transnational actors in informing the current debate and strategies of urban planning and decarbonization in advanced economies in Europe and East Asia.



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