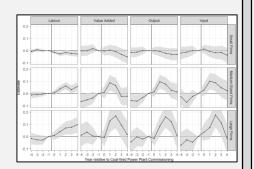
# How can we reconcile effective climate policy and economic development?

It is challenging.

## Burning coal promoted industrial development in Indonesia.

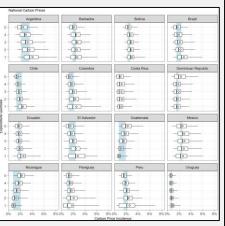
- How do coal-fired power plants affect industrial development?
- I combine firm-level manufacturing data with geospatial information on scheduled and installed power plant capacity
- I use a stacked difference-indifference approach
- Identification rests on quasiexogenous timing of power plant commissioning
- I find heterogeneous effects for different firms
- Coal-fired power plants have benefitted mostly large firms



- In Indonesia, coal propelled industrial development.
- → Complementary industrial policy required for phasing out coal globally.

### Climate policy entails distributional consequences.

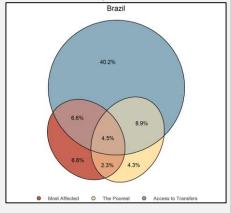
- Climate policy affects different consumers differently
- I combine household-level expenditure data with multiregional input-output data to calculate the carbon intensity of consumption for 1,5M households in 80+ countries
- I use statistical methods to analyze household characteristics associated to higher levels of carbon intensity of consumption
- Identification of households with carbon-intensive consumption can help to design complementary transfer schemes



→ Addressing distributional consequences can increase **public acceptance** of climate policy.

# Existing transfer schemes cannot help to compensate all households with carbon-intensive consumption.

- Frequent call to utilize existing transfer schemes to compensate households for climate policy
- I analyze household-level income and consumption data for 16 countries in Latin America
- I use statistical methods to analyze which households would be heavily affected by carbon pricing, but lack access to existing transfer schemes
- Access gaps can affect millions of households
- I compile alternative, countryspecific options to reimburse households



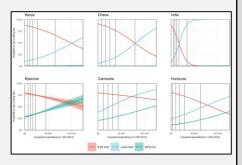
→ Climate policy which is efficient and fair requires sound institutional capacities.

# Taxing fossil fuels can increase hazardous consumption of firewood and charcoal.

- Carbon pricing increases the price for fossil fuels and electricity
- In response, households may consume (untaxed) biomass for cooking
- Consuming biomass has severe impacts on health, productivity, education and sustainable land use
- We estimate price elasticities of demand for cooking fuels in six low- and middle-income countries

We use household-level

expenditure data
We find substitution from fossil fuels towards biomass



→ Supplementary policies might be warranted, i.e., providing access to clean fuels and technologies, subsidizing basic amounts of LPG, sustainable forestry programs, information campaigns,...

- Decarbonizing energy systems in industrializing economies requires complementing industrial policies
- Sustaining public acceptance for implementing climate policy requires **addressing distributional concerns** 
  - Compensate households for losses.
  - Potentially target households with high carbon intensity.
  - Address potentially occurring side effects.

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