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Jürgen Suschek-Berger studied philosophy, sociology and media research at the University of Graz. He finished additional trainings in the fields of moderation and presentation, rhetoric and communication.

Since 1989 he is staff member at the Interdisciplinary Research Centre for Technology, Work and Culture (IFZ), since 2004 head of the research unit "Energy and Climate" and since 2014 head of the institute. In September and October 2019 he is also working at the STS-Unit for the project "Sustainable Styrian Communities".

In his work he deals with questions of social research in technology like: What are retarding and promoting conditions for the diffusion of renewable sources of energy? In which form users can be involved in the process of innovation or development or diffusion of technologies? For his work he uses quantitative and qualitative methods of empirical research like surveys, interviews or focus groups.

Main fields of research

Participating technology research, strategies of diffusion for renewable energy sources, managing of ecological and social innovations, empirical research