

## **Energy poverty as a socio-technological configuration**

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While two of the main drivers of energy poverty (the income situation of the private household and the development of energy prices) are well established in the discourse of the community and applied research projects in Austria, the third main factor (energy efficiency) seems to be slightly neglected. The build environment and energy consuming equipment are of course known parameters, but the research and the policy discourse have a strong focus on the consumption behavior of low income households that struggle with monthly energy bills. The structural dimensions of overconsumption are often only mentioned in the footnotes.

This presentation will try to highlight the socio-technological dimension of energy poverty (embedded in energy efficiency) by discussing certain perspectives from STS and environmental sociology that could enrich the scientific debate in Austria in this regard.