

**Spatializing the Energy  
Transition. Toward  
a Meta-Reflection on  
the Notion of Energy  
Landscape  
Sascha Roesler in  
conversation with  
Elke Beyer, Kim Förster  
and Daniela Russ**

# Conversation

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## *Abstract*

In 2022, urban researchers and architectural historians Sascha Roesler, Kim Förster and Elke Beyer launched the international “Network on Urban Energy Landscapes.” The following discussion for the “Ardeth” edition, to which historical sociologist Daniela Russ was also invited, revolves around three central aspects:

- a) firstly, the need to think about the energy transition in spatial terms and across different scales, i.e., from the smallest to the largest manifestations of the built environment, which the notion of “energy landscape” seeks to encompass;
- b) secondly, the unprecedented challenges posed by the future energy transition and the epistemological limits of historical research;
- c) and thirdly, the special position of cities as centers of energy consumption and the inevitability of networked energy hinterlands.

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