



## WEB SEMINAR ENERGY

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Matthew Zaragoza-Watkins is performing his post-doctoral research at the Center for energy and Environmental policy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and at High Meadows Postdoctoral Fellow, Environmental Defense Fund.

His research focuses on the intersection of environmental and energy economics and public finance, with an emphasis on strategies for designing public policies to curb air pollution and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. His work helps to uncover new evidence on the nature of firms' and households' responses to environmental policy, such as electricity importers' responses to a GHG pricing regime or households' responses to gasoline price changes, often shedding light on the unanticipated consequences of existing policy. In addition to his empirical work, he have developed theory models to analyse the impact of lobbying during the regulatory process on allocative-efficiency and rent-seeking. He holds a BS at the Cornell University and a MS at University of California at Berkeley. He received his PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics from University of California at Berkeley in 2014.