

Shalu Agrawal

Position

Senior Programme Lead, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)

Country

India

Career history

Currently, a Senior Programme Lead, Shalu Agrawal has held various positions at CEEW since 2014. CEEW is a leading not-for-profit policy research institutions which uses data, integrated analysis, and strategic outreach to explain – and change – the use, reuse, and misuse of resources.

Shalu leads The Council's work on power sector transformation, demand-side management and residential energy access. She has also worked with Initiative for Sustainable Energy Policy and Smart Power India (during 2017-2018) on understanding rural electricity demand and its drivers, using large-scale household and enterprise surveys. Shalu holds an MSc in Economics and Policy of Energy and Environment from University College London and a BTech in Electrical Engineering from IIT Roorkee.

Awards/Publications

Chevening-HSBC Scholar (2016-2017) by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, UK Publications: <u>https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=O-zh87sAAAAJ&hl=en</u>

Areas of expertise

Shalu's research and policy interests lie in studying the changing energy landscape and devising strategies to ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and sustainable energy using data and stakeholder engagements. She closely works with power utilities in India to design and implement strategies to improve operational and financial performance through innovative approaches for billing and collection, smart metering initiatives, tariff and subsidy reforms, market deepening and business models to scale energy-efficient appliances. Shalu has published in leading international journals, authored opinion pieces for national dailies and regularly advises senior government officials.