



Climate Change & Consumption: Legal & Ethical Insights from the Global South

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A development policy analyst, Jha has engaged extensively with issues of sustainable development, climate change, agriculture and food sovereignty, trade and trade in agriculture, human rights and human rights based approach to development. He has sound understanding of the scientific, political and social aspects of the policies and institutions and has interacted closely with many UN institutions including UNCSD, UNEP, UNFCCC, UNHRC and also the WTO and the UNCTAD. His interest areas are energy, sustainable agriculture, climate change, peoples and social movement, development and rights, equity and non-discrimination, democracy, accountability and governance. He has also worked on right to information, dalit rights and affirmative action, food and nutrition, access to justice and strengthening human rights infrastructure. He can be reached at k.ajay.i@gmail.com