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Since 1995 Judith REES has been Professor of Environmental and Resources Management at the London School of Economics, where she was Deputy Director from 1998-2004. She is currently the Director of both the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment and the ESRC Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy, which work together to produce high quality and policy-relevant social science research on climate and environmental change. Previously she was Professor of Geography, Dean of School of Geography & Earth Resources (91-93) and Pro-Vice Chancellor (93-95) at the University of Hull.

She is a member of the Council of the UK's Economic and Social Research Council and Chair of its Training and Development Board, the Council funds social science research and the training of social scientists. Currently she is a member of UNSGAB, the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation, which is an independent Board reporting directly to the Secretary General on meeting the millennium development goals. She is also acting as an advisor on the independent review of the World Bank's performance in the water sector. From 1996-2008 she was a member of the Technical Committee of the Global Water Partnership. Earlier public appointments have included membership of the Competition Commission (1996-2002), and work for OFWAT, the economic regulator of the privatised water industry as Chair of the Southern Customer Service Committee, Executive Head of the Southern Regional Office and member of the National Water Customers' Council (1990-1996).

Judith REES's present research interests focus on institutional design, governance, finance and risk within the water sector and on adaptation to climate change. Earlier work has included research on privatisation and economic regulation, market and regulatory tools in environmental management, the economics of water resources management, demand management instruments, and natural resource economics and policy.

She has acted as advisor and consultant to a number of international organisations, government departments and NGO's including the World Bank, Inter American Bank, UNDP and the EC/Rio Group, government departments in Australia, Portugal, Chile, Morocco, Egypt, China as well as the ODA, Countryside Commission, National Rivers Authority in the UK, CPRE and Friends of the Earth. The advice has covered a range of water related topics including public private partnerships, the regulation of public and private water utilities, the provision of urban water and sanitation, sustainable development and water resources management, pricing and regulatory tools in water and environmental management.

She has published over 50 academic books, research reports and articles and has also written widely communicating research knowledge to non- specialist audiences.