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Ottmar Edenhofer explores the impact of induced technological change on mitigation costs and mitigation strategies. The design of instruments for climate and energy policy is another focus. He also leads and coordinates several externally funded research projects <<http://www.pik-potsdam.de/members/edenh/resolveuid/ab337dc0de033925a51ad09335293650>>. He has been a Lead Author for the Fourth Assessment Report of the IPCC <<http://www.ipcc.ch/>> – which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 – since 2004. In 2005 he became a Fellow of the Hanse Institute for Advanced Study <<http://www.h-w-k.de/>> in Delmenhorst. Together with Michael Grubb, Carlo Carraro and Kai Lessmann, Ottmar Edenhofer led the Innovation Modelling Comparison Project (IMCP). In 2006, the results of IMCP <<http://www.pik-potsdam.de/research/current/topik3/balance/imcp/>> were presented in a seminal Special Issue of The Energy Journal <<http://www.iaee.org/en/publications/journal.aspx>>.

He has successfully supervised <<http://www.pik-potsdam.de/members/edenh/resolveuid/2e79d14f5286a044348bd96ef4f5f6c2>> two PhD students and five MSc students, and is currently supervising <<http://www.pik-potsdam.de/members/edenh/resolveuid/2e79d14f5286a044348bd96ef4f5f6c2>> several PhD students and diploma students. Prof. Dr. Ottmar Edenhofer (born 1961 in Bavaria) studied Economics and Philosophy at the University of Munich and holds a Diploma in Economics from Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Prädikatsexamen) and a BA in Philosophy (“summa cum laude”) from the Hochschule für Philosophie.

During his studies he founded his own enterprise and between 1991 and 1993 led a humanitarian aid organisation in Bosnia. He worked as a research assistant at the Technical University Darmstadt and wrote his Ph.D. in Economics (“summa cum laude”) in 1999. He accepted the professorship at the TU Berlin in 2008. His research interests are the Economics of Atmospheric Stabilization, Social Cost-Benefit Analysis, Sustainability Theory, Economic Growth Theory, Environmental Economics, Welfare Theory and General Intertemporal Equilibrium Theory.

In addition to his teaching and research, he is actively involved in public policy and in the public debate in Germany and at the EU level. His research has influenced the Stern Review <http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/independent_reviews/stern_review_economics_climate_change/stern_review_supporting_documents.cfm> on the Economics of Climate Change substantially in particular chapter 10 and 13. He is key climate change advisor to federal foreign minister and deputy-chancellor Frank-Walter Steinmeier.