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Adopting Indirect Carbon Pricing Strategies for Indonesia: Insights from Global Practices Using a Bibliometrics and Systematic Literature Review

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ABSTRACT

Indonesia faces significant challenges in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions while maintaining economic growth. Carbon pricing, encompassing carbon taxes and Emission Trading Systems (ETS), has emerged as a vital tool in achieving global decarbonization goals. This study aims to assess the adaptation of indirect carbon pricing strategies in Indonesia by synthesizing insights from 27 countries using a Systematic Literature Review (SLR) of 315 scholarly articles. The research identifies Indonesia's unique economic, social, and regulatory challenges, including dependency on fossil fuels, limited renewable energy infrastructure, and governance gaps. The study highlights the effectiveness of indirect carbon pricing mechanisms, such as renewable energy subsidies, energy efficiency programs, and public awareness initiatives, in addressing dispersed emissions from transportation, agriculture, and residential energy use. Additionally, the integration of carbon pricing with complementary policies, including sector-specific benchmarks and international carbon trading, enhances the potential for successful implementation. By adapting best practices from countries like Canada, Sweden, and Germany, Indonesia can establish hybrid carbon pricing models tailored to its context. These strategies can accelerate renewable energy investments, promote economic diversification, and support the country's goal of reducing GHG emissions by 29-41% by 2030 and achieving net-zero emissions by 2060. This research provides actionable recommendations for policymakers and stakeholders to ensure sustainable energy transitions and global climate commitments.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Carbon pricing has emerged as a crucial tool for combating climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting the shift to renewable energy. The two main mechanisms of carbon pricing are carbon taxes and emissions trading systems (ETS). Carbon taxes impose a fixed cost per ton of carbon emitted, while ETS allow companies to trade emission allowances within a set cap. Both methods are seen as effective strategies for reducing emissions, though their outcomes vary depending on the region and its unique political, economic, and social context (Boyce,

2018; Best et al., 2020). In developed nations such as those in the European Union, carbon pricing mechanisms like the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) have successfully reduced emissions and spurred investment in renewable energy, demonstrating their potential to drive environmental change (Davies and Thompson, 2020). However, in developing countries, including Indonesia, the implementation of carbon pricing faces challenges in balancing economic growth with environmental goals (Silva and Fernandez, 2020). This study applies the Systematic Literature Review (SLR) methodology to assess the impact of carbon pricing policies on reducing carbon emissions.

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The SLR approach involves collecting, critically evaluating, and synthesizing existing research to provide a comprehensive understanding of carbon pricing's role in renewable energy transition. It is a structured method that helps identify trends, gaps, and potential areas for future research (Tranfield et al., 2003). Previous studies have shown that carbon pricing is effective in reducing carbon emissions, particularly in countries with strong political and economic infrastructures, such as in North America and Europe. Carbon pricing incentivizes investments in clean energy by providing clear price signals, which helps reduce uncertainty for investors (Miller and White, 2021). However, the success of such policies often hinges on local conditions, including political stability and government support, as seen in California's cap-andtrade system and the EU ETS (Kim and Park, 2021). In emerging economies like Indonesia, carbon pricing is still a relatively new concept, and its success depends on how well the policies are adapted to local economic conditions and governance structures. Indonesia's recent carbon tax implementation represents a significant step forward, but challenges remain, particularly in ensuring that the policy promotes economic growth while attracting investments in renewable energy (Evans and Carter, 2020; Tan and Lim, 2021).

Moreover, case studies in Sweden and Canada demonstrate that long-term, well-structured carbon pricing can effectively redirect investment toward low-carbon technologies (Andersson, 2019; Chen and Wang, 2018), while Australia's policy reversal highlights how political opposition can undermine these efforts (Crowley, 2013). In contrast, countries like India and China face structural and institutional challenges, requiring policy frameworks that reflect national development needs (Bhandari and Shrimali, 2020; Zhang et al., 2020). These examples underscore the need for context sensitive carbon pricing in Indonesia, especially regarding fiscal integration and institutional capacity (OECD, 2020; MoF, 2022), as well as transparent public communication to ensure social acceptance (Thalmann, 2004). Recent reports further support the idea that carbon pricing can strengthen climate alignment and competitiveness, especially in emerging economies (World Bank, 2019; WRI Indonesia, 2021).

As global pressure increases to meet net-zero emissions targets set by the Paris Agreement, it is essential for countries to design effective policies that not only reduce emissions but also accelerate the transition to clean energy (Wang and Chen, 2020). The research will provide insights into the key factors influencing the success of carbon pricing policies, with a focus on renewable energy adoption, and offer policy recommendations that can help governments and the private sector in their efforts to reduce carbon emissions globally (Kaplan and Norton, 1996). The study also aims to identify best practices and adapt successful strategies for use in Indonesia, particularly by addressing specific regional challenges (Nguyen and Garcia, 2020). By using systematic literature review, this study aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of the impact of carbon pricing policies on reducing carbon emissions. Various factors influencing the implementation of these policies, including economic, social, and political factors, will be explored, and policy recommendations will be made to assist governments and the private sector in accelerating the renewable energy transition globally (Kim and Park, 2021; Tan and Lim, 2021). Specifically, this research seeks to address the following key questions: (i) What are the underlying principles used by other countries in establishing carbon pricing? (ii) How do different carbon pricing mechanisms influence reduce carbon emissions across various regions? By addressing these questions, the study will identify best practices and suggest adaptations for successful policy implementation in Indonesia.

2. METHODS

In management research, the systematic literature review (SLR) has become an essential tool to manage and synthesize the vast body of knowledge accumulated in specific fields. The primary goals of conducting an SLR are to (i) allow researchers to map the intellectual landscape of a particular research area and (ii) identify research gaps and pose questions that can inform future studies (Tranfield et al., 2003). This study employs an SLR approach to evaluate the impact of carbon pricing on reducing carbon, providing a comprehensive analysis of existing literature and highlighting key trends and areas for further research. The Systematic Literature Review (SLR) methodology, developed in medical research (Beecher, 1955), has become widely adopted in fields like environmental policy, management, and social sciences (Bittencourt et al., 2016; Conway Dato-on and Kalakay, 2016). Unlike traditional narrative reviews, SLR offers a structured, transparent, and replicable process to ensure comprehensive and unbiased study selection (Tranfield et al., 2003). This study applies SLR to assess the impact of carbon pricing policies, such as carbon taxes and emissions trading systems (ETS), on reducing carbon emissions, with a specific focus on Indonesia.

The study is guided by two key research questions:

- 1. What principles do countries follow when establishing carbon pricing policies?
- 2. How do different carbon pricing mechanisms impact carbon emissions reduction across regions?

Table 1 outlines the search strategy and keywords used to retrieve relevant articles from the Scopus database. Search terms like "carbon pricing," "carbon taxes," and "SLR" were used, along with geographic terms for regional comparisons. The Scopus database was chosen for its broad collection of peer-reviewed articles on economics, environmental policy, and energy sectors. From 2,715 initial documents, 2,680 were kept after removing duplicates, with 315 relevant articles selected after screening abstracts (Figure 1 summarizes the screening and selection process in this review). The retained articles were analyzed using R. Bibliometrix, a bibliometric tool that identifies research trends, influential papers, and knowledge networks related to carbon pricing and carbon emissions reduction. The bibliometric analysis revealed clusters of research that highlighted the geographic distribution of carbon pricing policies and their varying success in reducing carbon. A content analysis followed, examining how carbon taxes and ETS have been implemented globally and their specific impacts on carbon emissions reduction. The analysis focused on regions with

Figure 1: Summary of the search method conducted

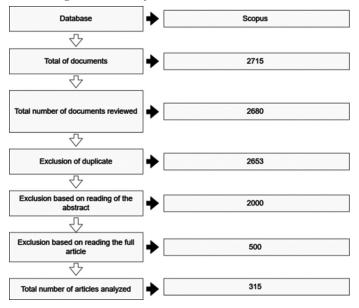


Figure 2: Annual scientific publication on the application of the SLR technique in carbon pricing

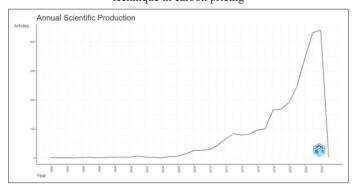


Table 1: The research methodologies employed

Database	Search field	Keywords
Scopus	Title, abstract, keywords	["SLR" or "Carbon Pricing" or "Carbon Taxes"]

established carbon pricing, such as the EU, North America, and parts of Asia. It also explored how carbon pricing policies could be adapted for Indonesia, considering its unique economic, political, and environmental context, to support its transition to net-zero emissions. This study aims to inform policy recommendations for Indonesia's energy transition, balancing economic growth and renewable energy investment. Through a systematic literature review (SLR), 315 articles were selected for content analysis to assess the impact of carbon pricing policies on reducing carbon emissions. The SLR examined policies from multiple perspectives:

- Financial: Evaluated the role of carbon taxes and emissions trading systems (ETS) in encouraging renewable energy investments in countries like Sweden, Canada, and Germany.
- Policy adjustments: Analysed the evolution of carbon pricing, such as changes in tax rates in South Korea and Switzerland to promote steady investment.
- Regional variations: Explored how different regions (e.g.,

- China, UK, Norway) implement carbon pricing policies, revealing varying approaches and outcomes.
- Relevance to Indonesia: Assessed how carbon pricing can be adapted to Indonesia's unique economic, political, and social context to support renewable energy goals.

This application of the SLR provided a holistic view of how carbon pricing influences reduce carbon emissions across different regions and industries. It also enabled a structured comparison of how policies can be adapted to Indonesia, considering the unique economic and social factors of the country. The method outlined in this study is designed to offer a comprehensive understanding of the global landscape of carbon pricing policies and their effectiveness in reducing carbon emissions. By applying the systematic literature review framework, the study also highlights how these lessons can inform the design and implementation of carbon pricing policies in Indonesia, with a focus on achieving net zero emissions and stimulating sustainable economic growth. To support the bibliometric mapping process, the study used tools such as Biblioshiny to identify influential works and regional policy clusters (Colmer et al., 2020; ICAP, 2022). From a financial perspective, pricing mechanisms in Sweden, Canada, and Germany illustrate the catalytic role of carbon pricing in fostering clean energy investments (Harrison, 2013; Andersson, 2019). South Korea and Switzerland offer examples of iterative policy refinement to maintain market responsiveness (Kim, 2017; Thalmann, 2004), while the UK and China have evolved their ETS mechanisms through institutional reform and stakeholder engagement (Colmer et al., 2020; Zhang et al., 2020). These global patterns provide reference points for designing carbon pricing in Indonesia (EDF and IESR, 2021; MoEF, 2021). Furthermore, performance evaluation tools like the Balanced Scorecard may assist in aligning carbon pricing outcomes with broader national strategies (Kaplan and Norton, 1996; Zolfani and Ghadikolaei, 2013; Yaakub and Mohamed, 2019).

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This section provides an overview of the literature on carbon pricing and its impact on reducing carbon emissions. The analysis focuses on key aspects such as annual scientific output, prominent journals, leading authors, and a Sankey diagram connecting various themes. Research on carbon pricing gained traction in the early 21st century, particularly with studies like Hedley et al. (2002) on strategic tools in property management. The topic of carbon pricing, including mechanisms like carbon taxes and emissions trading systems, began receiving significant academic attention during this period. While publication trends have fluctuated over time, carbon pricing remains a consistently important area of academic focus.

Aligned with the objective of this research, which aims to examine the current literature on carbon pricing and its role in reducing carbon emissions, this section offers an analytical summary of the findings using various parameters: annual scientific productivity, key journals, influential authors, and a visual Sankey diagram representation. Figure 2 illustrates the trend in annual scientific output, reflecting the growing

academic attention on carbon pricing over time. Research in this field gained momentum in the early 2000s, in tandem with the global rise in awareness about climate change and the adoption of economic policies such as carbon pricing mechanisms. This period marked a significant increase in publications, underscoring the expanding interest in understanding the effects of carbon pricing on carbon emissions reduction. Similar to other fields, such as educational policy reviewed in studies like Hedley et al. (2002), the interest in carbon pricing has shown fluctuations, but it remains an ongoing area of focus. The more pronounced surge in recent years reflects the increasing urgency surrounding global efforts to meet net zero emission targets and accelerate the shift to clean energy. Overall, despite periodic fluctuations, the ongoing scholarly focus on carbon pricing highlights its critical importance in both policy formulation and strategic energy management.

Table 2 shows that most publications on carbon pricing are found in journals related to energy and environmental science. Energy Policy is the leading journal, with the highest volume of research on carbon pricing and energy policies. Following it are Applied Energy and Journal of Cleaner Production, both of which have extensively published on the effects of carbon pricing mechanisms, technological advancements, and their role in promoting renewable energy. Other important journals include Energy Economics and Climate Policy, which examine the economic and policy aspects of carbon pricing across different regions. Additionally, Sustainability and Ecological Economics focus on the environmental and sustainability dimensions of carbon pricing. Well-established publishers such as Elsevier, Springer, and Wiley are prominent in disseminating research in this area.

The top ten authors by the number of publications are presented in Table 3 This is particularly useful for researchers seeking references or potential research collaborations. The author with the highest number of articles is WANG J., with 17 publications. WANG J's research spans various topics related to carbon pricing, making them a key contributor to the field. Other prominent authors include LI Y. and ZHANG X., each with 15 articles, followed closely by EDENHOFER O. and LIN B., with 14 articles each. These authors' significant contributions highlight their influence in advancing discussions and research on carbon pricing and renewable energy policies globally.

The Biblioshiny visualization, particularly the Sankey diagram in Figure 3, offers valuable insights by showing the connections between author keywords, authors, and journals. It reveals that research on carbon pricing and renewable energy focuses on terms like "renewable energy," "carbon pricing," and "carbon tax." Authors such as Wang J. and Zhang Y. are highly productive, while influential journals like Journal of Cleaner Production, Sustainability (Switzerland), and Energy Policy play a key role in publishing this research. The diagram highlights the link between authors, research themes, and leading journals in the field.

3.1. Research Methods

Table 4 summarizes the methodologies used in the reviewed studies. The majority (46%) employed qualitative research,

Table 2: Journals that publish studies on the carbon pricing

Periodicals (Top 10)	Frequency	Relative	Accumulated
	(h_index)	%	%
		Frequency	Frequency
Energy policy	50	17.24%	17.24%
Applied energy	37	12.76%	30.00%
Journal of cleaner	37	12.76%	42.76%
production			
Energy economics	36	12.41%	55.17%
Energy	31	10.69%	65.86%
Climate policy	26	8.97%	74.83%
Sustainability	20	6.90%	81.72%
(switzerland)			
Ecological economics	17	5.86%	87.59%
Journal of environmental	17	5.86%	93.45%
economics and			
management			
Energies	15	5.17%	98.62%

Table 3: Author distribution based on number of publications

Authors	Articles
Wang J	17
Li Y	15
Zhang X	15
Edenhofer O	14
Lin B	14
Chen Y	12
Zaman K	12
Zhang Y	12
Fan Y	11
Liu Y	11
Total	133

Table 4: Methods for studying the application of SLR technique in carbon pricing

Method	Frequency	Relative Frequency %	Accumulated Frequency %
Qualitative empirical research	30	46	46
Quantitative empirical research	25	38	84
Mixed empirical research	6	9	93
Conceptual research	4	7	100
Total	65	100	

primarily case studies. Quantitative studies accounted for 38%, showing significant representation in this area, while mixed-methods research was used in only 9% of the studies.

3.2. Author's Keywords

Common keywords in carbon pricing studies include terms like "carbon," "carbon dioxide," and "carbon emission" (Figure 4). These reflect the primary focus on carbon-related issues such as emission control, climate change, and environmental economics. Keywords like "emissions trading" and "pollution tax" also feature prominently, indicating ongoing interest in various carbon pricing mechanisms. The rising frequency of these keywords suggests a growing academic interest in carbon pricing in recent years.

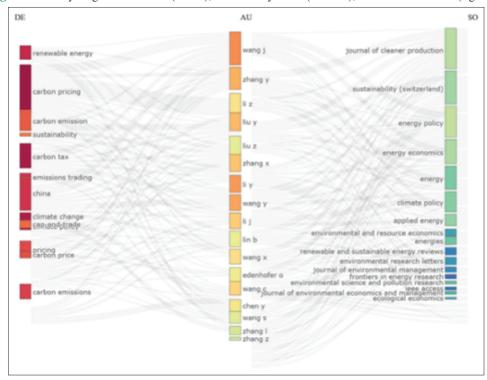
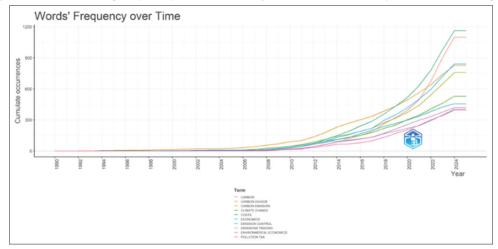


Figure 3: Sankey diagram of authors (centre), author's keywords (left side), and cited references (right side)

Figure 4: Cumulative frequency of keywords used throughout time in the SLR subject related to carbon price



3.3. Mitigation of Carbon Emissions

Efforts to mitigate carbon emissions encompass a wide range of strategies, including regulatory frameworks, economic instruments such as Pigouvian taxes, and market-based mechanisms like carbon pricing. This section examines these approaches in detail, highlighting key mitigation strategies adopted globally and their relevance to dispersed and centralized emission sources.

3.3.1. Regulatory approaches

Regulatory approaches involve direct interventions by governments to control emissions through mandates, standards, or legal requirements. Examples include emission caps, fuel economy standards, and renewable portfolio standards. These measures provide enforceable guidelines for reducing emissions

but often impose significant costs on industries and may lack flexibility.

3.3.2. Pigouvian tax

Pigouvian taxes internalize the negative externalities of greenhouse gas emissions by assigning a monetary value to them. For instance, Sweden's carbon tax, among the highest globally, has demonstrated success in incentivizing industries to shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources. These economic instruments provide a clear financial signal, encouraging investments in cleaner alternatives.

3.3.3. Carbon pricing mechanisms

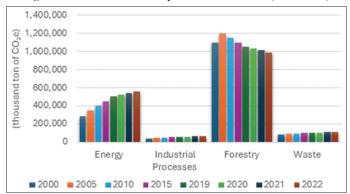
Carbon pricing mechanisms, including carbon taxes and emissions trading systems (ETS), represent market-based

solutions for emission reduction. These mechanisms can be categorized as:

3.3.3.1. Direct carbon pricing

Focused on centralized sources of emissions, such as power plants and industrial facilities. Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) is often integrated to handle emissions effectively.

Figure 5: Carbon emissions by sector in Indonesia (2000-2022)



3.3.3.2. Indirect carbon pricing

Targeting dispersed sources of emissions, such as transportation and residential sectors. Strategies include renewable energy subsidies, energy efficiency incentives, and public awareness campaigns.

This study emphasizes indirect carbon pricing due to its broader applicability in addressing dispersed emissions and its potential for integration into Indonesia's policy framework.

3.4. Data Analysis and Insights

The following chart presents carbon emissions from key sectors in Indonesia, including energy, forestry, agriculture, waste, and industrial processes over two decades.

Key Observations:

- 1. Energy sector dominance
 - The energy sector shows a consistent and significant increase in carbon emissions from 2000 to 2022.
 - This sector remains the largest contributor to emissions,

Table 5: Problem conditions, strategies, objective details, and risks

Sectors	Problem	Strategies	Objective details	Risk
	conditions			
Forestry	Deforestation	Brazil: Strengthen law enforcement to prevent illegal logging. Colombia: Provide incentives for sustainable agroforestry practices. Chile: Launch national reforestation programs in degraded areas.	Reduce deforestation by 50% by 2030. Transition 30% of farmland to agroforestry by 2040. Restore 1 million hectares of degraded land by 2040.	Resistance from illegal logging operators. High implementation costs for small-scale farmers. Difficulty in mobilizing public and private funding.
Industry	High Urban air	Mexico: Develop electric public	Transition 50% of public	High initial investment for
process	pollution	transportation systems. European Union: Introduce low-emission zones in major cities. China: Subsidize electric vehicles and phase out older vehicles.	transport to electric by 2040. Reduce PM2.5 levels by 30% by 2030. Achieve 25% reduction in diesel vehicle fleets by 2035.	infrastructure development. Public resistance to restrictions in transportation zones. Challenges in ensuring renewable energy for EVs.
	Transport	Chile: Subsidize electric vehicles and	Transition 20% of vehicle	High initial costs for EV
emissions a vehicle reli High Indus Emissions	emissions and vehicle reliance	build EV infrastructure. Japan: Expand urban electric rail systems.	fleets to electric by 2040. Increase public transport usage by 40% by 2035.	infrastructure development. Limited urban space for expanding rail systems.
		European Union: Introduce high taxes for high-emission vehicles.	Reduce transport emissions by 25% by 2035.	Public resistance to increased vehicle taxes.
	High Industrial Emissions from Heavy Industries	European Union: Implement emissions trading systems (ETS) for industries.	Reduce industrial emissions by 35% by 2035.	Resistance from stakeholders due to increased costs.
	,	Norway: Subsidize low-carbon technologies for steel and cement.	Transition 50% of heavy industries to low-carbon by 2040.	Competition with global market in adopting technologies.
Waste	Rising methane emissions	Canada: Mandate carbon capture systems for new industrial plants. Australia: Apply methane capture technology for organic waste.	Achieve carbon neutrality in industrial sectors by 2050. Achieve 20% methane	High capital expenditure for CCS implementation. High initial costs for methane capture technology developmen
	CHIISSIOHS	technology for organic waste.	recovery from agricultural waste by 2035.	
		Ireland: Subsidies for regenerative agriculture practices.	Transition 50% of farms to low-emission practices by 2040.	Resistance from traditional farming communities.
Energy	Heavy dependence on fossil fuels	South Korea: Introduce progressive carbon taxes for coal use. Norway: Diversify the economy through green technology investment.	Reduce fossil fuel dependency by 40% by 2035. Achieve 30% contribution of green technologies to GDP by 2040.	Economic slowdown due to decreased fossil fuel revenues. Resistance from traditional industries to diversification.
		Germany: Increase subsidies for renewable energy projects.	Transition 30% of energy mix to renewables by 2040.	Global competition for renewable energy technologies.

reflecting high reliance on fossil fuels and the need for cleaner energy alternatives.

2. Forestry sector fluctuations

- Forestry has historically been a significant source of emissons, with peaks observed around 2010. However, emissions in this sector have shown a gradual decline since 2015.
- This trend suggests some progress in reducing deforestation and land-use emissions, though it remains a critical area for intervention.

3. Industrial processes

 Emissions from industrial processes remain comparatively low across all years but show a steady increase, indicating growing industrial activity and its associated carbon footprint.

4. Waste management

 The waste sector exhibits steady but minimal growth in emissions over the years. Although its contribution is smaller than other sectors, effective waste management strategies, such as methane capture, could further reduce these emissions.

Based on the data and global best practices, Table 5 outlines specific problem conditions, strategies, objectives, and risks associated with mitigating carbon emissions in Indonesia.

In addition to broad mitigation strategies, indirect carbon pricing mechanisms such as energy subsidies and efficiency programs have shown success in countries like India and Chile in addressing dispersed emissions (Fan et al., 2019; Bhandari & Shrimali, 2020). On the other hand, long-term programs in Norway and Germany illustrate the dynamic nature of carbon taxes and ETS in reducing emissions when integrated with broader market reforms (Bruvoll and Larsen, 2004; Doda, 2016). Countries like Canada, Sweden, and the EU continue to provide frameworks for effective pricing models that support both emissions targets and investment attraction (Brunner et al., 2012; Andersson, 2019; Harrison, 2013). California's cap-and-trade system further demonstrates how emissions trading can be phased across sectors while maintaining regulatory credibility (Turner & Williams, 2021). As Indonesia advances its carbon pricing efforts, these international models can inform local adaptations, with transparency and public engagement playing a critical role (Thalmann, 2004). Additionally, multisector frameworks such as the Balanced Scorecard can be useful in tracking the alignment of carbon pricing implementation with economic and sustainability objectives (Kaplan and Norton, 1996; Yaakub and Mohamed, 2019). As emphasized by Wijaya and Rizki (2019), Indonesia's policy design should integrate technical, economic, and governance considerations to ensure a just and effective energy transition.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1. Major Findings

This study explores the effectiveness of carbon pricing mechanisms, including carbon taxes and emissions trading systems (ETS), in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and driving renewable energy investments. Drawing from 315 peer-reviewed articles, the research highlights the global significance of carbon pricing as a key policy tool, with successful implementations in countries

like Sweden, Germany, and Canada. These mechanisms, when tailored to local contexts, are crucial for reducing reliance on fossil fuels and achieving decarbonization targets, particularly in emerging economies like Indonesia. The descriptive analysis revealed increasing scholarly attention toward carbon pricing, with major journals emphasizing its strategic importance in energy management. While qualitative approaches dominate the literature, quantitative and mixed-method studies highlight the need for integrated frameworks to evaluate policy impacts comprehensively. Mitigation strategies, encompassing regulatory measures, Pigouvian taxes, and carbon pricing, were analyzed. Indirect pricing methods emerged as particularly effective for addressing dispersed emissions, while sectoral insights underscored the energy sector's dominance and the challenges in forestry, waste, and industry. Global best practices synthesized in this study provide actionable strategies for Indonesia, such as adopting sustainable agroforestry, expanding electric vehicle infrastructure, and implementing emissions trading systems. These strategies align with national priorities and offer adaptive solutions to sectorspecific challenges. Ultimately, the findings reaffirm the critical role of carbon pricing in global decarbonization efforts and underscore the need for continuous policy innovation to achieve sustainable energy transitions and align with evolving climate goals.

4.2. Theoretical Contributions

This study contributes to the theoretical understanding of carbon pricing by employing a systematic literature review (SLR) to evaluate its multi-dimensional impacts on greenhouse gas mitigation and renewable energy transitions. The SLR approach offers a structured framework that integrates financial, operational, and environmental dimensions, providing a comprehensive assessment of carbon pricing mechanisms. One key theoretical contribution is the identification of carbon pricing as a versatile policy instrument adaptable to diverse economic and environmental contexts. By synthesizing insights from countries like Sweden, Germany, and Canada, the study highlights how tailored mechanisms, such as hybrid systems combining carbon taxes and emissions trading schemes (ETS), can address sector-specific challenges while driving innovation in low-carbon technologies. Additionally, the research advances the understanding of how carbon pricing aligns with broader climate and sustainability goals. It emphasizes the importance of linking carbon pricing strategies with complementary policies, such as renewable energy subsidies, public awareness campaigns, and regulatory frameworks, to enhance their effectiveness. This integrated perspective contributes to the growing body of literature on the role of policy instruments in fostering sustainable energy transitions. Finally, the study identifies gaps in existing research, particularly regarding the long-term impacts of carbon pricing on innovation, cross-sector collaboration, and policy integration with strategic management frameworks. By highlighting these gaps, the research paves the way for future studies to explore adaptive and dynamic carbon pricing strategies that balance economic growth with climate objectives, reinforcing its role as a cornerstone of global decarbonization efforts.

4.3. Limitations and Further Studies

While this study provides valuable insights into the effectiveness of carbon pricing mechanisms and their adaptability to diverse

contexts, several limitations must be acknowledged. First, the systematic literature review (SLR) focused exclusively on English-language articles, potentially excluding relevant studies in other languages that could offer additional perspectives. Second, the reliance on the Scopus database, while comprehensive, may have limited the breadth of included literature, as other academic outputs such as theses, books, and grey literature were not considered. Additionally, the study's scope primarily addresses financial and policy impacts of carbon pricing, leaving gaps in understanding its long-term effects on innovation, cross-sector collaboration, and societal acceptance. These areas require further exploration to provide a more holistic evaluation of carbon pricing mechanisms. Future studies should address these limitations by integrating multiple databases and including non-English and grey literature to expand the scope of analysis. Longitudinal research is also needed to assess how carbon pricing impacts innovation and organizational performance over time. Furthermore, the role of external pressures, such as regulatory, societal, and market dynamics, in shaping the adoption of carbon pricing strategies warrants deeper investigation. Finally, examining the integration of carbon pricing with other strategic management frameworks, such as the Systematic Literature Review (SLR), could offer novel insights into optimizing these mechanisms for diverse economic and industrial settings. By addressing these limitations, future research can enhance our understanding of carbon pricing's strategic implications, ensuring its effectiveness in achieving global climate and sustainability goals.

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