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Department of Political Science and European Studies – Jean Monnet Chair – Prof. Dr. W. T. Wessels

Seminar on energy economics

Summer term 2015

European Energy and Climate Policy

Seminar dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introductory meeting, April 9th, 2015, 11-12 a.m. at the Institute of Energy Economics at the University of Cologne, Vogelsanger Str. 321, 50827 Cologne <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction and presentation of the seminar topics ▪ Organisational matters ▪ Choice/Prioritization of the seminar paper topics by the seminar participants ▪ Confirmation of the seminar topics and beginning of the work on the seminar papers: April 13th, 2015. ▪ Excursions: June 8th - 12th, 2015 Paris and Brussels ▪ Block seminar: July 9th - 10th, 2015 at the Institute of Energy Economics at the University of Cologne, Vogelsanger Str. 321, 50827 Cologne <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of the work in progress seminar papers ▪ Discussion by discussant ▪ Discussion in the seminar ▪ Submission of final seminar papers until July 24th, 2015, 5 p.m.
Modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 35201 Seminar zur Energiewirtschaftslehre SS 2015 (Master) ▪ 53025 Hauptseminar Energiewirtschaftslehre SS 2015 (Diplom)
Module is allocated to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minor Energiewirtschaft (Modul: 35201) ▪ Major Economics – Spezialisierungsbereich (Markets and Institutions) (Note: No field seminar!) (Modul: 35201) ▪ Diplom Hauptseminar (Modul: 53025)
Credits	6
Language	English

1. Topic

European Energy and Climate Policy

European Energy Climate change is currently shaped by two main concerns: reduction of greenhouse gas emissions on the one hand, and increased independence from Russia on the other hand. Moreover, low energy cost in the U.S. due to the so-called shale revolution lead to increased challenges for the global competitiveness of European energy consumers. The sudden and profound drop in oil prices further contributes to a complex environment in which European policymakers have to navigate.

Therefore, energy and climate policy continues to be high on the priority list of European policymakers. Thus, for example, the new EU commission includes both a Vice-President for the Energy Union, Maros Seferovic, and a commissioner for energy, Miguel Canete. Urgency with respect to Russia is imposed by the events unfolding in Ukraine. And with respect to climate change, the EU needs to prepare a coherent and reasonable strategy for this year's UNFCCC summit in Paris.

Against this background, the seminar focuses on the status of the European debate on energy and climate policy. In particular, the strengths of weaknesses of the existing institutions and settings on the EU level are discussed both from a political and an economic perspective. A particular emphasis will be placed on the still rather vague idea of a European 'Energy Union'. Moreover, the various suggestions for improving the EU's energy and climate policy will be described, put in contrast to each other, and critically reviewed.

2. Partner

Joint seminar with the Jean Monnet Chair, Department of Political Science and European Studies, Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Theodor Wessels.

3. Seminar meetings

- Introductory meeting
- 3-day excursion to Paris, 2-day excursion to Brussels (costs for participants: 80 €)
- 2-day block seminar

4. Examination Requirements

- Preparation of a seminar paper (about 5000 words)
- Presentation of the work in progress seminar paper (10 minutes)
- Active participation

5. Requirements

The seminar participants are expected to gain an in-depth insight into their topics independently and determine the main focus of their seminar paper. The emphasis within the own topic as well as the draft structure of the paper have to be discussed with the supervisor at an early stage. Furthermore the students should deal critically with the contributions of the other participants (discussion of another seminar paper, active participation in the seminar discussion).

Concerning formal questions students are recommended to use the guidelines for the preparation of a research paper provided by the chair. If necessary students should consult additional literature on preparing research papers.

6. Application / Deregistration

- Application period ends on March 6th, 2015 ([application form](#)). Please add a copy of your identification card and your student identity card to your application.
- Due to the excursion as a part of the seminar the maximum number of participants is limited. The participants are selected on the basis of the criteria specified in the application form. The selection of participants is independent of the order of receipt of the applications.
- Acceptance and rejection letters are sent to the applicants on March, 10rd, 2015.
- With acceptance by the chair the registration for the seminar is binding.
- Deregistration is possible until March, 31th, 2015 ([deregistration form](#)).
- Please send the documents by regular mail (**not** via e-mail) to: Benjamin Tischler, Lehrstuhl für Energiewirtschaft, Vogelsanger Str. 321, 50827 Köln.
- NB: Students who are accepted for the seminar and thus registered at the examination office receive malus points for not handing in the paper or not attending the seminar meetings.

7. Organisational matters / Contact

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