



Deconstructing the European Energy Union: The Role of Governance and the 2030 Goals

Friday, 20th March, 11-5pm Canterbury Christ Church University Ramsey Lecture Theatre, Rg38

Uncertainty exists over the future of direction of European energy policy. This state is not new as for decades tensions have existed between industry, civil society, Member States and the EU institutions on best strategic direction. However, what is now different is that the EU itself is trying to move in different directions, with the creation of a European Energy Union, while simultaneously weakening the requirements and enforcement of European policy objectives, such as the 2030 renewable energy target. The one day workshop proposes to discuss the main elements of future European policy:

The **2030 Climate and Energy package**, which set a binding target for the reduction of Greenhouse Gases of 40%, a renewable energy target of 27%, which is binding on the EU as a whole but not on Member States, and an indicative target of 27% improvement in energy efficiency.

This introduction of a target which is binding on the EU, but not on Member States has led to proposals for a new **Energy Governance** regime. The agility, transparency and enforcement of this regime will be the determining factor in meeting future common European objective, but it structure and mechanisms are yet to be defined

A new Vice-President of the European Commission for **Energy Union** has been created. The purpose of which is said to be to 'pool recourses, combine infrastructure and unite negotiating power with third countries'. However, questions remain as to whether this is an attempt to deliver a step change in the unification of European energy policy, or just a repackaging of the previous calls for Europe to 'speak with one voice' on energy.





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Panel 1: 11.00-12.30, European Energy Union

Mr Manuel Szapiro, Member of Cabinet for European Commission Vice-President
Šefčovič, Energy Union, (confirmed)
Professor Michael Grubb, Bartlett School of Environment, Energy & Resources, University College London (confirmed)
Counsellor Dr Stefan Kordasch, Deputy Head of the Department of Economic Affairs, Energy and Global Issues, German Embassy, London (confirmed)
Moderator: Mr. Jonathan Gaventa (E3G) (confirmed)

Lunch 12.30-1.30

Panel 2: 1.30-3.00, 2030 Climate and Energy Package

Ms. Jesse Scott, International Energy Agency (confirmed)Mr Mark Johnston, Senior Adviser, European Policy Centre (confirmed)Moderator: Dr. Matthew Lockwood, Energy Policy Group, Exeter University (confirmed)

3.00-3.30 Coffee

Panel 3: 3.30-5.00, Energy Governance

Mr. Josh Roberts, Client Earth (confirmed)
Mr. Patrick Larkin, Senior Adviser, Energy Charter Secretariat (confirmed)
Mr. Antony Froggatt, Chatham House (confirmed)
Moderator: Dr. Amelia Hadfield, Director, Energy & Governance Group, Canterbury University (confirmed)