

Energy Geopolitics and Renewable Electrification: Theoretical Insights and Practical Implications Program

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Date: December 18, 2019

Location: Abba Eben Hall, Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mt. Scopus Campus.

09:00-10:00 Welcome and opening session: setting the scene

10:15-11:45 Session 1:
Espen Moe, Norwegian wind power: green battery for Europe or the preservation of national sovereignty
Discussant: Alon Tal

Oshri Mitzva, Itay Fischhendler and Lior Herman,
The interplay between renewable electrification and precarious security condition
Discussant: Daniel Sobelman

11:45-12:00 Coffee break

12:15-13:45 Session 2:
Aleh Cherp, Can renewable electricity affect energy security and geopolitics: a game of numbers and imagination
Discussant: David Katz

Kirsten Westphal, Geopolitics and Renewables: The Case of Synchronization Processes in Europe
Discussant: Gavin Bridge

13:45-15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:30 Session 3:
Dag Harald Claes, Øyvind Østerud, Anne Julie Semb,
Hydropower in Northern Norway – regional development versus environmental concerns and ethnic territorial rights
Discussant: Yael Parag

Thomas Sattich, Daniel Scholten, Duncan Freeman and Yan Shaohua, Between geopolitical competition, voluntary cooperation and sectoral entanglement. The impact of RE policies in EU-China bilateral relations
Discussant: David Levi-Faur

16:30-16:45 Break

19:30 Dinner, Darna Restaurant, Yohanan Horkanos St 3, Jerusalem (by invitation)

Date: December 19, 2019

Location: The Board Room, YMCA Three Arches Hotel, Jerusalem

09:00-10:30 Session 4:
Gnaalazcirthy Meenilankco Theiventhran,
Power, Politics and Protest: Repositioning geopolitics through energy transitions in the Global South
Discussant: Carmela Lutmar

Joshua Kirshner, Energy access and socio-political conflict in Mozambique
Discussant: Yaakov Garb and Nelly Leblond

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-12:15 Session 5:
Juergen Braunstein, Andreas Goldthau, Konstantin Veit,
Do renewables bring peace? Assessing key hypotheses of the geopolitics of renewables
Discussant: Dan Miodownik

Abdullah Fahimi, Paul Upham and Sybille Münch, Afghanistan's Energy Sociotechnical Imaginaries: alternative visions in a conflict zone
Discussant: Gavin Bridge

12:15-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Session 6:
Gonzalo Escribano, Clouds over the Western Sahara's renewable resources
Discussant: Eran Feitelson

Vassilca Jeremias, Impacts of political conflicts on renewable energy provision and access in rural Mozambique
Discussant: Ram Fishman

15:00-17:00 Break

17:00-18:30 Roundtable discussion:

Yossi Abramowitz, President and CEO of Energiya Global Capital

Sivan Yaari, Founder and CEO, Innovation: Africa

Griffin Thompson, Director, Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Bureau of Energy Resources, US Department of State

18:30-19:30 Session 7:
Itay Fischhendler and Lior Herman, The way forward

20:00 Dinner (by invitation)



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Date: December 20, 2019

Meeting Point: Lobby, YMCA Three Arches Hotel, Jerusalem
07:30-14:00 Field trip (by invitation): Herodion National Park
Palestinian off-grid community

(for those leaving to the airport, the bus will take you directly from the trip,
expected arrival at airport 14:30-15:00)

Participation by invitation only.
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