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Expert Talks on Global Energy Markets Zoom Meeting

September 21, 2021, 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m., 1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. (UTC+2)
On Zoom, link will be provided after registration

9.30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. *Digital Platform Open for Registration*

10.00 a.m. - 10.15 a.m. **Welcome Address, Short Introduction to the Webinar**
Kirsten Westphal, SWP
Carsten Rolle, World Energy Council - Germany

10.15 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. **Session 1: International Energy Market Trends & Geopolitical Implications – Joint Decarbonization as the Guiding Paradigm? A Reality Check.**

Moderator: Carsten Rolle

- *Siddik Bakir, Director, Oil Division, Policies and Strategic Planning, Ministry of Energy, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*
- *Tatiana Mitrova, Head of Research of the Energy Centre, Skolkovo*
- *Norbert Schwieters, Advisor, World Energy Council*

Political Commentary: Marcus Hicken, Head of Unit, International Energy Policy, German Foreign Office

Economies around the world are still in the process of recovering from the pandemic induced economic downturn. However, faster than anticipated growth and supply crunches sent energy and commodity prices back to pre-pandemic levels. At the same time green stimulus and recovery packages of unseen size have been put together, while talks about “carbon borders” have become more prominent. What are the current trends in the energy markets? Is a joint commitment to decarbonize really underlying the economic recovery? Consequently, what are the implications on geopolitics?

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1.00 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.

Session 2: Between Decarbonizing the Gas Value Chain and Securing Supply: Towards a Positive Agenda?

Moderator: Kirsten Westphal

- *Andrey Konoplyanik, Professor Russia-EU Gas Advisory Council*
- *Heiko Lohmann, Analyst, Gasmarkt Deutschland*
- *Zuzanna Nowak, Analyst, PISM*
- *Laurent Ruseckas, Executive Director, Gas, Power & Renewables, EMEA, IHS Markit*
- *Torsten Wöllert, Minister-Counsellor, EU Delegation to Ukraine*

The role of natural gas as a fuel in the energy transition is often times heavily debated. Concerns about methane leakages, lock-in effects and (blue) hydrogen produced from natural gas are pressing topics for discussion. What will be the role of natural gas in the energy transition? Is the current political support for gas sufficient for new investments in infrastructure? This session will shed light on the question how to align decarbonization efforts and security of supply considerations when it comes to natural gas in a growing world economy.

2.45 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Wrap-up and Closing Remarks

Kirsten Westphal & Carsten Rolle

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