

Workshop on **The Economics and Political Economy of Energy Subsidies**

Venice International University, San Servolo, 21–22 July

PROGRAMME**Monday, 21 July 2014**

- 09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome & Introduction**
Jon Strand
- 09:15 – 10:15 **Keynote Address:**
Energy Price Reform: A Guide for Policymakers
IAN PARRY (International Monetary Fund)
- 10:15 – 10:30 **Coffee Break**
- 10:30 – 11:15 **Energy Subsidies and Policymakers Re-election Incentives**
MARCO PANI (International Monetary Fund) and Carlo Perroni
Discussant: Cees van Beers
- 11:15 – 12:00 **Strategic Technology Policy as a Supplement to Renewable Energy Standards**
CAROLYN FISCHER (Resources for the Future), Mads Greaker and Knut Einar
Rosendahl
Discussant: Ian Parry
- 12:00 – 13:15 **Lunch**
- 13:15 – 14:00 **Carbon Emissions and Taxes in the Energy Sector**
Hermann Vollebergh, Michelle Harding and SUPHI SEN (Ifo Institute)
Discussant: Ron Steenblik
- 14:00 – 14.45 **Fuel Price Subsidies and Decentralization**
Christos Kotsogiannis and LEONZIO RIZZO (University of Ferrara)
Discussant: Carolyn Fischer
- 14:45 – 15:30 **Model of Non-Corrupt Versus Corrupt Government in Delivery of Transport Services: The Impact of Energy Subsidies**
JON STRAND (World Bank)
Discussant: Marco Pani
- 15:30 – 15:50 **Coffee Break**
- 15:50 – 16:35 **Political Economy Considerations Associated with the Reform of Fossil Fuel Pricing**
TOM MOERENHOUT (International Institute for Sustainable Development)
Discussant: Christina Kolerus

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- 16:35 – 17:20 **Economic Impacts of Energy Subsidies**
GABRIELA MUNDACA (University of Maryland) and Jon Strand
Discussant: Markus Zimmer
- 17:20 – 18:05 **Clean or Dirty Energy: Evidence of Corruption in the Renewable Energy Sector in Southern Italy**
CATERINA GENNAIOLI (London School of Economics) and Massimo Tavoni
Discussant: Paola Valbonesi
- 19:30 **Conference Dinner**

Tuesday, 22 July 2014

- 09:00 – 09:45 **Direct Distribution of Rents and the Resource Curse in Iran: A Micro-econometric Analysis**
Mohammad Reza Farzanegan and MOHAMMAD HABIBPOUR (University of Marburg)
Discussant: Gabriela Mundaca
- 09:45 – 10:30 **The Political Economy of Subsidy Reform in the Persian Gulf Monarchies**
JIM KRANE (Rice University)
Discussant: Cees van Beers
- 10:30 – 10:50 **Coffee Break**
- 10:50 – 11:35 **Fuel poverty and Energy Benefits: The Italian Case**
Raffaele Miniaci, Carlo Scarpa and PAOLA VALBONESI (University of Padova)
Discussant: Jon Strand
- 11:35 – 12:20 **The Political Economy of Fuel Price Policies: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa**
CHRISTINA KOLERUS (International Monetary Fund) and Albert Touna Mama
Discussant: Jim Krane
- 12:20 – 13:00 **Energy Consumption and Economic Growth in Energy Rich Countries: A Discussion Around the Key Issues**
Ron Steenblik

Lunch and End of Conference