

2026 EUI FSR – MIT CEEPR Annual Conference on energy and climate policy

7 October - 8 October

Theatre - Badia Fiesolana, Via dei Roccettini 9 - San Domenico di Fiesole (Fiesole, Florence)

Scientific Organisers:

Michael Mehling | MIT

Joshua Hodge | MIT

Christopher Knittel | MIT

Alberto Pototschnig | European University Institute

Simone Borghesi | European University Institute

Leonardo Meeus | European University Institute

Programme

7 October

- 12:30—14:00 Welcome Lunch & Registration
- 14:00 - 14:10 Opening Remarks
- Leonardo Meeus**, EUI, FSR
Christopher Knittel, MIT
- 14:10 - 14:40 **Keynote: Economic statecraft: trade and economic security policies in times of global rupture**
- Introduced by:
- Simone Borghesi**, EUI, FSR
Sabine Weyand, EUI; formerly DG TRADE, European Commission
- 14:40 - 16:00 **Electricity Markets Under Strain: Investing in reliable and Flexible Capacity**
- Chaired by:
Christopher Knittel, MIT
- Panelists:
Emma Menegatti, EUI, FSR
Leonardo Meeus, EUI, FSR
Michael Pollitt, EPRG
- 16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30 - 18:00 **Carbon Markets at a Crossroads: Looking Back and Looking Forward**
- Chaired by:
Aliénor Cameron, EUI, FSR
- Panelists:
Michael Mehling, MIT
Catherine Wolfram, MIT
Marie Raude, EUI, FSR
Simone Borghesi, EUI, FSR
- 18:00 - 21:00 Tour at EUI premises and dinner at city center

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- 8:30 - 9:00 Welcome coffee
- 9:00 - 10:30 **Mobilizing Capital for Low-Carbon Power: Risk, Contracts, and Public Commitment**
- Chaired by:
Michael Mehling, MIT
- Panelists:
Lena Kitzing, EUI, FSR
John E. Parsons, MIT

10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	POLICY ROUNDTABLE: Securing Critical Mineral Supply Chains for the Energy Transition Chaired by: Andris Piebalgs, EUI, FSR Panelists: Richard Roth, MIT Marzia Sesini, EUI, FSR Peter Handley, European Initiative for European Security Irina Patrahau, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Powering AI: Demand Growth, Reliability, and Grid Constraints Chaired by: Joshua Hodge, MIT Panelists: Ellen Beckstedde, EUI, FSR Paul Joskow, MIT
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:30	POLICY ROUNDTABLE: Rising Bills and the Politics of Energy Affordability Chaired by: Alberto Pototschnig, EUI, FSR Panelists: Christopher Knittel, MIT Clara Polletti, EUI, FSR Tadhg O'Briain, DG ENER
17:30 - 17:45	Closing Remarks by: Alberto Pototschnig, EUI, FSR Joshua Hodge, MIT
18:00 - 19:00	Networking Cocktail at EUI