

Residential Training Course

Loyola Autumn Research School

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Introduction

The Florence School of Regulation and the Loyola de Palacio Chair organise the Loyola Autumn School for Researchers (LARS) in collaboration with the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE). The 2026 edition will take place in Munich and will be closely connected to the IAEE conference, creating a unique opportunity for early-career researchers to engage with the international energy economics community.

LARS is designed for researchers with modelling skills who wish to contribute to the policy and regulatory debate in the energy sector. The programme combines academic guidance, peer learning, and insights into the publication process.

Senior scholars will present lectures on modelling approaches and conceptual framing used to analyse energy policy and regulation and support the broader debate. Participants will also benefit from an editors' panel featuring leading journal editors, who will discuss publication strategies and expectations in the field of energy economics and engineering.

A central element of LARS is the peer-review workshop. Each participant will review another participant's paper and will also receive feedback on their own work from both peers and senior reviewers, including senior scholars, representatives from the FSR, and members of the IAEE scientific community.

Participants will be selected based on the research paper they submit, together with a short motivation letter. We accept working papers, papers under review, and already published papers. Applicants should specify the status of their paper and explain why they are seeking additional feedback.

By submitting a paper to this Autumn School, participants will also be eligible for the annual Loyola Award, which recognises the paper that most clearly demonstrates the potential for research to inform and shape policy and regulatory debates.



Programme

5 September **Day 1: Using modeling and conceptual framework in a policy/regulatory debate**

09.30 - 10.00 Welcome to the course, course description, and participants' presentation.

- **Marzia Sesini** | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

10.00 - 11.00 Loyola Lecture: passing wisdom on to the next researchers' generation & Loyola Award.

- **Aaron Praktijn** | RWTH Aachen University (TBC)

11.00 - 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 - 13.00 Tips from Journal Editors in the field of energy economics and engineering.

- **Pedro Linares** | Comillas Pontifical University
- **Monica Contestabile** | Nature Sustainability (TBC)

13.00 - 14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 - 15.30 Session 2: Applied Workshop with peer-to-peer feedback and coaching by the instructors.

- **Hans Auer** | TU Wien
- **Lena Kitzing** | DTU and Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI
- **Pedro Linares** | Comillas Pontifical University
- **Adrien Nicolle** | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI
- **Marzia Sesini** | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI
- **Anna Billerbeck** | Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research (TBC)

15.30 - 16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00 - 17.30 Session 2: Applied Workshop with peer-to-peer feedback and coaching by the instructors.

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6 September **Day 2: How to publish and build an academic career with applied research**

09.30 - 11.00 Session 1: Presentations by researchers sharing their experience using energy models to support regulatory and policy debates (Part 1).

- **Hans Auer** | TU Wien
- **Pedro Linares** | Comillas Pontifical University

11.00 - 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 - 13.00 Session 1: Presentations by researchers sharing their experience using energy conceptual frameworks to support regulatory and policy debates (Part 2).

- **Lena Kitzing** | DTU and Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI
- **Marzia Sesini** | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI
- **Adrien Nicolle** | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

13.00 - 14.30 *Lunch*

17:30 - 18:30 *IAEE Conference Welcome Reception*