

Residential Training Course

Energy Law Research School

15 - 17 September 2025

Sala Cappella - Villa Schifanoia, Via Boccaccio 121 - Florence

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Introduction

European energy law is subject to lively scholarly enquiry. Significant changes in the EU's energy *acquis* over the course of the first von der Leyen Commission have created novel challenges for EU energy law, but at the same time opened up new, fruitful avenues for academic analysis. The *Clean Industrial Deal* priority of the 2024-2029 Commission and the Union's quest for strategic autonomy in its energy policy will embed EU energy law even more firmly than before in the Commission's agenda for a whole-economy transition. This multifaceted and increasingly intricate interplay between policy, technology, law and regulation calls for an approach to the study of EU energy law that cannot remain confined to the doctrinal, but must position itself in dialogue with other strands of legal enquiry as well as other disciplines studying the Union's energy transition. It must be able to draw on multidisciplinary research and at the same be conscious of the ways in which legal research can add value to policy and academic analysis in other disciplines.

The Energy Law Research School seeks to offer emerging scholars (doctoral and postdoctoral researchers) in EU energy law the opportunity to gain an understanding of the most important issues in the field, while sharpening their legal and interdisciplinary research skills. It will help participants navigate the complexities of the study of the EU's energy law and will support them in positioning their research output in order to maximise its impact in engaging with current EU energy issues.

In collaboration with the ERC INTEL Project (University of Eastern Finland) and the ELAWNET Project (University of Oslo), the Florence School of Regulation (FSR) convenes a forward-thinking faculty of legal experts and leverages its strong, multidisciplinary research approach in delivering this training.

Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the EU's energy agenda and acquire the necessary tools to engage with it academically. This training will empower them to contribute to the debate in an incisive and impactful manner. By receiving expert reviews and peer feedback on draft papers submitted in advance of the training, participants will be able to put these skills into action immediately.



Programme

15 September **Day 1: The Research Agenda in EU Energy Law**

09.00-09.45 Welcome session and icebreaker activity.

Max Münchmeyer | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

Kaisa Huhta | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI and University of Eastern Finland

Catherine Banet | University of Oslo

9.45-11.00 *Lecture:* Conceptualising EU Energy Law as a Discipline.

Kaisa Huhta | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI and University of Eastern Finland

11.00-11.30 *Coffee Break*

11.30-12.30 *Lecture:* The Legacy of the European Green Deal.

Max Münchmeyer | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

12.30-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-15.00 *Lecture:* Energy Markets and the Green Deal: The Implementation Challenge.

Catherine Banet | University of Oslo

15.00-16.00 *Lecture:* Energy Law and the EU's Industrial Competitiveness Agenda.

Eugenio Bruti Liberati | University of Eastern Piemonte

16.00-16.30 *Coffee Break*

16.30-18.00 *Roundtable Discussion:* The Energy Law Research Agenda for the 2024-2029 Commission.

Moderator

Max Münchmeyer | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

Panellists

Leonardo Meeus | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

Kaisa Huhta | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI and University of Eastern Finland

Catherine Banet | University of Oslo

Eugenio Bruti Liberati | University of Eastern Piemonte

16 September **Day 2: Designing and Leveraging Impactful EU Energy Law Research Projects**

9.00-10.00 *Lecture:* Energy Law Research and the World of Practice.

Vicente López-Ibor Mayor | EFELA

10.00-10.30 *Coffee Break*

10.30-12.30 *Workshop:* Identifying Impactful Opportunities for Energy Law Research.

Moderator

Sofia Nicolai | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

Panellists

Kaisa Huhta | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI and University of Eastern Finland

Lucila De Almeida | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI and NOVA University of Lisbon

12.30-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-16.00 *Breakout Sessions: Draft Paper Peer Review.*

Kaisa Huhta | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI and University of Eastern Finland

Catherine Banet | University of Oslo

Vicente López-Ibor Mayor | EFELA

Eugenio Bruti Liberati | University of Eastern Piemonte

16.00-16.30 *Coffee Break*

16.30-17.30 *Roundtable Discussion: Legal Research in FSR Projects.*

Moderator

Max Münchmeyer | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

Panellists

Sofia Nicolai | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

Alessandra Porcari | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

Elodie Petrozziello | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

17.30-18.00 *Presentation (online): Opportunities in Energy Law at ACER.*

Ernst Tremmel | ACER

17 September **Day 3: Methodology and Interdisciplinarity in Energy Law**

9.00-10.30 *Workshop: Methodology and Interdisciplinarity: Experiences and Best Practices (I).*

Lucila De Almeida | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI and NOVA University of Lisbon

Alessandra Porcari | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

10.30-11.00 *Coffee Break*

11.00-12.30 *Workshop: Methodology and Interdisciplinarity: Experiences and Best Practices (II).*

Patrick Abel | University of Innsbruck

Ginevra Le Moli | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

12.30-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-16.00 *Breakout Sessions: Draft Paper Peer Review.*

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16.00-16.30 *Coffee Break*

16.30-17.30 *Roundtable Discussion: Publishing EU Energy Law Research.*

Moderator

Max Münchmeyer | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

Panellists

Josephine van Zeben | Transnational Environmental Law (TEL)

Ginevra Le Moli | Review of European, Comparative & International Environmental Law (RECIEL)

Kaisa Huhta | Journal of Energy & Natural Resources Law (JERL)

Dimitris Panousos | European Journal of Legal Studies (EJLS)

18.00-

Farewell cocktail

Energy Law Research School



Max Münchmeyer | Florence School of Regulation

Max is a Research Associate in the Electricity Team of the Florence School of Regulation, where his work currently focuses on energy and data sharing, the future of the European Green Deal, as well as the implementation of EU energy law and policy at city level. His broader research interests also include the legal instruments and dynamics of energy governance and energy solidarity in the European Union. Before joining the FSR, Max worked in the think tank sector as a researcher specialising in EU energy and climate policy at the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) in Rome and the Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA) in Dublin. He is a Senior Editor of the European Journal of Legal Studies and previously served as the Journal's Editor-in-Chief. Max obtained his doctorate in law from the European University Institute (EUI) in 2024. He also holds a Master of Comparative, International and European Laws from the EUI, as well as law degrees from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LL.M.) and Trinity College Dublin (LL.B.).



Kaisa Huhta | UEF Law School

Dr. Kaisa Huhta is a part-time professor at the FSR and Associate Professor of European Law, especially energy law at the UEF Law School and at the Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law. She is also an expert member of the Finnish Market Court and actively carries out consultancy work in the field of energy, climate and environmental law. Her research in the nexus of EU law and the energy sector has produced publications on State aid law, free movement law, competence and institutional issues in EU law, the regulation of new energy technologies and energy investment, security and consumers in EU law. Her broader research objective is understanding the roles of law in governing the energy sector and the low-carbon energy transition in the EU. At the FSR, Dr Huhta's work contributes to the legal expertise of the team. She also teaches EU energy law in the FSR's Annual Training and Regulation of the power sector training courses.



Catherine Banet | Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law

Catherine Banet (PhD) is Professor of Law at the University of Oslo, and Head of the Department for Energy and Resources Law, Norway. Her legal research activities focus on energy market design, energy transport infrastructures regulation, support schemes and financing models, focusing on renewable energy and notably offshore wind, climate change mitigation measures such as carbon capture and storage (CCS), and hydrogen regulation. Prof. Banet has a background from the private law practice (Norway, France), the European Commission (DG ENV), U.S. diplomatic mission and academia. She is a member of the Academic Advisory Group of the Section on Energy, Environment and Infrastructure Law of the IBA, and Chair of the Board of the Norwegian Energy Law Association.



Eugenio Bruti Liberati | University of Eastern Piemonte

Professor Bruti Liberati is a Barrister of the Supreme Court and specializes in administrative law. He advises and assists in Court both private undertakings and public entities with particular reference to the following subjects: services of general economic interest, antitrust, public procurements, public contracts and agreements, environmental law, planning, cultural heritage and regulation of markets. From 1999 to 2001, he served as General Counsel of Edison S.p.A. Professor Bruti Liberati is a founding partner of GPA - GiusPubblicisti Associati. He is Director of the School of Law of Eastern Piedmont.



Leonardo Meeus | Florence School of Regulation

Leonardo Meeus is an academic who engages with EU policy and regulation, with a focus on the energy sector, and electricity markets. He is a professor at the European University Institute where he is the Director of the Florence School of Regulation and the Loyola de Palacio Chair in the Robert Schuman Centre. He is also part-time professor at the KU Leuven in the engineering department. Leonardo contributed as author, reviewer and editor to academic journals in regulatory economics, energy economics, energy law, electrical engineering, operations research and management. He published the open access book "The Evolution of Electricity Markets in Europe". He blogs about how researchers can engage with decision makers to create impact. www.leonardomeeus.com



Vicente López-Ibor Mayor | EFELA

Dr. Vicente López-Ibor Mayor is an internationally renowned jurist, former energy regulator, and entrepreneur in the energy sector. He holds a PhD in Law from the Complutense University of Madrid, awarded summa cum laude, and has completed the Advanced Management Program (AMP) at IESE Business School and is a graduate of Harvard Business School. Dr. López-Ibor Mayor has been Commissioner of the Spanish National Electricity System Commission and of the National Energy Commission, a co-founding member of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER), and Special Adviser to the European Commissioner for Energy and Transport.



Sofia Nicolai | Florence School of Regulation

Sofia Nicolai is research associate in the FSR energy research team in electricity regulation and policy. Currently, her main research interests are Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency (REMIT) and energy consumers' data sharing for flexibility services in the context of project EDDIE (European Distributed Data Infrastructure for Energy). She is also a PhD candidate in EU law at the University of Bologna. Before joining FSR in January 2022, she was a trainee in the electricity department at the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), working in the electricity wholesale market monitoring team. She graduated in law from Bologna University, Italy and completed the Master in Sustainability and Energy Management at Bocconi University.



Ginevra Le Moli | Florence School of Regulation

Ginevra Le Moli is part-time Professor at the Florence School of Regulation, European University Institute (EUI), and a Fellow at the University of Cambridge, Cambridge Centre for Environment, Energy & Natural Resource Governance (C-EENRG), where she serves as the Managing Editor of the C-EENRG Research Series. She started her academic career as Assistant Professor of Public International Law at Leiden University, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies in 2019, where she was tenured in 2021. Ginevra is a general international lawyer with research interests both in foundational areas, including human rights and environmental law, as well as emerging fields, such as the governance of negative emission technologies (including geo-engineering) and global health security. She has published over 30 studies (a monograph, edited collections, articles, chapters and policy papers), and she has co-authored several reports and studies commissioned by intergovernmental organizations.



Lucila de Almeida | Florence School of Regulation

Lucila de Almeida is a Part-time Professor at the European University Institute, Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies, Florence School of Regulation. She also holds the Abreu Chair in ESG Impact and is the Director of NOVA Green Lab at NOVA School of Law, NOVA University of Lisbon, Portugal. She holds a PhD in European Law from the European University Institute and is a licensed lawyer in Portugal and Brazil. Her fields of research are energy and climate law, focusing on its private law dimension: regulation of wholesale and retail energy markets, commercial and consumer contracts, and sustainability obligations of corporations. Lucila has been involved in several research projects as a project leader, researcher, and consultant. These projects have been funded by prestigious organisations. Her work has led to numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals and books.



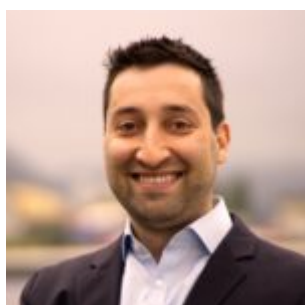
Alessandra Porcari | Florence School of Regulation

Alessandra joined the Electricity Team of the Florence School of Regulation as a Research Associate in November 2024. At the FSR, she is currently investigating EU legislation on energy sharing and its implementation at the national level – being involved in the Horizon project “U2Demo” – as well as the interplay between EU consumer law and the development of new energy services. Since January 2022, she has been a PhD candidate in EU law at the University of Trento, with a final thesis aimed at exploring the technology neutrality principle, critically assessing its boundaries and interpretative challenges in the context of the European green transition. As part of her PhD programme, she gained practical experience as a legal practitioner at Dolomiti Energia Group in Trento. Moreover, she carried out research stays at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg and the NOVA Green Lab at NOVA School of Law in Lisbon. She is also a qualified lawyer in Italy.



Elodie Petrozziello | Florence School of Regulation

Elodie is a Research Assistant at FSR Transport. She holds a Law degree from the University of Westminster and a master's degree in EU Trade and Climate Diplomacy from LUISS School of Government. She is a qualified Policy Officer in European and International Organizations. Her collaboration with the FSR Transport area has started in 2024. She supports research on transport policies. Her main research interests are digitalisation of transport modes, sustainable urban mobility, and optimisation of transport infrastructures. Before joining FSR Transport, Elodie has gained professional experience at the European Commission, where she was supporting DG MOVE in the implementation of policies in the field of transport investment and innovation strategies for Horizon Europe programme.



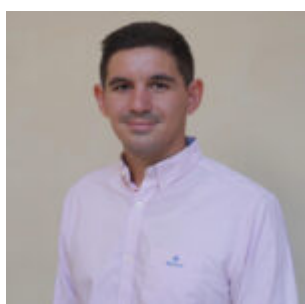
Patrick Abel | University of Innsbruck

Patrick Abel is assistant professor (tenure track) at the University of Innsbruck, Austria. Patrick specializes in EU and international environmental and economic law, including climate and energy law.



Josephine van Zeben | Florence School of Transnational Governance

Josephine van Zeben is Provost for Education and Academic Staff Development and full-time professor at the Florence School of Transnational Governance. As Provost for Education and Academic Staff Development, Professor van Zeben leads the EUI's educational initiatives, encompassing doctoral supervision, master's education, executive education, and postdoctoral programmes, together with the Dean of Graduate Studies and Academic Director of the Max Weber Programme and other Fellowships. She is also responsible for academic staff development, promoting an inclusive, diverse working culture that upholds academic excellence and reflects the EUI's values. Professor van Zeben's research focuses on the regulation of transnational issues by public and private actors across jurisdictions, with particular attention to polycentric governance theory and developments related to the European Union. Her work on the EU as a polycentric system exemplifies this line of her research. The other main lines of her research speak to environmental problems, which are often intrinsically transnational. Another important aspect of her academic activities centres on the teaching of law to non-law students and lawyers from foreign jurisdictions.



Dimitris Panousos | European University Institute

Dimitris Panousos is a PhD candidate in Public International Law at the European University Institute (scholar of the Hellenic State Scholarships Foundation - IKY) and a Researcher at the AthensPIL since May 2020. His research focuses on general international law with a specific interest to the law of the sea. Parallel to that, he is the Editor-in-Chief of the European Journal of Legal Studies (EJLS). Dimitris has studied law at the University of Athens (LL.B. - cum laude) and holds two LL.M. degrees: one in International and European Law from the University of Athens (Valedictorian/Summa cum laude) and one in Public International Law

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