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 - 14:30 **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

14:30 - 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:
Julia Michalak, EUI

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
Karen Trant, CEER
Rosalinde Van der Vlies, DG ENER

17:30 - 17:45 Closing Remarks by:

Alberto Pototschnig, EUI, FSR
Joshua Hodge, MIT

18:00 - 19:00 Networking Cocktail at EUI