



PhD Workshop

Turkey in the Global Energy Scene: Economic and Political Dimensions of Turkey's Rising Importance

September 29-30, 2015

Istanbul Policy Center, Karaköy, Istanbul, Turkey

Guaranteeing energy security is one of the most important challenges facing today's societies. With regard to European energy supply security, Turkey's role has grown gradually over the past decades. The recent crises in Ukraine, in particular, have sparked European interest in the possibility of additional oil and gas supply through Turkey. In fact, according to Turkish officials, the country has the potential to become the most important energy hub of the surrounding region due its pivotal geographical position. Yet the country's rising energy demand and sparse fossil fuel resources threaten its own supply security.

In light of current circumstances, the Institute of Energy Economics (EWI) and the Jean Monnet Chair for European Politics at the University of Cologne in cooperation with the Middle East Technical University have initiated an interdisciplinary research project entitled "Turkey's Potential as a Future Energy Hub – Economic Developments and Political Options", which is funded by the Stiftung Mercator under the framework program entitled "Contemporary Turkey Studies".

This PhD Workshop, organized within the context of the project, is meant to provide a solid platform for junior researchers to discuss the main elements of Turkey's changing role in the global energy scene. PhD students of economics, political science and international relations are welcome to submit papers that deal with topics related to Turkey's future role in European energy supply security. Possible research questions could deal with, e.g., geopolitical aspects, economic relations or regional and global trends that may affect Turkey's ability to contribute to the European energy market.

Application and Funding

Please send your extended abstracts to Dr. Istemi Berk at istemi.berk@ewi.uni-koeln.de by the submission deadline, May 15, 2015. Extended abstracts should include the research question, contribution to existing literature and methodology to be applied. There are only a limited number of places available in the workshop. The submissions will be evaluated by the scientific committee and notifications of acceptance will be sent by June 1, 2015. After receiving this notice, accepted participants are requested to send their full papers by August 31, 2015. There will be no registration fee and one night of accommodation will be provided. Participants are responsible for all traveling expenses.

Workshop Format

Each participant will present her/his paper for 15-20 minutes. Presentations will be followed by reviews. Each participant is expected to review a paper of another participant. Match-ups will be announced along with the program details and each presenter will receive the paper she/he is supposed to review.

Venue

The workshop will be held at the Istanbul Policy Center (Istanbul Politikalar Merkezi), Bankalar Caddesi, Minerva Han, No: 2, Kat: 2, Karaköy, 34420 Karaköy / Istanbul – TURKEY, Tel.: +90 212 292 4939.

Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline: May 15, 2015

Notification of accepted papers and program details: June 1, 2015

Paper submission deadline: August 31, 2015

Workshop Date: September 29-30, 2015

Scientific Committee

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