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Energy Transition in Times of Energy Crisis

2 December 2022, Singapore

This conference brings together relevant scholars and experts from Singapore, China, Japan, South Korea, UK, and Germany to discuss the current hot issues on climate change, energy transition, and impact of Russia-Ukraine War on the global energy landscape. In a bid to mitigate climate change, a global energy transition is underway as economies attempt to transform their energy sectors from a fossil-based one to zero-carbon by the second half of this century in a bid to reduce energy-related CO2 emissions. This is to be achieved through government strategies and policies, as well as the availability of low carbon technologies, and subject to the underlying institutional, political, economic and other factors that promote or constrain progress and the path taken. However, as the world tries to shift to renewable energy, the war in Ukraine may put the energy transition in danger. The energy crisis in Europe has alerted governments worldwide to strengthen their energy security targets. In this conference scholars and experts will address these hot and timely topics.

Topics to be covered include:

- The evolving global energy transition landscape;
- Impacts of Russia-Ukraine War;
- How the war in Ukraine is turning the German energy system upside down;
- Energy transition and energy security in Asia.

When

Friday, 2 December 2022
9:15 am – 12:30 pm

Where

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel,
Singapore,
Level 4, Canary Room

Admission

Free and open to public with lunch provided. Advanced registration is required.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:45 am-9:15 am **Registration**

9:15 am-9:30 am **Opening Address**

Professor Lee Poh Seng

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9:30 am-10:30 am **Session 1: Energy Transition in Times of Energy Crisis**

Energy transition, global energy sector's shift from fossil-based systems to renewable energy sources was proposed decades ago. However, the fight against climate change remains one of the biggest challenges humanity must face in the 21st century and we all need to be involved in the process of moving toward a decarbonized economy. With this in mind, what is the overall landscape of the energy transition situation across the world? What is the world's energy transitions outlook? In this session, the panelists will provide the key findings from the one-day workshop held the day before the conference. They will talk about the following:

- Global energy dilemma: Tracking the fallout from the Ukraine crisis
- The impact of the war in Ukraine on global energy landscape and the race to climate-neutrality
- Decarbonisation Strategies and The Role of Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS)

Q&A will take place in Session 2 after the tea break.

Moderator: Yao Lixia

Panel:

Yu Kaho
Malte Küper
Esin Serin

10:30 am-11:00 am **Tea Break**

11:00 am-12:25 pm **Session 2: Panel Discussion and Q&A**

In this panel, participants will further discuss the issues raised in the previous session. Additionally, they will shed light on energy transition and decarbonisation policies of several Northeast Asian and Southeast Asian countries, including China, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, and so on. The speakers will cover the status, the challenges as well as the problems these countries are facing. Further, they will also take questions from the audience, including the questions audience may have from the talk in the first session.

Moderator: Wu Kang

Panel:

Esin Serin,
Malte Küper
Yu Kaho
Shi Xunpeng
Keiichi Ishihara
Pil Seok Kwon
Mary Ann Quirapas-Franco

12:25 pm-12:30 pm **Closing Remarks**

Yao Lixia

12:30 pm **End of Conference**

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The German Economic Institute is a private, non-commercial research institute. It is supported by employers' associations, business associations and companies. The IW's work is characterized by a close link between scientific analysis based on sound theoretical knowledge, empirically supported research and target-group-oriented public relations work. Clients and project partners include federal and state ministries, the European Union, foundations, business organizations and companies. The thematic cluster Digitalisation and Climate Action is a special unit within the Institute. With the German economy undergoing a comprehensive transformation process, the cluster examines how companies operate in a market environment that is evolving in line with these structural changes.

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Dr. Kaho Yu is the Head of Energy and Resources at Verisk Maplecroft. He is an energy and climate policy specialist with over 10 years of research experience working in think tanks, the private sector, and academia across China, the US and Asia Pacific. In addition, Kaho is Maplecroft's Lead China Analyst, providing advice to multinational companies on China's economy, policy trends, ESG landscape and geopolitical risks.

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