

Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Module M.WIWI-VWL.0146: Political Economy of Global Energy Markets	6 C 2 WLH
Learning outcome, core skills: Students will learn to examine the phenomena of transition and energy geopolitics from a political economy perspective, interpreting qualitative information and quantitative data. They will engage in discussions with a particular focus on two key aspects: power relations and the concept of 'energy ideology'. Through lectures, class discussion and student presentations, the course will equip students with the ability to critically analyse the transition and contemporary geopolitics of energy, utilising a structured analytical framework that will be developed throughout the course.	Workload: Attendance time: 28 h Self-study time: 152 h
Course: M.WIWI-VWL.0146.Sem Political Economy of Global Energy Markets (Seminar) Contents: The course is structured in three blocks, relating "energy thinking" to the design of hegemonic energy models. Thinking Energy through Political Economy: This bloc explores how Political Economy has shaped the energy narrative from the Industrial Revolution to the present. It emphasizes that the choice of energy models —how energy is captured, transformed, and used—is influenced by power dynamics. International Oil and World Order: The second bloc examines how the mainstream energy narrative contributed to the Capitalist world order in the 20th century, establishing governance structures for the international oil industry. This section aims to illustrate that energy models arise from historical processes. Critical Thoughts on Energy Transition: The final bloc critically examines the energy transition, focusing on its narrative and implications for global power relations. The sessions explore the resurgence of nuclear energy discourse, the geopolitical significance of gas and hydrogen and the role of techno-scientific ideology in shaping energy models.	2 WLH
Examination: Term paper (max. 15 pages) M.WIWI-VWL.0146.Mp: Political Economy of Global Energy Markets Examination prerequisites: Regular attendance and student presentation	6 C
Examination requirements: The final exam will consist of a written essay on a topic proposed by the lecturer. The short assignments throughout the course and the regular attendance will be requisite for admittance to the final exam. A short, ungraded report will be completed for the excursion.	
Admission requirements: none	Recommended previous knowledge: none

Language: English	Person responsible for module: Prof. Dr. Hartmut Berghoff Gastdozent Aurelia Mane Estrada
Course frequency: each winter semester	Duration: 1 semester[s]
Number of repeat examinations permitted: twice	Recommended semester: 3
Maximum number of students: 25	