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- The Department of Energy Transition brings together a team of lawyers and economists who combine legal and economic expertise in research on just transition and the development of the green economy. The Department's academic and expert achievements are highly regarded both in Poland and internationally in the fields of energy transition, energy law, and climate policy. The Head and Founder of the Department is Professor Marzena Czarnecka, former Minister of Industry of Poland.

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6TH NOVEMBER

INTERNATIONAL DAY

8:30–9:30

Registration and coffee

9:30–9:40

Welcome speech by the Organizer EN

Marcin Kraśniewski, Ph.D.

*Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Conference,
University of Economics in Katowice*

9:40–10:00

Opening of the Conference

Prof. Maciej Nowak

Vice-Rector of the University of Economics in Katowice

Prof. Marzena Czarnecka

*Head of Department of Energy Transition of the University
of Economics in Katowice*

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10:00–10:30

Distinguished Keynote Address EN
EU Energy Policy at a Crossroads

Prof. Raphael Heffron

*Abu Dhabi University, Chairman of the Presidium of the Program
Council of the Conference, United Arab Emirates*

10:30–12:30

Plenary session EN

Paths Toward a Just and Secure Energy Transition in Europe

Chair: Marcin Kraśniewski, Ph.D.

University of Economics in Katowice, Poland

10:30–10:45

Local Content as a Challenge for the Just Energy Transition

Prof. Marzena Czarnecka

University of Economics in Katowice, Poland

10:45–11:00	Energy Justice in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Balancing Digital Power and Social Equity in Europe's Energy Transition <i>Prof. Robert Szuchy</i> <i>Károli Gáspár University, Hungary</i>
11:00–11:15	E'Just transition' new avenues and its consequences on employment <i>Prof. Katarzyna Gromek-Broc</i> <i>University of Pavia, Italy</i>
11:15–11:30	Shaping Tomorrow's Energy Order: Balancing Security, Sovereignty and Justice <i>Prof. Valeriia Lyamar</i> <i>Vasyl' Stus Donetsk National University, Ukraine</i>
11:30–11:45	Energy Transition: lessons from geothermal energy <i>Prof. Jurgita Malinauskaite</i> <i>Brunel University, United Kingdom; Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania</i>
11:45–12:00	From Interconnection to Interoperability: The Regulatory Dimension of the Baltic States' Electricity Grid <i>Prof. Saulė Milčiuvienė</i> <i>Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania</i>
12:00–12:30	Discussion
12:30–13:00	Distinguished Keynote Address EN Powering the Future: Enea's Strategic Transformation Towards a Sustainable Energy Ecosystem <i>Grzegorz Kinelski, Ph.D.</i> <i>President of the Management Board of ENEA S.A., WSB University in Dąbrowa Górnicza, Poland</i>
13:00–13:45	Lunch

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13:45–15:15

Legal and Policy Pathways for a Just and Sustainable Energy Transition

Chair: Prof. Katarzyna Maćkowska
John Paul Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

13:45–14:00

Science Diplomacy for a Just Energy Transition: governance, data, and responsibility across borders

Damiano Fuschi, Ph.D.

University of Milan and University of Pavia, Italy

14:00–14:15

The Role of Green Bonds within the Framework of International Investment Law

Erman Eroğlu, Ph.D.

Ankara Social Sciences University, Turkey

14:15–14:30

The EU's external policy on hydrogen investments: just transition or a green trojan horse?

Mirko Camanna, Ph.D.

Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, Netherlands

14:30–14:45

Chinese industrial policy for electro mobility. Lessons for the EU State Aid rules

Prof. Łukasz Grzejdziak

University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom; University of Łódź, Poland

14:45–15:00

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: Legal Regulations and European Union Practices

Prof. Fatih Buğra Erdem

Ankara Social Sciences University, Turkey online

15:00–15:15

Discussion

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13:45–15:15

Panel The costs and value of the energy transition: between justice and efficiency

Chair: Prof. Tomasz Długosz

Jagiellonia University, Poland

13:45–14:00

Governing Critical Minerals for a Just and Sustainable Energy Transition in ASEAN: Insights from the EU

Mohammad Hazrati, Ph.D.

National University of Singapore, Singapore

14:00–14:15

Navigating a new justice framework for Cities research***Alicia Phillips, Ph.D.****University of Pau, France*

14:15–14:30

AI, Clean Energy Law and Constitutional Dialogue: Fundamental Rights Challenges in the EU Energy Transition***György Kovács, Ph.D.****Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary*

14:30–14:45

Behavioral Tools, Just Transition, and the Ethics of Energy Regulation: Navigating Regressive Risks in Decarbonization Policies***Prof. Rute Saraiva****University of Lisbon, Portugal, online*

14:45–15:00

Trust and Transparency in the Green Economy: How Poland Addresses the Challenge of Greenwashing***Grzegorz Zych****University of Economics in Katowice, Poland*

15:00–15:15

Discussion

15:15–15:40

Coffee break**A****Conference room CINiBA****Parallel sessions EN**

15:40–17:10

Global Perspectives on Energy Justice and Regulatory Frameworks***Chair: Prof. Adam Drobniak****University of Economics in Katowice, Poland*

15:40–15:55

Unpacking Islamic Finance and Energy Justice in Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates: Complementary or opposing principles?***Halima I. Hussein, Ph.D.****University of Pau, France*

15:55–16:10

Control of standard terms in energy performance contracts**Emine Meliknur Kiliç, LL.M.***Izmir Bakircay University, Turkey*

16:10–16:25

Just Transition and the Safety of Offshore Wind Energy Workers in the UK**Eddy Wiffa, Ph.D.***University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom*

16:25–16:40

European and national laws on offshore windmills**Fanny Berrezai***European Federation of Energy Law Associations,
Luxembourg*

16:40–16:55

Nuclear Energy: Part of the Just Transition in the Western Balkans – or Not?**Strahinja Obrenović, Ph.D.***University of Belgrade, Serbia, online*

16:55–17:10

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Energy Security and Cyber Governance in the Era of Twin Transitions**Chair: Prof. Michał Krzykowski***University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland*

15:40–15:55

Energy Systems and the National Cybersecurity System**Prof. Małgorzata Ganczar***John Paul Catholic University of Lublin, Poland*

15:55–16:10

The challenge of security in a decarbonising electricity system: the Italian way for a resilient market design

Federico Gallo

En-Creative, Italy

16:10–16:25

Cybersecurity and Battery Energy Storage Systems: Legal Challenges and Implications for Energy Justice

Zuzanna Brocka

University of Pavia, Italy

16:25–16:40

Black out. The role of operators, joint responsibility of system users, necessary changes to the law

Marcin Marszałek, Ph.D.

WSPiA University in Rzeszow, Poland

16:40–16:55

Computational Justice in Energy Governance: Decolonial Legal Frameworks for SDG 7

Rabai Boudershem, Ph.D.

Prince Mohammad bin Fahd University, Saudi Arabia

16:55–17:10

Discussion

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End of the first day of the conference

20:00

Dinner (Monopol Hotel)

10:00–10:30

Distinguished Keynote Address PL***Wojciech Wrochna****Vice-Minister of Energy, Poland*

10:30–11:45

Plenary session (Panel discussion) PL**Blackout as a Challenge to the Security of Energy Infrastructure in the Era of Energy Transition*****Chair: Prof. Marzena Czarnecka****University of Economics in Katowice, former Polish Ministry of Industry, Poland****Speakers:******Borys Budka, Ph.D****Members of the European Parliament (2024–present),
adjunct of the Department of Energy Transition of the
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11:45–12:10

Coffee break

12:10–13:15

Plenary session (Panel discussion) PL Regulation for the Decarbonisation of Transport and Fuels and Gas

Chair: Marcin Kraśniewski, Ph.D.

University of Economics in Katowice, Poland

Speakers:

Prof. Katarzyna Bilińska

University of Economics in Katowice, Poland

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13:15–14:00

Lunch

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14:00–15:30

Panel discussion

Sustainable Financing and Local Development in the Context of the Energy Transition

Chair: Prof. Mirosław Pawełczyk

University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland

Prof. Łukasz Bartela

Silesian University of Technology, Poland

Dorota Benduch, Ph.D.

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Energy Regulatory Office, Poland

Igor Muszyński

Orlen S.A., Poland

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Transparency, Trust and Ethics in the Governance of the Green Transition

Chair: Prof. Ewa Dziwok

University of Economics in Katowice, Poland

14:00–14:15

The EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism – a Concrete Barrier or a Fig Leaf? On the Legal Determinants of the Mechanism Affecting the Competitiveness of Doing Business in the European Union

Piotr Mikusek

University of Warsaw, Poland

14:15–14:30

**ESG Performance. Toward Impact and Value Creation
An integrated approach to decarbonization: assumptions and challenges of the Net-Zero Poland project**

Prof. Anna Skorek-Osikowska

Silesian University of Technology, Poland

14:30–14:45

The electricity bill as a challenge of the energy transition in the light of consumer research

Aleksandra Lubicz-Posochowska, Ph.D.

University of Economics in Katowice, Poland

14:45–15:00

Youth Engagement in the Energy Communities in the Light of Energy Justice

Barłomiej Kupiec

Jagiellonia University, Poland

15:00–15:15

Legal conditions for the development of Citizen Energy Communities in Poland

Daria Kostecka-Jurczyk Ph.D.

University of Wrocław, Poland

15:15–15:30

Assessment of green hydrogen investment projects in Europe – is this the end of the "hydrogen gold rush"?

Tomasz Codogni

University of Economics in Katowice, Poland

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Discussion

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End of Conference and Thanks PL

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