

Energy Economics - Energy Sector Modeling (EW-MOD)

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Course Details

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Registration: Fill out the registration survey [here](#).

Course Description

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the fundamentals of energy system modeling, guiding participants through the basics and offering a detailed, step-by-step approach to model expansion. It delves into the techno-economic aspects of energy and power systems, shedding light on the driving forces behind their development and operation. Throughout the course, students will engage in hands-on exercises and discussions, equipping them with the analytical skills necessary to tackle contemporary challenges in the energy sector.

Adding to the rich learning experience, the course features guest lectures from distinguished practitioners in both research and industry, bringing diverse perspectives and insights into the real-world applications of energy system modeling. Collaborative learning is emphasized through group homework assignments, encouraging students to work together and apply theoretical knowledge to practical problems. The course concludes with a final term paper, where students will have the opportunity to conduct an in-depth analysis of a specific aspect of energy system modeling.

Course Schedule

| Date | Topic | Literature |
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| 15. April | Introduction and julia installation | [1] |
| 22. April | Fundamentals of OR and julia | [1] |
| 29. April | Introduction to energy system modeling | [2], [3] |
| 06. May | Renewable energies and timeseries | [4], [5] |
| 13. May | Flexibility and storage | [6], [7] |
| 20. May | Guest Lectures I | |
| 27. May | Transportation of energy in general | |
| 03. June | DC load-flow | [8] |
| 10. June | Pathways and emissionsI | [9], [10] |
| 17. June | Guest Lectures II | |
| 24. June | No lecture this week! | |
| 01. July | Discussion of term paper topics | |
| 08. July | Guest Lectures III | |
| 15. July | Presentation of term paper ideas | |

Literature

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