

The Electricity Policy Forum

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Electricity Policy Research Group

- Research Director: David Newbery
- Staff Researchers: 7
- PhD Students: 4
- Associate Researchers: 18
- Three Research Projects:
 - CMI Electricity Project, SUPERGEN (EPSRC), SESSA (EU)
- Education Activities: MPhils and PhDs
- Membership Division: Electricity Policy Forum

Electricity Policy Forum: Context

- Rising public and political awareness
 - justify commitment public funds to energy
- Ongoing liberalisation in ESI
 - risks high but so too are potential rewards for those willing to embrace risks
- Diversity of approaches
 - need to understand specific drivers of change and appreciate differences (not one-size fits all)

The Challenge for Industry Players

- **Evolving policy**
 - Environmental regulations
 - Competition policy issues
 - R+D support policies
- **Liberalisation**
 - increasing competition
 - characteristics vary by country
- **Regionalisation**
 - lack effective framework for coordination
 - technical problems integrating systems designed to be stand-alone
- **International experience**
 - Valuable lessons from and for US and developing countries

Research: a key part of the solution

- **Complex policy problems require research**
- **Who is doing it?**
 - private sector R&D intensity in ESI falling
 - public sector funding of University based research projects rising
- **But**
 - research necessarily highly technical
 - private sector skills to analyse findings have diminished
 - resources and skills in Universities to communicate findings limited due to limitations of funding model

Electricity Policy Forum (1)

- **Objectives**

- Provide intellectual leadership of critical dialogue going to centre of policy debate
- Facilitate access to research findings and policy implications for member organisations
- Fund high quality dissemination and thought leadership capacity

- **Foundations**

- outstanding research resulting from established EPRG staff researchers and associate network
- existing network of relationships with regulators, policy makers and industry
- focus on ESI

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- **Events**

- Spring and Winter Research Seminars
 - invitation only
 - understand drivers for change
 - participate in and inform policy debate
 - leverage committed public funds
- Special interest Research Workshops

- **Ongoing support**

- Non-technical summaries of working papers
 - exclusive to members for 6 months
- Corporate members
 - two tailored visits per year by researchers and EPF staff for confidential discussions

Membership

- **Institutional Membership** **£2,000 pa**
 - two tickets to EPF events
 - EPRG newsletter
 - Early access to non-technical synopses of working papers
 - Access to Members' intranet
- **Corporate Membership** **£15,000 pa**
 - two tailored briefings per year
 - Annual Members' dinner
 - Opportunity to shape EPRG research programme

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