EPRG Spring Research Seminar 13-14 May 2010

Thursday 13 May  -- Grace Howard Room, Downing College,
19:00 – 19:30  Reception
19:30 – 22:00 Dinner

Friday 14 May  -- Gillespie Centre, Clare College
09:00  Registration and coffee
09:30 Welcome and introduction - David Newbery

09:40 – 10:50  SESSION 1 – ENERGY DEMAND
Chair:  Ben Hobbs (EPRG)
Julian Allwood (Univ. of Cambridge) Energy and material efficiency
Michael Pollitt (EPRG) Economics of energy demand
10:50 – 11:20  Coffee break

11:20 – 12:30  SESSION 2 – UK POLICY AND POLITICS
Chair:  Pierre Noel (EPRG)
David Newbery (EPRG) Carbon tax versus low-carbon obligation
Willy Rickett (formerly DECC) Reconciling politics and policy
12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:10  SESSION 3 – ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION
Chair:  David Reiner (EPRG)
Vladimir Parail (EPRG) Economics of interconnectors
Robert Hull (Ofgem) Tender auctions for offshore transmission in the UK
15:10 – 15:40 Tea

15:40 – 16:50  SESSION 4 – MANAGING UNCERTAINTY
Chair:  William Nuttall (EPRG)
Rutger-Jan Lange (EPRG) Optimal support for renewable deployment
Ben Hobbs & Harry van der Weijde (EPRG) Transmission planning under uncertainty
16:55-17:00 Concluding word – David Newbery