EPRG Spring Seminar 10-11 May 2018
in partnership with FTI Consulting and Compass Lexecon
“Preparing for the Energy Transition”

Thursday 10 May
Dining Hall, Westminster College (Madingley Road, Cambridge, CB3 0AA, UK)

18:30 – 22:00  Reception, keynote speech & dinner
Speaker: Prof. Diane Coyle (University of Cambridge) The Economics of Enough

Friday 11 May
Howard Theatre, Downing College (Regent Street, Cambridge CB2 1DQ, UK)

08:30  Registration and coffee
09:00  Welcome and introduction - David Newbery

09:10 – 10:20  SESSION 1 – THE ROLE OF GAS IN ENERGY TRANSITIONS
Chair: Jason Mann (FTI-Compass Lexecon Energy)
Jonathan Stern (OIES) Challenges to the Future of Gas
Alaric Marsden (FTI-Compass Lexecon Energy) Gas as a key enabler of flexible electricity generation

10:20 – 10:50  Coffee Break

10:50 – 12:00  SESSION 2 – ROUNDTABLE: BRINGING SENSE TO THE BREXIT DEBATE: WHAT SHOULD INDUSTRY BE LOOKING FOR?
Chair: David Reiner (EPRG)
Jason Mann (FTI-Compass Lexecon Energy)
Michael Pollitt (EPRG)
Janez Kopac (Energy Community Secretariat)
Jenny Pyper (Northern Ireland Authority For Utility Regulation)

12:00 - 13:00  Lunch

13:00 – 14:10  SESSION 3 – SMART POLICIES FOR ENERGY TRANSITION
Chair: Michael Pollitt (EPRG)
Cathy McClay (National Grid) GB Ancillary Services Market: Taking Stock & Looking Forward
Peter Cramton (University of Maryland) The Role of Auctions in Accommodating Renewables
Robert Ritz (EPRG) When is a carbon price floor desirable?

14:10 – 14:40  Afternoon Tea

14:40 – 15:50  SESSION 4 – REGULATION AND INNOVATION FOR SMARTER AND CLEANER ENERGY MARKETS & NETWORKS
Chair: Alaric Marsden (FTI-Compass Lexecon Energy)
Laura Diaz Anadon (University of Cambridge) Government funding and support for energy RD&D: what do we know about outcomes?
Steve McMahon (Ofgem) Ofgem experience with the network innovation competitions
Ljubo Mitrasevic (FTI-Compass Lexecon Energy) The RIIO2 price control: the opportunities and challenges ahead

15:55-16:00  Concluding word – David Newbery