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# Governing Decarbonisation in Scotland



## Exploring policy frameworks for energy system change

The UK has set ambitious targets for an 80% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, with a similar Climate Change Bill in Scotland. However, there are concerns that the current policy framework, with its emphasis on market-based tools, is not sufficient to deliver 80% decarbonisation. This research programme aims to investigate alternative policy approaches, and their potential for application in Scotland. The programme will engage with theory about systems transitions as well as learning from international policy experiences.

These issues will be explored in a series of workshops at the Institute for Advanced Studies (University of Strathclyde, Glasgow) in the autumn of 2009. Three interdisciplinary workshops will bring together high-level participants from the UK and abroad, including academics, policy makers and other stakeholders.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage with an interesting range of people and ideas during interactive sessions. There will be keynote presentations to spark ideas and stimulate discussion. Speakers so far have included Colin Imrie (Scottish Government), Hugo Brouwer (Energy Transitions Directorate, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Netherlands), Dr Adrian Smith (University of Sussex, SPRU) and Professor Andrew Jamison (Aalborg University, Denmark).

### **Workshop 1: Exploring transitions to decarbonisation: theory and practice** **September 3-4 (Thursday-Friday)**

Including interactive group work and presentations on:

- The policy challenge of delivering decarbonisation
- Market instruments and other policy options
- Dutch experience of transitions policy

### **Workshop 2: Implementing transition policies in Scotland** **November 18-19 (Wednesday-Thursday)**

Including interactive group work and presentations on:

- The Scottish policy context
- Local, national and European levels of policy making

### **Workshop 3: Identifying opportunities for further collaboration** **Date TBD**

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There is no fee for the workshops. However, participation at each event will be limited to 25. Travel grants will be available to a small number of early career researchers. If you would like to participate please send an email to: [decarbonisation@instituteofadvancedstudies.org.uk](mailto:decarbonisation@instituteofadvancedstudies.org.uk). Or, for further information, please contact Nils Markusson at +44 131 650 7010 or [nils.markusson@ed.ac.uk](mailto:nils.markusson@ed.ac.uk)

