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Energy Transition: A Reassuring Future Built on an Imaginary Past



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Join us to deepen your understanding of the history and politics behind the idea of “energy transition”.

This webinar examines how the concept of transition—moving from wood to coal, coal to oil, and now towards renewables or nuclear—has shaped our collective imagination of climate solutions. While often presented as a natural progression of science, innovation, and capitalism, this narrative overlooks the fact that energy sources historically accumulate rather than simply replace one another. Tracing the rise of “energy transition” since the 1970s, the session explores how this idea has informed contemporary policy frameworks, including the European Green Deal and the EU’s climate and energy targets, and why policymakers and institutions embraced this powerful yet misleading vision of a future without a past.



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