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Dr. Michael LaBelle is a full professor and head of the department in the Environmental Sciences and Policy Department at Central European University. In 2022, he held the position of Open Society University Network Senior Fellow, at the Queen Elizabeth II Academy for Leadership in International Affairs, based at Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs. He is an International Member of the Centre for Energy and Natural Resources Innovation and Transformation (CENRIT) at Macquarie University, Australia. He is the former holder of the Jean Monnet Chair in Energy and Innovation Strategies at Central European University. From 2017 - 2021 he held the Jean Monnet Chair in Energy Innovations and Strategies at CEU, awarded by the European Commission.

Professor LaBelle produces the podcast, [My Energy 2050](#). His research focuses on energy transitions, innovation, energy justice, and governance. His book, 'Energy Cultures: Technology, Justice, and Geopolitics in Eastern Europe' was published by Edward Elgar, 2020. His research focuses on energy justice, geopolitics, and culture in the energy transition. He holds a strong expertise in the Central Eastern European region. Teaching themes include: energy markets, policies, and sustainability in business. Project work done includes the European Commission, European Parliament, United States Agency for International Development, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Energy Regulators Regional Association and with energy consulting companies. He holds an MSc and PhD in Geographical Sciences from the University of Bristol.

## A. EDUCATION

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| 2001 – 2006     | <b>Ph.D. in Geographical Sciences</b> , University of Bristol, UK<br><i>Dissertation: Powering the Deregulation of Electricity: The (Re)Organization of Space and Scale through Neoliberal Regulations.</i> Examines electricity deregulation in Michigan and Wisconsin, assesses political-economic and spatial strategies of energy companies and the US Federal Government.<br><i>Learning emphasis:</i> Political-economic geography, qualitative methods, U.S. regional and national energy policy |
| 2000 – 2002     | <b>M.Sc. in Geographical Sciences</b> , University of Bristol, UK<br><i>Thesis: The Divorce of the Hungarian Nation from its Territory: Globalization and Regionalization in East Central Europe.</i> Examines Hungarian nationalism and reintegration of the Diaspora.<br><i>Learning emphasis:</i> Economic geography, nature and society, philosophy, urban and regional policy, and qualitative methods   |
| 1996 -1998      | <b>B.A. in Geography &amp; International Studies</b> cum laude, University of Minnesota Duluth<br><i>Learning emphasis:</i> Cultural geography, economic geography, geographic thought, public land policy, and Russian studies   |
| 1995 – 1996     | <b>International Relations</b> , Michigan State University<br><i>Learning emphasis:</i> International security and Russian  |
| 1/1994 – 6/1994 | <b>Certificate in International Relations</b> , Umeå University, Sweden<br><i>Learning emphasis:</i> International organizations and the Cold War   |
| 1992 – 1995     | <b>A.A. in Communications and Speech</b> , Northwestern Michigan College, Traverse City, MI<br><i>Learning emphasis:</i> Journalism, economics, and biology   |

## B. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 8/2025 – present** **Full Professor**, *Central European University, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy Department, Austria*
- 8/2024 – present** **Head of Department**, *Central European University, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy Department, Austria*
- 9/2022 – present** **International Member**, *Centre for Energy and Natural Resources Innovation and Transformation (CENRIT) at Macquarie University, Australia.*
- 1/2017 – 7/2025** **Associate Professor**, *Central European University, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy Department, Austria*
- 3/2022 – 12/2022** **Open Society University Network Senior Academy Fellow**, at the Queen Elizabeth II Academy for Leadership in International Affairs, based at Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs.
- 1/2022 – present** **Geneva Business School**, faculty advisor, Doctorate of Business Administration
- 8/2017 – 2/2021** **Jean Monnet Chair** in Energy and Innovation Strategies, Central European University
- 8/2012 – 8/2022** **Assistant and Associate Professor**, *Central European University, joint appointment CEU Business School & Environmental Sciences and Policy*
- 8/2012 – 12/2016** **Assistant Professor**, *Central European University, CEU Business School and Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy Department,*
- 4/2011 – 2/2012** **Research Project Manager**, *Central European University, Center for Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Policy, Budapest, Hungary*  
Develop and manage research projects; provide support to junior researchers; oversee center's budget
- 1/2010 – 4/2011** **Independent Consultant**, *Limax Energy, Budapest, Hungary*  
Consultant on energy market and regulatory studies; project development
- 5/2005 – 12/2009** **Research Associate**, *Corvinus University of Budapest, Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research (REKK), Budapest, Hungary*  
Research energy policies and regulations; proposal writing and project coordination; instructor on specialized energy regulatory courses
- 2004** **Researcher**, *West of England Strategic Partnership, Bristol, UK*  
Analyze competitiveness of economic sectors in South West England

## C. SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

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### 1. PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

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- LaBelle, M. C., T. Szép, and G. Tóth. "Why Neighbors Matter in the Energy Transition: The Diffusion of Social Practices, Technologies, and Knowledge between Municipalities." *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Transition* 7 (June 1, 2025): 100109. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rset.2025.100109>.

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- LaBelle, Michael Carnegie. "Breaking the Era of Energy Interdependence in Europe: A Multidimensional Reframing of Energy Security, Sovereignty, and Solidarity." *Energy Strategy Reviews* 52 (March 2024): 101314. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.esr.2024.101314>.
- LaBelle, Michael Carnegie, and Tekla Szep. "Europe's Green Deal: Is the Middle Class Left Behind?" *Journal of Public Governance*, 61, no. 3 (2023): 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.15678/PG.2022.61.3.02>.
- Tekla, Szép, Tóth Géza, and Michael Carnegie LaBelle. "A lakossági energiafelhasználás csökkentése a humán fejlettség megtartásával: a középosztály előtt álló kihívások." *Hungarian Statistical Review / Statisztikai Szemle* 101, no. 8 (August 1, 2023): 687–714. <https://doi.org/10.20311/stat2023.08.hu0687>.
- LaBelle, Michael Carnegie. "Energy as a Weapon of War: Lessons from 50 Years of Energy Interdependence." *Global Policy* [pre-print available] Accessed June 8, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1758-5899.13235>.
- Herberg, Jeremias, Emily Drewing, Julia-Lena Reinermann, Jörg Radtke, Michael LaBelle, Ana Stojilovska, and Konrad Gürtler. "Energy Spaces: Bridging Scales and Standpoints of Just Energy Transitions." *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning* 25, no. 2 (March 4, 2023): 135–41. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1523908X.2023.2193024>.
- LaBelle, Michael Carnegie, Roxana Bucată, and Ana Stojilovska. "Radical Energy Justice: A Green Deal for Romanian Coal Miners?" *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning* 25, no. 2 (March 4, 2023): 142–54. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1523908X.2021.1992266>.
- LaBelle, Michael Carnegie, Géza Tóth, and Tekla Szép. "Not Fit for 55: Prioritizing Human Well-Being in Residential Energy Consumption in the European Union." *Energies* 15, no. 18 (September 2022): 6687. <https://doi.org/10.3390/en15186687>
- Szép, Tekla, Géza Tóth, and Michael Carnegie LaBelle. "Farewell to the European Union's East-West Divide: Decoupling Energy Lifts the Well-Being of Households, 2000-2018." *Regional Statistics* 12, no. 3 (2022): 159–90. <https://doi.org/10.15196/RS120307>.
- Szép Tekla, Szlávik János, and Carnegie LaBelle Michael. "A fenntartható fejlődési célok alakulása a feltörekvő Európában: konvergencia vagy divergencia/The evolution of the Sustainable Development Goals in emerging Europe: convergence or divergence." *Észak-magyarországi Stratégiai Füzetek* 18, no. 3 (2021): 15–35. <https://doi.org/10.32976/stratfuz.2021.40>.
- Lemi, Ladu David Morris, and Michael LaBelle. "Co-Supplying the National Grid: An Assessment of Private Off-Grid Electricity Generation in Juba-South Sudan." *American Journal of Electrical Power and Energy Systems* 9, no. 3 (May 2020): 47–59.
- Devine-Wright, P., Batel, S., Aas, O., Sovacool, B., LaBelle, M., Ruud, A. 'A conceptual framework for understanding the social acceptance of energy infrastructure: Insights from energy storage' *Energy Policy*, Vol. 107 (Aug. 2017): 27-31
- LaBelle, M. 'In Pursuit of Energy Justice', *Energy Policy*, Vol. 107 (Aug. 2017): 615-620
- LaBelle, M. 'A state of fracking: Building Poland's national innovation capacity for shale gas', *Energy Research and Social Sciences*, Vol. 23, (Jan. 2017): 26-35
- Goldthau, Andreas, and LaBelle, Michael, "The Power of Policy Regimes: Explaining Shale Gas Policy Divergence in Bulgaria and Poland." *Review of Policy Research*, Vol. 33, no. 6, (November 2016): 603–622.
- LaBelle, Michael, and Andreas Goldthau. "Governance of Unconventional Gas in Bulgaria: From Exploration to Bust." Edited by Philip Andrews-Speed. *Oil, Gas & Energy Law Journal*, The Governance of Unconventional Gas Development Outside the United States of America, 12, no. 3 (June 2014): 1– 24.
- LaBelle, Michael, and Andreas Goldthau. "Escaping the Valley of Death? Comparing Shale Gas Technology Policy Prospects to Nuclear and Solar in Europe." *The Journal of World Energy Law & Business*, December 18, 2013, jwt020. doi:10.1093/jwelb/jwt020

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- LaBelle, Michael. “Constructing Post-Carbon Institutions: Assessing EU carbon reduction efforts through an institutional risk governance approach.” *Energy Policy*, no. 40 (2012): 390-403.
- Pachauri, Shonali, Diana Urge-Vorsatz, and Michael LaBelle “Synergies between Energy Efficiency and Energy Access Policies and Strategies.” *Global Policy*, May 2012.
- Jankauskas, Vidmantas and Michael LaBelle. “Comparison of Electricity Distribution Privatization in Bulgaria, Romania and Lithuania.” (in Lithuanian) *Energetika* 55, no. 2 (2009): 101-106.
- LaBelle, Michael. “Expanding opportunities: Strategic buying of utilities in new EU member states.” *Energy Policy* 37, no. 11 (2009): 4672-4678.

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## 2. BOOKS, CHAPTERS, BOOK REVIEWS, AND EDITED VOLUMES

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- LaBelle, Michael Carnegie, and Felizberto Antonio Mulhovo. “National Oil and Gas Companies in the Energy Transition.” In *Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Oil and Gas Law*, 448. Elgar Concise Encyclopedias in Law. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2024.
- LaBelle, Michael. “The Bridge: Natural Gas in a Redivided Europe.” *International Affairs* 98, no. 3 (May 9, 2022): 1090–92. Book review
- LaBelle, Michael Carnegie, and Tekla Szep. “Green Economy: Energy, Environment, and Sustainability.” In *Emerging European Economies after the Pandemic: Stuck in the Middle Income Trap?*, edited by Laszlo Matyas. Contributions to Economics. Springer International Publishing, 2022.
- LaBelle, M. ‘Energy Cultures: Technology, Justice, and Geopolitics in Eastern Europe’ UK, Edward Elgar, Nov. 2020
- LaBelle, M. ‘Review of *The New Geopolitics of our Times: Book Review*,’ H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences, January 2018
- LaBelle, M. ‘Review of *Low Carbon Energy Transitions: Turning points in national policy and innovation*,’ Kathleen M. Araujo, Oxford University Press, New York, *Energy Research & Social Science* 42, 2018: 166–67.
- LaBelle, M. “Disappointed Expectations: Energy Security vs. Bureaucracy and Geology”, in ‘The Shale Dilemma’, edited by Shanti Gramper, University of Pittsburg Press, 2018
- LaBelle, M. “Failure to Frack: Pitfalls of Governance and Risk in Polish Shale Gas” in ‘Risks, Rewards and Regulation of Unconventional Natural Gas’ edited by R. Quentin Grafton, Ian Cronshaw and Michal Moore, Cambridge University Press, 2017
- LaBelle, M. “Regulating the Energy Union: Can ACER deliver a unified and beneficial energy market?” in ‘Energy Union. Europe's New Liberal Mercantilism?’, edited by Nick Sitter, Andreas Goldthau, Svein Anderssen, Palgrave Macmillan, 2016
- LaBelle, M. and Georgiev, Atanas. “The Socio-Political Capture of Utilities: The expense of low energy prices in Bulgaria and Hungary” in ‘Energy Law and Energy Infrastructure Development for a Low-Carbon World,’ edited by Raphael Heffron, Darren McCauley, Angus Johnston, and Stephen Tromans QC to be published by Cambridge University Press, *accepted*, [book not published].
- LaBelle, M. “The Renewable Trajectory: Avoiding the temptation of cheap oil”, in ‘Delivering Energy Law and Policy in the EU and the US’, edited by Raphael Heffron and Gavin Little, Edinburgh University Press, 2016
- LaBelle, Michael. “Climate Change and Post-Carbon Economy: Innovation through Shale Gas.” In *Free Market in Its Twenties: Modern Business Decision Making in Central and Eastern Europe*, 133–42. Budapest, Hungary: CEU Press, 2014.
- LaBelle, Michael, and Horwitch, Mel, *the Breakout of Energy Innovation*, in “Handbook of Global Energy Policy” editor Andreas Goldthau, Wiley Blackwell Publishers, 2013.
- LaBelle, Michael, and Kaderják, Péter, eds. *Impact of the 2004 Enlargement on the EU Energy Sector*. Budapest: Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research, Corvinus University of Budapest, 2008.

- LaBelle, Michael. Introduction to *Impact of the 2004 Enlargement on the EU Energy Sector*, edited by Michael LaBelle and Péter Kaderják, 19-21. Budapest: Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research, Corvinus University of Budapest, 2008.
- Cameron, Peter, Hakvoort, Rudi, LaBelle, Michael, Orban, Anita., Szöcs Gábor, and Szöcs, Mihály. "Market Opening and Competition." In *Impact of the 2004 Enlargement on the EU Energy Sector*, edited by Michael LaBelle, Péter Kaderják, 119-172. Budapest: Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research, Corvinus University of Budapest, 2008.
- Gonzalez, Pedro, LaBelle, Michael, Lupano, Leonardo, Potoschnig, Alberto, and Salto, Mariano. "Regulatory Framework and Implementation Capacity." In *Impact of the 2004 Enlargement on the EU Energy Sector*, edited by Michael LaBelle, Péter Kaderják, 119-172. Budapest: Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research, Corvinus University of Budapest, 2008.
- LaBelle, Michael, and Kaderják, Péter, eds. *Towards More Integration of Central and Eastern European Energy Markets*. Budapest: Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research, Corvinus University of Budapest, 2006.
- LaBelle, Michael. "Barriers Preventing Cooperation and Coordination in Central and Eastern Europe's Electricity Sector." In *Towards More Integration of Central and Eastern European Energy Markets*, edited by Michael LaBelle and Péter Kaderják, 159-189. Budapest: Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research, Corvinus University of Budapest, 2006.

### 3. PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

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**For updated list for more recent conference publications see the [CEU PURE platform](#)**

- Energy Justice and Culture: Innovation and geopolitics in Lithuania, Presented at European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference, Hamburg, Germany, Aug 23 – 25, 2018
- Energy Culture: Innovation, equity and geopolitics in Eastern Europe, 9th International Sustainability Transitions Conference, University of Manchester, June 12 – 14, 2018
- Smart Energy Technology Governance: Regulating information flows, 1st International Conference on Energy Research & Social Science, Melia Sitges, Spain 2-5 April 2017,
- Smart Energy Technology Governance: Regulating information flows, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual University of Eastern Finland Law School, Energy Transitions Conference, March 9 – 10, 2017
- LaBelle, M. *Profits and Poverty: Regulating utilities for energy justice*, Presented at RGS -IBG Annual Conference 2016, Exploring the Energy Justice Nexus, London, Aug. 30 – Sep. 2, 2016
- LaBelle, M. *Corruption or Justice? Redefining energy justice in Central Eastern Europe*, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual University of Eastern Finland Law School, Energy Transitions Conference, March 3 – 4, 2016
- LaBelle, Michael and Georgiev, Atanas. "The Socio-Political Capture of Utilities: The expense of low energy prices in Bulgaria and Hungary," Energy Transitions Conference, University of Eastern Finland Law School, February 26, 2015. (peer reviewed)
- LaBelle, Michael. "Governance and Innovation in Polish Shale Gas: Institutions Stretching and Conforming to Challenger Technologies." University of Stuttgart, Institute of Social Sciences, Department of Organizational Sociology and Innovation Studies, Stuttgart, Germany, 2014. (reviewed at workshop)
- LaBelle, Michael "Digital Electricity Space: Neoliberalism and energy saving capital," Workshop. 'Constructing and contesting spaces for low-carbon energy innovation', School of Innovation Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology, November 26-28, 2013 (peer reviewed)
- LaBelle, Michael, and Andreas Goldthau. "Governance of Unconventional Gas in Bulgaria: From Exploration to Bust." Governance of Unconventional Gas: Exploring How to Deliver Transparent Benefits in Non-OECD Countries, Learning Symposium, World Bank, Washington DC, 2-3 June, 2014 (peer reviewed)

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- Goldthau, Andreas and Michael LaBelle. "Regulating a Nascent Sector. Explaining diverging shale gas policies in Bulgaria and Poland." European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference, Sciences Po, Bordeaux, France, September 4-7, 2013 (peer reviewed)
- LaBelle, Michael, and Andreas Goldthau. "Doomed to Fail? Assessing the Policy Prospects of Shale Gas Technology." In Energy Transitions of Energy Markets at National, European and International Levels, PEEER conference University of Eastern Finland, 2013. (peer reviewed)
- Andreas Goldthau and Michael LaBelle. "Regulating a Nascent Sector: Explaining Diverging Shale Gas Policies in Bulgaria and Poland." Budapest, Hungary, 2012. GR:EEN Case Study Integrity Forum on European Public Policy and Governance Central European University, Budapest, 18-19 October 2012 (peer reviewed)
- Goldthau, Andreas, and Michael LaBelle. "Regulating a Nascent Sector: Explaining Diverging Shale Gas Policies in Bulgaria and Poland." In Networked Learning in Transnational Governance: GR:EEN Second Annual Conference. Warwick, UK, 2012. (peer reviewed)
- LaBelle, M. "Electricity Post-Privatization: Initial Lessons Learned in South East Europe." Conference paper for International Conference on the European Energy Market, Leuven, Belgium, May 27-29, 2009 (peer reviewed)
- LaBelle, M. "Riding the Electric Currents to Greater Regional Cooperation: Key electricity actors perceptions of market reforms in east and central Europe." Conference paper for the European Electricity Market – Challenge of the Unification, EEM-06, Technical University of Lodz, Warsaw, May 2006 (peer reviewed)
- LaBelle, M. "Plowing the Regulatory Landscape in the Dark: The reality of breaking down monopolies and creating competitive space in the Midwest." Conference paper for the joint Royal Geographical Society and the International Geographical Union annual conference, Glasgow, 2004. (peer reviewed)

#### 4. WORK IN PROGRESS

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- LaBelle, Michael Carnegie, and Bettin, Steffen, "Post-Fossil Fuel Energy Security: Integrating Critical Materials into Europe's Single Energy Market", peer-reviewed conference paper, 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on the European Energy Market, Lisbon, May 27-29, 2025
- LaBelle, Michael Carnegie, Tekla Szep, and Geza Toth. "Regional Injustice of Low-Quality Fuels: Breaking Fuel Poverty in Hungary's Carbon-Intensive Regions." In the forthcoming edited book, *Rural, Regional, and Remote Energy Transitions: An Energy Quadrilemma Lens*, edited by Madeline Taylor. Edward Elgar Publishing, under revision, April 2025
- The Critical Raw Materials Security and Equity Conundrum, Advanced Grant proposal, European Research Council – proposal to be submitted in 2025

#### 5. REFEREE FOR JOURNALS AND BOOKS

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- *Energy for Sustainable Development*, 2018 - present
- *Journal of International Relations and Development*, 2018 - present
- *Energy Policy*, 2009 - present
- *Energy Research and Social Science*, 2016 -present
- *Energy, Sustainability and Society*, 2016
- *Environmental, Engineering and Management Journal*, 2016
- *Energy Efficiency*, 2020
- *Case Studies in the Environment*, 2019
- *Nature Energy*, 2016
- *CRC Press/Taylor & Francis*, 2015
- *Energy Strategy Reviews*, 2013 - present
- *Environmental Engineering and Management Journal*, 2014

#### 6. AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, POSITIONS, AND MEMBERSHIPS

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<b>9/2023 – present</b>	CEU Teaching Awards and Prizes Committee Member
<b>1/2022 – present</b>	Geneva Business School, faculty advisor, Doctorate of Business Administration
<b>3/2022 – 12/2022</b>	Open Society University Network Senior Academy Fellow, at the Queen Elizabeth II Academy for Leadership in International Affairs, based at Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs. Amount: £3,350
<b>9/2022 – present</b>	International Member, <i>Centre for Energy and Natural Resources Innovation and Transformation (CENRIT) at Macquarie University, Australia.</i>
<b>8/2017 – 2/2021</b>	Jean Monnet Chair in Energy and Innovation Strategies, The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) of the European Union, Erasmus+ Programme, amount: €23,166
<b>2020</b>	CEU Research Support Scheme €3500 for a Horizon 2020 proposal development
<b>2019</b>	CEU Academic Event Fund, €2340 for two events: 1) Money and Power; and 2) The Future and Impact of Nuclear Power in Eastern Europe
<b>2019</b>	CEU Research Support Scheme €1800 For a Horizon 2020 proposal development
<b>2015-2017</b>	‘Energy end-use transition and innovation in Central and Eastern Europe,’ Funding part of University wide intellectual theme on Energy and Society, in the project, ‘Political Economy of Energy Transitions’ with other faculty: Professors Aleh Cherp, Michael Dorsch, Karl Hall. February 2016 – January 2018

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- *Climate Kic, Pioneers into Practice – interns/research assistants.* Sponsored (paid) interns, One month long internship hosting a research assistant:
  - September 2015, Katarzyna Predkiewicz
  - September 2014, Joaquim Vilarinho
  - June/July 2014, Anne-Marie Roth

<b>8/2020 – 9/2021</b>	(acting) Director of CEU PhD program in Business Administration
<b>2/2013 – 2016</b>	Committee member of Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, CEU Business School
<b>11/2011 – 2014</b>	Member of Emerging Leaders in Environmental and Energy Policy Network, Atlantic Council of the United States Study tour: <i>American perspectives on energy and climate policy and innovation</i> , study tour focused on shale gas and energy efficiency, the trip included stops in Denver, Boulder, Colorado; San Francisco, Stanford University and Sacramento, California. Study tour: <i>Energy Efficiency</i> study tour in London and Aberdeen, United Kingdom.
<b>7/2011 – 2015</b>	Geopolitical Energy Analyst, Natural Gas Europe, <a href="http://www.naturalgaseurope.com">www.naturalgaseurope.com</a>
<b>2004</b>	London School of Economics, CARR – Deutsche Bank Travel Fund, £60.00
<b>2001 – 2004</b>	University of Bristol Postgraduate Scholarship, £9,000 pa + tuition
<b>2001 – 2004</b>	University of Bristol International Student Scholarship, £2,000 pa
<b>2002</b>	Worldwide University Network (WUN) scholarship to University of Wisconsin for 3 months research fellowship £2,300
<b>1998</b>	University of Minnesota, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, \$1,200

## 7. PRESENTATIONS: CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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Keynote speaker, Future Forum Green Hydrogen, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, July 1, 2025

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Panelist, European Liquid Gas Congress 2025, May 25, Katowice, PL

Presenter, 'Post-Fossil Fuel Energy Security: Integrating Critical Materials into Europe's Single Energy Market', 21st International Conference on the European Energy Market (EEM), May 27-29, 2025

Presenter, 'The social contract for energy justice: The spatial injustice of former coal regions in Hungary', 2<sup>nd</sup> International Academic Conference on Energy Justice and Energy Transition, hosted by Department of Energy Transition of the University of Economics in Katowice, Nov 28-29, 2024

Presenter, Energy Justice, The Europaeum Winter School 2025, Feb. 6 – 7, 2025, Madrid

**Since 2023, for an updated list of presentations, [please see the CEU PURE platform](#).**

## **2022**

Guest lecture, The Fight for Energy Independence: How Lithuania ditched Russian energy, Richmond University, UK, May 2022

Guest lecture, The Fight for Energy Independence: How Lithuania ditched Russian energy, Warwick Business School, Course, 'Managing Sustainable Energy Transitions', May 13, 2022

Hosted Roundtable event, 'The New Gas Security Order,' Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs May 11, 2022

Presentation, Energy Materiality – Energy as a weapon to discursive power, Energy Materiality workshop, Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg (Institute for Advanced Study), May 31, 2022

Guest lecture, 'Unnoticed Power: The re-emergence of hard power in European energy security,' University of East London Royal Docks Business School, April 22, 2022

Keynote speaker, 'Engaging with Energy Poverty in Times of Crisis,' Final Conference of the Engager Cost Action, April 11 – 13, 2022

Speaker, 'Questions for a New Energy Era,' CIVICA workshop, March 11, 2022

## **2020 – 2021 – Covid era**

## **2019**

LaBelle, M. 'Can the Energy Union Deliver Energy Justice', Presented at European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference, Hamburg, Germany, Sep. 4 – 7, 2019

LaBelle, M. Panelist, 5th European Congress of Local Governments, Krakow, Poland April 8, 2019

LaBelle, M. 3rd Energy Forum: What is the future of International Energy Cooperation in the light of New Concepts of Sovereignty? University of Dundee, Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy, June 10 – 11, 2019

## **2018**

LaBelle, M. Energy Justice and Culture: Innovation and geopolitics in Lithuania, Presented at European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference, Hamburg, Germany, Aug 23 – 25, 2018

LaBelle, M. Energy Culture: Innovation, equity and geopolitics in Eastern Europe, 9th International Sustainability Transitions Conference, University of Manchester, June 12 – 14, 2018

LaBelle, M. *Trade-Offs Between Energy Innovation and Price: State Responsibilities and Energy Justice*, Presentation for CYSENI Lithuanian Energy Institute, Kaunas May 23-23, 2018

## **2017**

LaBelle, M. Smart Cities Information System conference, Regional Environmental Center, conference moderator, Budapest, 2-3 October, Budapest

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LaBelle, M. *Smart Energy Technology Governance: Regulating information flows*, 1st International Conference on Energy Research & Social Science, Melia Sitges, Spain 2-5 April 2017,

LaBelle, M. *Smart Energy Technology Governance: Regulating information flows*, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual University of Eastern Finland Law School, Energy Transitions Conference, March 9 – 10, 2017

LaBelle, M. Queen Mary University of London, *Case study: Investment decision making in Polish Shale Gas*, Energy Law Summer School, June 19 – 23, 2017

## 2016

LaBelle, M. Speaker, *Smart Future, Innovation, E-Mobility*, Budapest Energy Summit, Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 5-6

LaBelle, M. moderator, *Addressing Climate Change and Encouraging Clean Energy Development*, Antal Jozsef Knowledge Center, Budapest, Hungary Nov. 17, 2016

LaBelle, M. moderator, *CEO Roundtable, Portfolio Energy Investment Forum*, Budapest, Hungary Nov. 5, 2016

LaBelle, M. *Profits and Poverty: Regulating utilities for energy justice*, Royal Geographic Society & Institute of British Geography, Annual Conference 2016, Aug. 30 – Sep. 2, 2016, Exploring the Energy Justice Nexus, London

LaBelle, M. *Smart Energy Technology in the CEE Region: Why it takes smart policy to spur innovation*, Smart 2016, T-Com, Budapest, Hungary, May 23, 2016

LaBelle, M. *Smart Energy Technology in the CEE Region: Why it takes smart policy to spur innovation*, CEU Business School Infosession, Budapest, Hungary May 5, 2016

LaBelle, M. Panelist, *The climate policy, innovations and the RES – Strategy of the future of energy utilities* and *'Perspectives of liberalization in the CEE&BALTRREG'*, Forum InnoPower and ERRA Regulatory Innovation Day, Poznan, Poland, May 12-12, 2016

LaBelle, M. *Corruption or Justice? Redefining energy justice in Central Eastern Europe*, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual University of Eastern Finland Law School, Energy Transitions Conference, March 3 – 4, 2016

LaBelle, M. *Central Eastern European Gas Sector*, Mapping out vulnerable sectors in the Eastern Partnership countries, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, Jan. 31, 2016

## 2015

LaBelle, M. *Sustainability in Business: Innovation, collaboration and value chains*, one-day workshop, Climate KIC – Poland, Nov. 22, 2015, Wroclaw, Poland

LaBelle, M. moderator, *Portfolio Energy Investment Forum*, Budapest, Hungary Nov. 5, 2015

LaBelle, M. *Sustainable Supply Chains*, Climate KIC -Hungary, Budapest, Hungary, Oct. 23, 2015

LaBelle, M. *Eco-Innovation: sharing Economy driving innovation*, CEU Business School MBA Fair, Belgrade, Serbia Sep. 17, 2015

LaBelle, M. Panelist, *'The Role of Gas in the Future Energy Mix'* Economic Forum, Krynica Zdroj, Poland, Sep. 9 – 11, 2015

LaBelle, M. *Sustainability and the New Sharing Economy*, Climate Kic, Workshop, Gregersen Art Point – Budapest, June 11, 2015

LaBelle, M. *Energy In-Security: The Competition and Cost for Eastern Europe's Sovereign Energy Markets*, 'The evolving notion of security in law and policies on energy investment: international and national perspectives', University of Liverpool, in partnership with Investment Treaty Forum, May 29, 2015

LaBelle, M. *Governance in an Energy (in)secure Europe*, University of Sofia, Bulgaria, May, 14, 2015

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LaBelle, M. *The Energy Middle Ground: Expanding the gas business between Baku and Berlin*, CEU Business School Info Session, Baku, Azerbaijan, March 13, 2015

LaBelle, M. "CEU Press briefing on Hungarian and Russian Energy Relations", CEU, February 26, 2015

LaBelle, M. *The (Un)Certainty in Polish Shale Gas*, Managing Risks in the Shale Industry: A Comparison of Policies Worldwide, University of Pittsburgh, March 17 – 20, 2015.

## 2014

LaBelle, M. Session Moderator, Green Business Forum, EUCham, Budapest, November 24, 2014

LaBelle, M. National Innovation: Competition & Conflict in new energy technologies, CEU Business School InfoSession, November 6, 2014

LaBelle, M. *Governance and Innovation in Polish Shale Gas: Institutions Stretching and Conforming to Challenger Technologies*, GR:EEEN Case Study Integrity Forum on Europe and the New Security Agenda – Human Security and Energy Security, Central European University, Budapest, October 23, 2014

LaBelle, M. *National Innovation Environments: Fostering energy innovation in the CEE region*, Innotrends Hungary, National Innovation Office of Hungary, October 17, 2014

LaBelle, M. *Governance and Innovation in Polish Shale Gas: Institutions Stretching and Conforming to Challenger Technologies*. University of Stuttgart, Institute of Social Sciences, Department of Organizational Sociology and Innovation Studies, Stuttgart, Germany, 2014.

LaBelle, M. and Goldthau, A. *Governance of Unconventional Gas in Bulgaria: From Exploration to Bust*. Governance of Unconventional Gas: Exploring How to Deliver Transparent Benefits in Non-OECD Countries, Learning Symposium, World Bank, Washington DC, 2-3 June, 2014

LaBelle, M. *The Social License to Renewable Power? Energy Security and bad Russian habits*, Antal Jozsef Summer School, Budapest July 16, 2014

Climate Change and the Impacts of Green Buildings, Climate Kic, June 17, 2014

LaBelle, M. moderated and presented at *United in Diversification? Implications of the Russia-Ukraine Conflict on Central and Eastern Europe's Gas Supply*, CEU gas roundtable, May 17, 2014

LaBelle, M. and Goldthau, A. "Governance of Unconventional Gas in Bulgaria: From Exploration to Bust." Governance of Unconventional Gas: Exploring How to Deliver Transparent Benefits in Non-OECD Countries, Learning Symposium, World Bank, Washington DC, 2-3 June, 2014

LaBelle, M. *Energy and Sustainability in Central Eastern Europe*, Somaiya University, Mumbai, India, February 28, 2014

LaBelle, M. *Risks and Angst in Polish Shale Gas: Innovation and risk governance in deploying fracking technology*, Phd seminar, Environmental Sciences and Policy; Energy Policy Research Group, January 30, 2014, Central European University

## 2013

LaBelle, M. *Digital Electricity Space: Neoliberalism and energy saving capital*, Workshop. 'Constructing and contesting spaces for low-carbon energy innovation', School of Innovation Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology, November 26-28, 2013

LaBelle, M. *Building a Two Track Energy Europe: Smart policies for the west – political policies for the east*, German Development Institute, Bonn Germany, November 29, 2013

LaBelle, M. *The Russian Rock: Re-landscaping CEE energy (in)Dependence*, presented at *Energy Security and Diplomacy in 2013*, Conference organized by National University of Public Service and Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, Budapest, Hungary Aug. 26, 2013.

Goldthau, A. and LaBelle, M. *The Power of Energy Regimes and Participatory Governance*. European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), 7th General Conference, Bordeaux, France 4-7, September 2013.

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- LaBelle, M. *Climate Change Risks and Business Opportunities*, The Journey: Climate KIC, Tihany, Hungary, August 28, 2013
- LaBelle, M. *The political-price squeeze: Destruction of Central Europe's FDI Energy System*, QS World MBA Tour – Istanbul, October 5, 2013
- LaBelle, M. *The Russian Rock: Re-landscaping CEE energy (in)Dependence*, National University of Public Service in co-operation with the Hungarian Institute of International International conference, Energy Security and Diplomacy in 2013, August 26, 2013
- LaBelle, M. “Roundtable Discussion.” presented at the World Sustainable Energy Forum, Vienna, June 10, 2013.
- LaBelle, M. *Expectations of Investors, Actions of Politicians and - EU Failure?* Presented at the Policy Deliver on Low Carbon Energy Generation Infrastructure in the UK, University of Sterling, April 5, 2013.
- Goldthau, A. and LaBelle, M. *Doomed to Fail? Assessing the Policy Prospects of Shale Gas Technology*, Energy Transitions of Energy Markets at National, European and International Levels, PEEER conference University of Eastern Finland, April 3, 2013.
- LaBelle, M. *Enemy of the Same: The Second Generation of Sustainability*, presented at the Global Supply Chain Forum, CEU Business School, Central European University Business School, February 22, 2013.

## 2012

- LaBelle, M. “Shale Gas in CEE: Fracking to Reduce Risks.” presented at the Energy Risk Central and Eastern Europe (industry conference), Budapest, Hotel Novotel, November 6, 2012.
- LaBelle, M. and Goldthau, A. “Regulating a Nascent Sector: Explaining Diverging Shale Gas Policies in Bulgaria and Poland.” In *Networked Learning in Transnational Governance: GR:EEN Second Annual Conference*. Warwick, UK, November 12, 2012.
- LaBelle, M. and Andreas G. “Regulating a Nascent Sector: Explaining Diverging Shale Gas Policies in Bulgaria and Poland.” Budapest, Hungary, October 18, 2012.
- LaBelle, M. Citizens’ petitions on shale gas extraction in Bulgaria and Poland, Workshop on *The Exploration and Exploitation of Shale Gas in the European Union and its impact on the Environment and the Energy Policy*, from the perspective of petitions received, Committee on Petitions, European Parliament, Directorate General for Internal Policies Policy Department C: Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs Brussels, *October 9, 2012*

## 2011

- LaBelle, M. Session participant, European Interest in Central Asia: Energy, The EU and Central Asia: Partners in Stability, Manfred Worner Foundation, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, Nov. 24-25, 2011
- LaBelle, M. *Session participant, Common and Individual Challenges*, Integration of Third-Country National Researchers, National Health Insurance Fund, Budapest, Hungary, Nov. 17 - 18, 2011
- LaBelle, M. Keynote speaker, EU-US Summit on Science, Technology and Sustainable Economic Growth, Brussels, Belgium, Sept. 29, 2011
- LaBelle, M. *Session commentator, After Fukushima – Consequences for the Energy Mix in Europe*, 21st Economic Forum, Krynica Zdroj, Poland, Sept. 7 -9, 2011
- LaBelle, M. Debate participant, Should Europe’s Energy Future Include Nuclear Power? Common Sense Society, Budapest, Hungary, June 15, 2011

## 2010

- LaBelle, M. Session moderator, Modernisation of the Energy Sector in Central Europe, 5<sup>th</sup> Energy Forum, Sopot Poland, Nov. 9 -11, 2010

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LaBelle, M. Breaking the Carbon Lock: Reaching zero carbon by 2050, 5<sup>th</sup> Energy Forum, Sopot Poland, Nov. 9 -11, 2010

LaBelle, M. Reaching Zero Carbon by 2050: Institutional and market risks, CEE Energy 2010, Budapest, Hungary Sep. 30-Oct 1, 2010

LaBelle, M. Risk Governance and Technologies: Associated risks in the transition to an EU post carbon society, PACT Mid-Term Assessment Workshop, European Commission, Research Directorate-General, Brussels, Belgium, May 17-18, 2010

## 2009

LaBelle, M. *Electricity Post-Privatization: Initial Lessons Learned in South East Europe*, International Conference on the European Energy Market, Leuven, Belgium, May 27-29, 2009

## 2008

LaBelle, M. *Unifying Regional Interests for a Cooperative, Competitive and Sustainable Future*, Romania – Hungary: Cooperation towards Common Electricity Projects with Regional Impact Conference, Budapest, November 7, 2008.

LaBelle, M. *Session moderator*, Romania – Hungary: Cooperation towards Common Electricity Projects with Regional Impact Conference, Budapest, November 7, 2008

LaBelle, M. *Generation Market Modeling and Interviews on Integration in the SEE region*, Southeast Europe Regional Electricity Market Monitoring Pilot Project Design Workshop, Budapest, Hungary, February 25, 2008.

## 2007

LaBelle, M. Study on the effect of the 2004 enlargement of the European Union in the area of energy-Business Perspectives, Feedback session, European Commission, Brussels, Sept. 2007.

## 2006

LaBelle, M. *Riding the Currents to Regional Cooperation and Coordination in the CEE region: moving forward*, Closing Conference Central and Eastern European Energy Market (C3EM) Project, September 2006.

LaBelle, M. *Key Electricity Actors Perceptions of Market Reforms in East and Central Europe*, The European Electricity Market – Challenge of the Unification, EEM-06, Technical University of Lodz, Warsaw, May 2006

LaBelle, M. *Getting the Current Flowing in Regional Cooperation and Coordination in CEE Countries*, Joint RTE-MAVIR Workshop for Transmission System Operators, Budapest, May 2006.

LaBelle, M. *Conference moderator*, for The Future of Nuclear Power in Central and Eastern Europe conference, Paks Nuclear Power Plant and Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research, Budapest, October 2006.

## 2005

LaBelle, M. The Spatial and Scale (Re)Organization of Electricity Markets in the US: A case study of Michigan, Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research, Lecture Series, October 2005.

LaBelle, M. The Shifting Landscape of US Electricity Deregulation: the reality of breaking down monopolies and creating competitive space in the Midwest, Royal Geographical Society annual conference, London, August 2005.

LaBelle, M. The English Patient: Diagnosing the geography of the University of Bristol, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Afternoon Lecture Series, March 2005.

## 2004

LaBelle, M. The Regulatory Exchange of High Voltage Neoliberalism: The Uneven deregulation of the US electricity sector, London School of Economics, Risk and Regulation Research Student Conference, September 2004.

LaBelle, M. Plowing the Regulatory Landscape in the Dark: the reality of breaking down electric monopolies in the US and creating neoliberal markets, Royal Geographical Society and the International Geographical Union annual conference, Glasgow, August 2004.

LaBelle, M. Powering Electricity Deregulation: a comparative case study of Michigan and Wisconsin, University of Bristol, Research Seminar, March 2004.

**2002**

LaBelle, M. The Implosion of the US Energy Sector: the crisis surrounding the collapse of Enron and other energy traders, University of Nottingham, Economic Geography Research Group, September 2002.

**2001**

LaBelle, M. The Separation of the Hungarian Nation: globalization and regionalization in East Central Europe, University of Bristol, Connections Conference, November 2001.

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## D. CONSULTING AND PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES

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### 1. CONSULTING PUBLICATIONS

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- LaBelle, M. and Deak, A. “2014 EU Energy Benchmarking Report: Hungary country study, analysis and recommendations.” In ‘Progress towards completing the Internal Energy Market’, Directorate General for Energy, European Commission, Brussels, <https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/topics/markets-and-consumers/single-market-progress-report>, Published 2015
- LaBelle, M. “Citizens’ petitions on shale gas extraction in Bulgaria and Poland.” Committee on Petitions, European Parliament, Directorate General FOR Internal Policies Policy Department C: Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs Brussels, October 9, 2012
- LaBelle, Michael. “Energy Regulators Regional Association, Assessing a decade of regulatory cooperation.” Energy Regulators Regional Association, Budapest 2011.
- LaBelle, M. “European Southern Corridor Survey,” Limax Energy, Budapest 2011
- “Risks and Governance in the Transition Process Towards Post Carbon Societies,” in *Pathways for Carbon Transitions*, FP7 Project, Socio-economic factors and actors that shape the “post-carbon” society, European Commission, European Union.
- LaBelle, M., Jankauskas, V. “Electricity Post-Privatization: Initial Lessons Learned in South East Europe.” Report for United States Agency for International Development and National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Washington D.C., 2009.
- LaBelle, M., Mezősi, A., et al. “Market Modeling and Market Analysis of Hungary and Romania.” Report for private client, 2008.
- Cameron, P., Hakvoort, R., and LaBelle, M., Orban, A., Szócs G., and Szócs, M. “Report On Market Opening And Competition.” In *Study on the Impact Of the 2004 Enlargement of the European Union in the Area of Energy*. Report for European Commission, Directorate General Energy and Transport, Brussels, 2007.
- Gonzalez, P., LaBelle, M., Lupano, L., Potoschnig, A., and Salto, M. “Report On Regulatory Framework And Implementation Capacity.” In *Study on the Impact Of the 2004 Enlargement of the European Union in the Area of Energy*. Report for European Commission, Directorate General Energy and Transport, Brussels, 2007.
- LaBelle, M. “Report On South East Europe Cross-Border Anticompetitive Practices in Electricity.” Report for United States Agency for International Development and National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Washington D.C. (confidential), 2007.
- LaBelle, M. “Assessment of the INOGATE Training Course.” Energy Regulators Regional Association, INOGATE Programme, European Commission, Brussels, 2007.
- Kaderják, P., Kiss, A., Kovács, A., LaBelle, M., and Szolnoki, P. “INOGATE Training Manual: Regulating our Energy Supply: A prime objective in serving our people.” Edited by Michael LaBelle, Energy Regulators Regional Association, INOGATE Programme, European Commission, Brussels, 2007.
- LaBelle, M., ed. “INOGATE Training Manual: Regulating our energy supply: A prime objective in serving our people.” Written for Energy Regulators Regional Association, INOGATE Programme, European Commission, Brussels, 2007.
- LaBelle, M. “The Advanced Engineering Sector in the West of England.” Sector analysis in, *Leading West – Economic Strategy for the West of England*. West of England Strategic Partnership, UK, 2004.
- LaBelle, M. “The Aerospace Sector in the West of England.” Sector analysis in, *Leading West – Economic Strategy for the West of England*, West of England Strategic Partnership, UK, 2004.
- LaBelle, M. “Discussion of the Economic Benefits from the Northwest Michigan Regional Energy Action Planners.” Discussion paper drafted for Northwestern Michigan Regional Energy Action planners, USA, June 2004.
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## 2. WORKING PAPERS

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Always working on new publications

## 3. ARTICLES IN MEDIA

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Since 2023, for articles in media please see the [CEU PURE platform](#)

Podcast and blog on Energy Transitions: [MyEnergy2050.com](#)

Former blog: [www.energyscee.com](#)

Writings are also on Medium: <https://medium.com/@milabelle1>

LaBelle, Michael. "Expanding the Ring of European Energy Security." Centrum Balticum, 2024. [https://www.centrumbalticum.org/en/publications/baltic\\_rim\\_economies/baltic\\_rim\\_economies\\_4\\_2024\\_-\\_germany/michael\\_labelle\\_expanding\\_the\\_ring\\_of\\_european\\_energy\\_security](https://www.centrumbalticum.org/en/publications/baltic_rim_economies/baltic_rim_economies_4_2024_-_germany/michael_labelle_expanding_the_ring_of_european_energy_security).

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LaBelle, Michael, A political life extension for nuclear power, Budapest Business Journal, Vol 24.18, Sep. 30 – Oct 13, 2016

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## 5. RESEARCH PROJECTS, CONSULTANCIES, AND EXTERNAL TEACHING

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For more recent [activities please see the CEU PURE platform](#)

- 3/2025 – 6/2025** **Instructor**, CIVICA instructor for the course, The Road to the Green Transition
- 2/2025** **Instructor**, Europaeum instructor for Winter School, The Future of the European Green Deal
- 2024 – 2025** **Visiting Instructor**, Central European Exchange Program for University Studies (CEEPUS), University of Miskolc
- 1/2016 – 2018** **Researcher**, LaBelle, M. “Energy end-use transition and innovation in Central and Eastern Europe” Funding part of University wide intellectual theme on Energy and Society, in the project, ‘Political Economy of Energy Transitions’ with other faculty: Professors Aleh Cherp, Michael Dorsch, Karl Hall. February 2016 – January 2018
- 1/2014 – 6/2014** **Consultant**, LaBelle, M. and Deak, A. “2014 EU Energy Benchmarking Report: Hungary country study, analysis and recommendations.” **Subcontractor to AF Mercados**, Directorate General for Energy, European Commission, Brussels, Finished in June 2014, Published 2015. *Only non-AF Mercados consultant to participate.*
- 8/2012 – 9/2012** **Consultant**, LaBelle, M. *Citizens’ petitions on shale gas extraction in Bulgaria and Poland*, Committee on Petitions, European Parliament, Directorate General FOR Internal Policies Policy Department C: Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs Brussels, October 9, 2012
- 11/2010 – 4/2011** **Consultant**, *Energy Regulators Regional Association 10-Year Anniversary Publication*, **Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA)**. All CEE/SEE, CIS and selected Middle East countries. Authored booklet examining regulatory knowledge transfer and assessment of association’s activities. Conducted 35 interviews with leading regulatory thinkers, conducted survey.
- 11/2010 – 4/2011** **Researcher**, *European Southern Corridor Survey*, **Limax Energy Consulting**. Conducted an online survey of energy professionals to assess the perspectives and motivations of various pipeline projects and impact on security of supply.
- 10/2008 – 10/2011** **Researcher**, *Pathways for Carbon Transitions*, **European Commission**. European Union. Responsible for creating risk governance assessment for implementing low carbon technologies. Conducted 34 interviews and provided input to modelling exercise.
- 1/2009 – 12/2009** **Project sub-coordinator**, *Study On Methodologies for Gas Transmission Network Tariffs and Gas Balancing Fees in Europe*, **European Commission Directorate-General Energy and Transport**. Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia. Responsible for coordinating consultants in four countries and with lead consulting company.

- 5/2008 – 2/2009** **Researcher**, *Electricity Post-Privatization: Initial Lessons Learned in South East Europe*, **United States Agency for International Development and National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners**. Bulgaria, Macedonia and Romania. Arranged 27 in-country interviews to identify problematic issues experienced after privatization. Recommended ways to mitigate problems in future privatizations.
- 4/2008 – 7/2008** **Consultant and project leader**, *Market Modeling and Market Analysis of Hungary and Romania*, **private client**. Analyzed regulations, legislations and generation markets. Coordinated report development with main contractor and research staff.
- 10/2007 – 12/2007** **Researcher**, *Southeast European Market Monitoring Project*, **United States Agency for International Development and National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners**. Albania, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Hungary, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania and Serbia. Identified barriers to electricity cross border trade. Conducted interviews and provided recommendations to reduce cross-border electricity trading barriers. Presented results to meeting of national TSOs, regulators and international institutions.
- 5/2007 – 9/2007** **Editor and co-author**, *Regulating our Energy Supply: A prime objective in serving our people*, *INOGATE Training Manual*, **INOGATE Programme, European Commission, Brussels**. Created training booklet for high level staff in energy regulatory agencies and ministries in the Commonwealth of Independent States. Students rated the course material 94% essential and 100% related to the topic.
- 10/2006** **Organizer and moderator**, *Future of Nuclear Power in Central Eastern Europe Conference*, **Pacs Nuclear Power Plant**, Hungary. Determined key discussion topics, identified and invited professional speakers. Moderated sessions.
- 6/2005 – 9/2006** **Researcher**, *Central Eastern European Energy Market Project*, **Hungarian energy companies**. Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. Identified energy market barriers in CEE region through questionnaire and 24 in-country interviews.

## 6. TEACHING

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#### Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy

- 2022 – 2025** *Energy Markets – winter terms, 2 credits*
- 2021** *Energy and Sustainability in Business, 2 credits*
- 2020/2021 winter
- 2017 – 2024** *Policies for Energy Innovation (previously, Energy Policies and Strategic Management), 2 credit*
- 2018/2019 – 2023/24 winter
- 2017 – 2024** *Energy Transitions and Climate Change, 1 credit*
- 2020/2021 – 2024/25 fall
- 2015 - 2017** *Energy Infrastructure: Management and Policy, 3 credits*
- 2016 Winter 2a
  - 2017 Winter 2a
- 2016 - 2018** *Epistemology of Qualitative Social Science Research, 1 credit*

- 2016 Winter 2a
- 2017 Fall

**2012 - 2014** *Energy Challenges in the 21st Century*, 1 credit

- 2012 Fall
- 2013 Fall
- 2014 Fall

**2013 – 2017** *Sustainable Energy Solutions*, 1 credit

- 2013 Winter 2b (2 credits)
- 2014 Winter 2b (3 credits)
- 2015 Winter 2b (2 credits)
- 2016 Winter 2b (1 credit)
- 2017 Winter 2b (1 credit)

**2013** *Energy Policy and Markets*, ENVS 5003, 1 credits

- Winter 2b

### CEU Economics and Business Department

**2017 – 2021** *Energy Markets and Policy Lab (previously Innovation & Markets Lab)*, 2 credit

- 2020/2021 winter
- 2019/2020 winter
- 2018/2019 winter

**2017 – 2021** *Energy Markets (previously Energy Markets and Innovation Policies)*, 2 credits

- 2020/2021 winter
- 2019/2020 winter
- 2018/2019 winter,

**2017 – 2019** *Sustainability in Business (previously Smart Energy, Big Data and Innovation Strategies)*, 2 credits

- 2019 fall
- 2018 winter (3 credit)
- 2018 fall (2 credits)

### CEU Business School

**2015 – 2017** Boardroom Energy Scenarios, Co-teaching with Tibor Voros, 3 credits

- 2016 Winter
- 2017 Winter

**2012 – 2015** *Energy Policy, Environment and Management*, Joint course offered for CEU Business School and Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, 2 credits [course now part of Env. Sci. and Policy dept.]

- 2014 Winter 2b
- 2015 Winter 2b

**2012 – 2017** *Management of Resources and Technologies*, (previously) *Resources, Technology and Energy Markets*, Fulltime MBA program, 2 credits

- Fall 2012
- Summer 2014
- Summer 2015
- Summer 2016

- Summer 2017

**2012 – 2015** *Collaborating for Green Growth,*

- Summer 2012 (Executive MBA program)
- Fall 2012 (Fulltime MBA Program)
- Fall 2013
- Fall 2014
- Fall 2015

**2012 -2013** *Energy Revolution and Eco-Industry, 1.5 credits*

- Winter 2013

#### **Additional Teaching**

**9/2016** **Visiting lecturer**, ‘A State of Risky Innovation: Building sustainable energy businesses in Central Eastern Europe’, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina

**11/2015** **Instructor**, *Sustainability in Business: Innovation, collaboration and value chains*, one-day workshop, Climate KIC – Poland, Nov. 22, 2015, Wroclaw, Poland

**6/2008 – 8/2008** **Advisor**, *Yale Bulldogs Abroad Program*, advised student Argyris Tsiaras for a summer research internship, his report: The New Great Game and Dominance in Eastern Europe: Nabucco versus South Stream

**7/2008** **Instructor**, *Regulatory Benchmarking in the EU*, Central European University Summer School, Energy Regulators Regional Association Training, Budapest; course evaluation “balance between theory and practice”- 84%; “overall satisfaction”- 82%

**7/2007** **Instructor**, *Regulatory Benchmarking in the EU*, Central European University Summer School, Energy Regulators Regional Association Training, Budapest, July 2007 course evaluation “balance between theory and practice”- 82%; “overall satisfaction”- 82%

**2/2007** **Instructor**, *Regulatory Benchmarking in the EU*, Energy Regulators Regional Association Training, Introduction to Energy Regulation, Budapest; course evaluation “clarity of teaching”-84%; “quality of teaching”- 82%

**3/2007 – 3/2007** **E-learning administrator**, *Price, Regulation and Tariff online course*, Energy Regulators Regional Association, Budapest; 6 week online course for students in Central Asia, Middle East and Central Eastern Europe

**10/2002 – 5/2004** **Geography Tutor**, *University of Bristol, UK*  
Taught students core concepts in Geography and how to analyze journal articles; Emphasis on Nature and Society and Political-Economic Geography

**10/2002 – 5/2004** **Geography Teaching Assistant**, *Geographic Methods, University of Bristol, UK*  
Aided students in developing methodological approaches to qualitative research studies, including archival research, history of maps, urban landscapes and questionnaire design

#### **A. STUDENT ADVISING**

##### **PHD SUPERVISION:**

PhD awards:

- CEU Best Dissertation – 2022 - Ana Stojilovska, *Synergies between energy poverty, the residential heat market and local energy policies - evidence from Macedonia Energy*

*Graduated PhD students (primary supervisor):*

- Sergi Moles Grueso, *Exemplary buildings: Aims or means in energy demand governance*
- Ana Stojilovska, *Synergies between energy poverty, the residential heat market and local energy policies - evidence from Macedonia Energy*
- Steffen Bettin, *Diffusion and Directionality of Battery Energy Storage Technology*
- John Szabo, *Climate Change's Role in Shaping the European Union's Natural Gas Markets*

*Primary Supervisor for PhD Candidates:*

- Varvara Aleksic, *Multilevel energy governance of renewable energy transition in the Western Balkan*
- Chetna Ahlawat, *Rooftop Solar Diffusion in India: Configuration and Implications*
- Laure-Anne Josiane Jeanne Plumhans, *Contested transitions: Colonial legacies and Renewable Energy Transition in Martinique and Reunion*
- Natalia Kirsanova, *Global LNG Supply Chains, PhD in Business Administration*

*Secondary Supervisor for:*

- Andrea Gagyi-Palffy

*Past students (secondary supervisor):*

- Ion Iftimie
- Marta Vetier
- Aniko Dobi-Rozsa
- Mukesh Gupta
- Masahiro Suzuki
- Moshahida Sultana

*Masters Thesis Supervisor*

- *To be updated*
- Trizer Omugar, *Transition to renewables and the impact on energy poverty in Kenya, 2020*
- Roxana Bucata, *Coal or nothing. Environmental and social challenges of energy transition in the mining region of Jiu Valley, Romania, 2020*
- Mridul Pareek, 2019
- Benjamin Lawless, 2018
- Caimanque Daniela, 2018
- Ladu Lemi, 2018
- Agnes Deme, *The main characteristics of cleantech investors in Europe, 2018*
- Bruno Deremince, *Study of the Different Strategies Implemented by Ethanol Europe Renewable Ltd in order to Strive in the European Fast-Changing Political Framework*
- Thriпти Puthran, *Environmental Innovation Dynamics: Integrating Policies, Organization and Innovation in the Wastewater Treatment Industry*
- Radostina Slavkova, *Energy Poverty in Bulgaria. Policy Measures for Alleviating It*
- Aaron Perry (*Thesis completed with distinction*), 2014

- Umashree Pancholy, 2014

Pastoral supervision:

- Pastoral supervisor for Environmental Sciences and Policy students

## **B. UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

**8/2024 – present** Head of Department, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy  
**2023 and 2024** CEU Summer School, Director, Climate Nexus  
**10/2022 – 10/2023** Sabbatical  
**8/2020 –9/2021** (acting) Director of CEU PhD program in Business Administration

**2017 – 2024** PhD Committee Member, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy

**10/2013 - present** Faculty advisor for Energy Policy and Research Group (EPRG)

- Organized bimonthly guest lectures and roundtable discussions. Including:
  - Launch of World Nuclear Industry Status Report, Sep. 2019
  - Europe's Gas Paradigm in Flux, June 8, 2018
  - Roundtable on "Energy Storage Technology: Is the CEE Region Ready?", March 9, 2018
- Organized with student assistance the United in Diversification? Implications of the Russia-Ukraine Conflict on Central and Eastern Europe's Gas Supply, CEU gas roundtable, May 17, 2014.
- In the 2014/2015 student interest is high, and EPRG is expanding to students and alumni in the CEU Business School.

**10/2016** Memorandum of understanding between Siemens-Hungary and CEU around course work and research on energy and sustainability in business

**8/2016 – 7/2017** MBA Director of the full-time accelerated MBA Program

**4/2012 – 7/2017** Committee Member of the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, CEU Business School

## **C. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**7/2013 & 2/2014** Attended Harvard Business School, Global Colloquium on Participant-Centered Learning, July 21-27, 2013