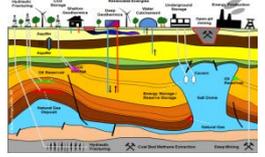


Integrated Project EnergyLandUse

Land Use Aspects of Transforming the Energy System –
Sustainable Options for a Renewable Energy Era



8th UFZ EnergyLandUse Lecture

Tuesday, 20 October 2015, 14:00 – 15:30
Lecture Hall, Main Building, UFZ Leipzig

***Dealing with inconsistencies – energy system transformations
and the role of scientific knowledge in political decision-making***

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The energy policies of Germany and the European Union are aiming at a low-carbon transformation, with the common goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80-95% until 2050. The central arguments used to justify the respective policy frameworks are mainly based on optimized macroeconomic policy designs. Such thinking is usually founded on an ideal of comprehensive rationality yet overlooks the enormous influence of short-term political rationalities in both Germany and in the EU. Transformation concepts with firm targets and timetables would require consistent long-term policy designs, but after the initial stages we now see growing inconsistencies between political discourse, decisions and actions. In analyzing the perspective of political actors, the talk will show why “policy-based evidence-making” usually trumps “evidence-based policy-making” and ask what role scientific knowledge can realistically play in planned energy system transformations.



After Dr. Geden’s talk, there will be the chance for interaction with him. Coffee will be served. All interested colleagues are kindly invited.

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