

Cheap Energy vs. Clean Technology?

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Do we face a trade-off between cheap energy and clean technology?

The often vociferous debate over fracking is largely conducted as a contrast between lower energy bills to benefit industry on the one hand, and risks to the environment on the other: pollution of the water table, seismic activity, spillages, and the release of damaging by-products.

But is there also a risk that a prolonged collapse in oil prices accompanying the accelerated exploitation of shale oil and shale gas through fracking will ultimately damage industry as well?

Could investment in the development of cleaner technologies suffer from a regressive movement back into conventional fossil fuel technologies as a result of cheaper oil?

What is the real logic of British policy today towards industry and energy?

And is the global situation stable when viewed in geo-political terms?

These controversial questions are investigated for the automotive industry and its changing relations with competing energy sources: oil, gas, bio-fuels, hydrogen, and nuclear.

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Time: 5.30 – 7.30pm

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