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Workshop:

The changing role of economics and economists in nuclear policy and politics: cross-country and cross-temporal comparisons

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Venue: IPAG Business School, 184 Boulevard Saint-Germain, 75006 Paris

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In association with the conference *Our Common Future Under Climate Change*, Paris, 7-10 July 2015, and the 21st Session of the *Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change* (COP21/CMP11).

Registration: Attendance is free but registration is required by the 19th of June 2015. Please send an email to ingmar.schumacher@ipag.fr with the subject line: "Nuclear workshop registration" in order to confirm.

Purpose: This one-day workshop intends to bring together experts from the industry, academia, NGOs and the government in order to present and discuss changes in the substance of economic argumentation on nuclear energy, as well as in the roles of economics and various economic experts in policymaking and political debate. Drawing primarily but not exclusively on examples from France, and the UK, the workshop will focus on three main themes:

1. Which are the key factors and controversies in debates over the economics of nuclear energy? Which controversies and underlying hypotheses are the most crucial? Are there hidden costs and country-specificities?
2. The weight of economic experts and arguments in policymaking on nuclear power: whose word counts? Who are the credible and legitimate experts? How has the weight of economics and economic experts changed over time? How does the weight of economics/economists differ across countries?
3. Factors shaping the credibility, legitimacy and salience of economic experts and arguments in policymaking on nuclear power: why is an expert credible and legitimate while another is not? Which contexts enhance/reduce the weight of economics/economists?

The workshop will finish with a closing panel discussion, chaired by BBC journalist Rob Broomby.

Confirmed speakers:

- **Nicolas Boccard**, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Girona, Spain
- **Paul Dorfman**, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, The Energy Institute, University College London
- **Dominique Finon**, Professor of Economics, Centre International de Recherche sur l'Environnement et le Développement, CIRED, Paris
- **Laurent Joudon**, Director, Strategy Division, EDF, France
- **Gordon MacKerron**, Professor of Science and Technology policy, SPRU, University of Sussex, UK
- **Yves Marignac**, Director of Wise-Paris (World Information Service on Energy)
- **Patrick Momal**, former economist at the IRSN (French technical safety organisation in nuclear matters), and World Bank
- **William Nuttall, Professor of Energy, The Open University, UK**
- **Thomas Reverdy**, Associate Professor of Sociology, The Industrial Engineering & Management School at Grenoble Institute of Technology