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Sixth Groningen Energy Summer School 2017

*'Yes In My Backyard'
 Global Energy Transition from
 Local Perspectives*

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> Summer school description <

The Groningen Energy Summer School (GESS) 2017 takes an interdisciplinary approach to the societal and technological dimensions of energy transition. By combining a broad range of disciplines, this event will offer a unique opportunity to PhD students to become aware of different aspects of energy transition, to develop novel insights, and to create synergy in approaches to the energy transition. The participants will attend lectures by specialists in the field, present their own and each other's work, and play an active role in the discussions.

This 6th summer school in a highly successful series discusses energy transition 'in your own

backyard'. In the fossil fuel based energy system citizens and local companies play a passive role as consumers of fuels, gas and electricity. Renewables challenge this in multiple ways. The implications of renewable production tend to be contested, often in 'not in my backyard' (NIMBY) terms. Alternatively, households, companies and communities gain new opportunities to produce their own energy as active prosumers. This holds promises both in the Global North and in the South for 'yes in my backyard' (YIMBY) developments.

GESS 2017 highlights local perspectives on global energy transition. We will be sensitive to the wide range of 'backyards' around the globe, addressing differences between urban and rural areas across the world. How to map today's and tomorrow's energy landscapes? How are opportunities evaluated by companies and (local) governments? How do local changes interact with global institutional, financial and corporate decision-making?

By interaction between natural sciences, social sciences, engineering, the humanities, economics and law unique new insights will emerge, as the previous Energy Summer Schools have demonstrated.

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> Fees

€ 400 (excluding housing)
€ 700 (including housing)

> Target audience

PhD students

> Language of instruction

English

> Credits/Certificate

5 EC + a certificate of attendance

> Application deadline

15 March 2017

> More information

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