



Shale Gas Fracking – Bubble, Scare or Solution?

1st April 2014

18.30-22.00

University of Zurich, Aula (KOL-G-201; main building)

Rämistrasse 71, Zurich

Hydraulic fracturing – or “fracking” – of shale gas is a highly controversial contemporary topic in politics, society and business alike. As a main finance and trading hub for commodities, Switzerland plays a key role herein.

Green Buzz, the Club of Rome, Commodity Club and myblueplanet join forces to set up a high-calibre panel discussion where both proponents and opponents discuss the subject and deliver a diversity of perspectives on the issue in Europe and globally.

This is a unique opportunity to gain an informed insight into fracking, to cast contentious questions and to share opinions - towards the development of an educated opinion regarding this contentious topic.

A brief introduction into the main aspects of fracking will be delivered by fracking expert and ETH Zurich senior researcher **Dr. Markus Hänchen**.

Based on that, the panelists will share and discuss their views, followed by an Aperó for networking and discussions with the guests and speakers.

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Topics

- Introduction to fracking and its future prospects
- Technical and engineering perspective
- Economic, social and environmental dangers and issues
- Geopolitical implications
- Societal perception and acceptance
- Speakers' key pro/con argumentation & discussion

Speakers

The involved organisations leverage their complementary and wide networks inviting professionals from all sectors and industries, civil society, the media and regulators, for a fair and respectful discussion of pro and con arguments.

- **Prof. Claudia Kemfert**, Head of Energy, Transportation and Environment, German Institute for Economic Research
- **Aline Trede**, Member of the Swiss National Council, Member of the Green Party
- **Prof. Stefan Wiemer**, Director of the Swiss Seismological Service, ETHZ Professor of Seismology
- **Michele Della Vigna**, Managing Director and Head Energy Equity Research Team, Goldman Sachs
- Other speakers from finance and industry will be added as they are confirmed

The panel discussion will be moderated by **Rolf Probala**, former Head of Tagesschau (SF) and former Head for Corporate Communications of ETH Zurich. Today, Rolf Probala acts as a team member for the popular ETH public science program "Treffpunkt Science City".

Location

The event is kindly hosted at the University of Zurich Aula, the event will followed be by an Aperero at the Lichthof.

Registration: is possible online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/panel-discussion-aperero-shale-gas-fracking-bubble-scare-or-solution-tickets-10615301653>

Tickets cost 20 CHF. The number of places is limited. Registration closes on 26th March, 2013.

The event is kindly supported by [Schweizerischer Verein des Gas- und Wasserfaches SVGW](#)

