



# 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.*

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