Call for Papers for a Special Issue of: *The Energy Journal*

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Topic: "Renewables and Diversification in Heavily Energy Subsidized Economies"

Motivation: In the longer run, sustained energy subsidies create market distortions that can hinder economic growth and potentially reduce overall welfare. Undesirable distortions can occur whether prices are below marginal production or acquisition cost, or below world market prices (or opportunity cost). The debate on transition options away from subsides is rendered difficult by the political economy of implementing changes that can bring about dramatic impacts on societies. The perceived need for subsidies to renewables adds another important dimension to this debate, for second best options can be available to recast the subsidy mix between renewables and traditional energy.

This is a Call for Papers for a Special Issue of ***The Energy Journal*** dedicated to above topic. It is intended that the issue will include analyses across the range of traditional primary and secondary energy sources, such as oil, petroleum products, coal, natural gas and electricity. Contributions will be selected through a refereeing process consistent with the standard reviewing process of ***The Energy Journal***, to ensure that only original contributions of the highest quality are included. The applied theoretical and analytical contributions are expected to provide guidance to policy-makers in designing new policy scenarios for renewable development and economic growth. The empirical contributions should provide evidence to support and inform current policy debates.

This Special Issue should be of benefit to policy-makers and researchers worldwide, be it rich developed economies where historical distortions survive in energy markets, emerging economies with heavily administered prices, or resource rich countries such as Saudi Arabia, where there is a need to design policy options for the transition towards a welfare improving economic structure.

Planned schedule:

Call for papers: December 15, 2015
Abstract submission deadline: January 31, 2016
Paper submission deadline: May 31, 2016
Notification 1st review round: July 31 2016
Resubmission revised papers: September 30 2016
Notification 2nd review round: October 31 2016
Expected publication date: 4th Quarter 2016

Instructions for authors: If you are interested in contributing to this special issue, please respond to this Call for Papers (CfP) by the end of January 2016 by submitting a draft title of your potential contribution and an abstract to David.A.Hobbs@kapsarc.org. In the affirmative case, you will receive a separate document that also contains the Instructions for Authors.