



Dear Nordics,

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Julia Steinberger in Geneva on Tuesday, April 7 for a lecture detailed below. Please mark your calendars and feel free to distribute this announcements to others who might be interested in attending. Apologies for any multiple posting.

**Global Energy Use: Economic Necessity, Development Opportunity or Environmental Disaster?**

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Tuesday April 7, 2009  
18:30h -19:30h  
The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies  
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The issue of global energy consumption remains one of the most relevant questions of our time and the nexus of society's most pressing challenges, including environmental degradation and development issues. Will the business-as-usual approach of combining economic growth with increases in technological efficiency help resolve these issues, or are there available alternatives? In this conference, Dr. Steinberger will explore the links between economic development, living standards and energy use, from both global and historical perspectives. The following questions will be addressed: What is the level of energy required for a decent standard of living? Do economic growth and development necessarily imply increasing levels of energy consumption? What are the energy implications of population growth and urbanization? With the current dependence of industrialized economies on fossil fuels and the resulting phenomenon of global warming, policies for dealing with climate change will also be discussed.

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