

Encountering Smart Grids

Round table on societal
and policy dimension
of Smart Grids

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608 Robertson Hall

As part of Carleton's new Sustainable Energy Master's Program, the Carleton Research Unit in Innovation, Science & Environment (CRUISE) and the Carleton Sustainable Energy Research Centre (CSERC) are pleased to host the next event in the series by respected experts actively engaged in the subject of sustainable energy and climate change.

ABSTRACT

'Smart grids' could represent a leap in the ways we distribute, but also produce and consume, electricity. Potentially they could improve security of energy supply, facilitate demand management, and further the integration of renewable. Smart grids are linked to other societal projects such as 'intelligent homes', the electrification of transport, and the transition to a low carbon emission economy. But there are different visions of how Smart Grids should be deployed and who will benefit.

At this Roundtable a number of distinguished international scholars share their thoughts on the political, policy and social issues raised by Smart Grids.

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