

Laudation

John Szabó's professional work focuses on analyzing the intersection of natural gas markets and climate action, as well as examining the hydrogen markets. His research convincingly demonstrates why natural gas was not initially at the forefront of climate action and how this has changed in recent times. In his forthcoming monograph and in articles published in leading academic journals, he seeks to capture the complexity of gaseous energy carriers and energy more broadly, linking the materiality of energy carriers, the power relations built around them, and existing discourses. He draws interdisciplinary insights from economics, political science, cultural theory, and numerous other fields.

John not only disseminates his research results through academic lectures and articles, but also presents them in the form of policy recommendations at professional forums to decision-makers. Moreover, he publishes and delivers them in an accessible format to a broader audience, raising awareness of the importance of sustainability and advancing public discourse on the subject. In addition to these areas, it is important to highlight that John also conducts research on the energy transition in Central and Southeastern Europe, having published several articles on the topic. Through this, he contributes to incorporating these regions into a scholarly discourse typically dominated by Western narratives and topics.