

COLUMN OF THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: WHAT'S NEW IN THE ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

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2023 is a very remarkable year for us at ENERPO, and not only because we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of our journal, launched in 2013. This very year also saw the first wave of our students graduating from the ENERPO educational program.

For readers not familiar with this program yet, the Energy Policy and Energy Transition in Eurasia Program is part of the European University at Saint Petersburg's International Relations division which focuses on the study of global energy policy and the energy transition. Our students gain practical skills in working with energy statistics and learn how to apply quantitative and qualitative methods of analysis.

With the rapid pace in which our life flows these days, it is of paramount importance to find your own place in the professional world. But what does one need to be successful in such fluid circumstances? No one would dispute that education is a cornerstone of professional success. Without any doubt, the more you study and brush up your knowledge, the more skills and expertise you gain. However, young specialists in the beginning of their professional path need not be on their own as today there is an abundance of different educational programs that can pave them a way for moving forward along this path and developing necessary skills.

For example, the professors at ENERPO explain to students how to analyze the changes in world energy policy that are taking place before our very eyes and help them delve into the problems and prospects of international relations in the energy sector. Since the program was established in 2012, we have welcomed almost 100 students from all over the world.

In this anniversary issue, in addition to already familiar formats of analysis and viewpoint articles, we decided to include a series of interviews with special focus on professional development. Firstly, we place our ENERPO Program in the context of lifelong education and career planning with career consultant Evgeniya Beba. Evgeniya is working in Germany, but she has extensive experience in different countries and regions, including Russia, China and Italy. She shared her views with us on some very difficult questions that young professionals face.

We also spoke to two of our graduates, Nicholas Watt (class of 2013) and Michael Roh (class of 2016), who shared their stories about career development after graduation from ENERPO. Nicholas and Michael spoke about aspects of ENERPO education that were helpful in building their careers – as a reporter at a price assessment agency, and as a lead surveillance analyst at a derivatives exchange.

For the ENERPO program, it is very important to keep up with the speed of the energy industry development, so we are constantly updating our curriculum, including based on the feedback from our graduates. For this reason, we asked Nicholas and Michael to share with us their opinions on how their studying at ENERPO helped them in their current positions.

The stories of Michael Roh and Nicholas Watt are only two examples of the possible career paths for ENERPO graduates. In the next issues of the ENERPO Journal, we plan to share other interesting career tracks, as our graduates work not only in the energy sector but also in the sphere of politics and diplomacy, sustainable development; some of them have even built successful scientific careers. Stay tuned for more inspirational stories!

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