

FOREWORD FROM THE EDITOR



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Despite the complex and evolving global landscape, the ENERPO Research Center remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing energy research and promoting a sustainable future. We are delighted to share a glimpse of the exciting developments and initiatives we have undertaken in recent months.

As such, ENERPO continues to strengthen its research in corporate governance, hosting an ESG webinar in February 2024, titled “System of Corporate Governance: Constants and Variables”, in collaboration with the Moscow Exchange¹. This event facilitated critical discussions on key aspects of corporate governance within the current context.

In June 2024, we celebrated the launch of our latest publication, “Russian Coal in the Era of Climate Change”, at the UN Global Compact Network in Russia’s venue². This insightful book, authored by our esteemed experts Nikita Lomagin, Irina Mironova, Maxim Titov and Michael Oshchepkov and published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2023³, offers a comprehensive analysis of the Russian coal industry.

Additionally, Olga Teplova, Head of the Sustainable Development Department at RC ENERPO, collaborated with colleagues from the Higher School of Economics, publishing an article in *Frontiers in Environmental Science*⁴. This research explores the link between the financial performance of energy companies, their carbon footprint and the patents for renewable energy technologies.

Beyond our publications, ENERPO actively participates in diverse initiatives. We contributed significantly to the work of the experts preparing the analytical report on the implementation of strategic climate research-related initiatives in Russia’s science and technology sphere. This engagement underscores our dedication to contributing to the broader scientific landscape in Russia.

In August 2024, Michael Oshchepkov, Researcher at RC ENERPO, participated in the VI International Municipal BRICS+ Forum in Moscow, where he presented a compelling discussion on the carbon neutrality of the SCO countries⁵. In this

¹ “ESG Webinar ‘System of Corporate Governance: Constants and Variables’”, MOEX, published February 8, 2024, <https://www.moex.com/e17938>.

² “A Discussion Took Place at the UN Global Compact Network in Russia...”, European University at St. Petersburg, published June 25, 2024, <https://eusp.org/news/na-ploschadke-nacionalnoy-seti-globalnogo-dogovora-oon-v-rossii-sostoyalos-obsuzhdenie-itogov-issledovaniya-ic-enerpo>.

³ *The book is available on the website*: <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-981-99-5370-7>.

⁴ “A Joint Article by Olga Teplova and Colleagues from the Higher School of Economics...”, European University at St. Petersburg, published September 17, 2024, <https://eusp.org/news/opublikovana-sovmestnaya-statya-olgi-teplovoy-i-kolleg-iz-vshe-posvyaschennaya-svyazi-finansovykh-pokazateley-energokompaniy-s-ikh-uglerodnym-profilem-i-patentami-na-vie>.

⁵ “VI International Municipal BRICS+ Forum 2024”, ENERPO Journal, published September 18, 2024, <https://enerpojurnal.eusp.org/2024/09/vi-international-municipal-brics-forum-2024/>.

current issue, we are also proud to share a report on the V International Municipal BRICS+ Forum, held in Saint Petersburg on November 9, 2023, where RC ENERPO co-organised a session titled “Future Energy: Alternative Sources for Sustainable Development”.

As we look ahead, we are gearing up for COP29, scheduled for November 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan, where ENERPO will be prominently present, sharing expertise and knowledge about the Russian coal sector with the international community.

We are also proud to highlight the continuous development of our journal. In 2024, ENERPO Journal launched a redesigned website, fully aligned with the highest standards of scientific publishing. We invite you to visit our new platform at <https://enerpojournaleusp.org/> and experience its user-friendly interface and wealth of information. We are also committed to expanding our archive within the *eLibrary* database, ensuring that our work reaches a broad audience within the Russian scientific community.

This 12th issue features insightful articles, including Liubov Yaroshenko’s examination of COP29 within the context of critical energy transition minerals, Evgeniia Kirillova’s analysis of using co-optimisation modeling solutions for interconnected energy markets, as well as Michael Oshchepkov’s discussion on the perspectives of carbon markets integration.

We continue our tradition of interviews with special focus on professional development, introduced in the previous issue, showcasing an interview with Dmitry Vasilenko, Vice-Rector at Saint Petersburg State University of Economics, discussing the concept, history and people behind the “Energetika XXI” conference, and an interview with Pal Dunay, Interim Director of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, emphasising the vital role of education in promoting regional development. Additionally, we had the privilege of speaking with Branko Milicevic, a leading expert on energy transition and hydrogen at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), on the topic of low-emission hydrogen.

We are also pleased to remind readers that applications are open for the ENERPO educational program, which is part of the European University at St. Petersburg’s International Relations division focusing on the study of global energy policy and the energy transition. For more information about the program, please visit the website: <https://enerpo.eusp.org/>.

As always, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our loyal readers. We eagerly await your feedback and welcome new authors and peer reviewers who share our passion for advancing energy research and dialogue.

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