

GRA 8221 Oil Prices and the Macroeconomy

Executive MBA - Maritime Offshore track

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Course responsible:

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Guest lecturers:

Svein Gjedrem Norwegian economist and former Governor of the Central Bank of Norway and permanent under-secretary of State of the Ministry of Finance

Frode M Nordvik PhD candidate at BI Norwegian Business School, former economist at the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy and journalist in Kapital

The course gives an introduction to the world energy market and commodity prices at large and discuss how they are influenced by economic and technological developments in emerging and developed economies. It then discusses macroeconomic issues and policies in resource rich countries.

Topics to be covered:

- The role of demand and supply in driving commodity prices
- The effect of commodity prices for macroeconomic development and the role of monetary policy
- Spillovers from oil and gas in resource rich economies
- Stabilization policies in resource rich economies

Day 1: Tuesday 21 June

09:00-12:30 Hilde C. Bjørnland

Theories and empirical evidence of linkages between oil prices, the macroeconomy and monetary policy, including

- A Structural Model of the Global Market for Crude Oil
- What drives oil prices, demand or supply?
- Emerging versus developed economy as drivers of demand?
- Monetary Policy Responses to Oil Price Fluctuations

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:45 Hilde C. Bjørnland

Group assignment: What are the effects of the current oil price decline on the global economy?

15:00-18:00 Frode M Nordvik

A theory of natural resource (Hotelling).

Norwegian oil sector.

The shale oil revolution.

Day 2: Wednesday 22 June

09:00-12:30 Hilde C Bjørnland

Spillovers from the petroleum sectors.

- Resource curse and Dutch disease
- Empirical evidence (or lack of evidence) of Dutch disease
- Spillovers of oil and gas in resource rich economies

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:45 Hilde C. Bjørnland

Group assignment: What are the effects of the current oil price decline on a resource rich economy?

15:00-17:30 Svein Gjedrem

Stabilization policies in resource rich economies

- Framework for economic policies - A note on Monetary policy
- Fiscal policy considerations
- The Government Pension Fund: Saving versus stabilization
- Ways ahead