Advancing an Energy Minimum Right
13 June 2024 10:30 – 12:00 (followed by lunch)
Hybrid FEPS Office / Zoom

This discussion, in connection with the upcoming publication of a related Policy Study by Prof. Raphael Heffron, will explore how and why Energy Minimum Rights (EMRs) emerged in the context of the EU debate around energy access, socioeconomic fairness, and the just transition. The concept is based on a universal human rights approach that is reflected in the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and should be in EU-legislation as well. EMRs give a framework to policymakers to guide medium to long-term planning for energy production and access from the local to the global level.

EMRs can address and restore the balance in the relationship between key stakeholders, from people to companies and governments. As society moves further on a United Nations (UN) inspired pathway to a just transition within the framework of the SDGs, there is a need to ensure that human rights are adapted to the realities of the 21st century. Energy minimum rights can be the cornerstone of modernising the approach academia and policy makers take towards energy and society.

This event will be followed by a light networking lunch.

10:00 – 10:30	**ARRIVAL OF THE PARTICIPANTS WITH LIGHT BREAKFAST**

10:30 – 10:40   **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**
- **Laszlo Andor,** FEPS
- **Claudia Detsch,** FES Just Climate

10:40 – 10:55   **PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLICATION:**

Presentation of the research and policy recommendations by
- **Raphael Heffron,** Professor in Energy Justice & The Social Contract, Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour

10:55 – 11:25   **DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE POLICY**
First responses:
- **Monika Bucha,** Kelso Institute Europe
- **Tijn Croon,** TU Delft
- **Rebeka Maršnjak**, S&D Group

- Moderator: **Thomas Fröhlich,** FEPS

11:25 – 11:50   **Q&A AND OPEN DISCUSSION**

11:50 – 12:00   **CONCLUDING REMARKS AND NEXT STEPS**
                 Followed by a light networking lunch