



## CALL FOR PAPERS

# 8th PhD Workshop “Energy Informatics (Energieinformatik)” 2017

**October 3-4, Lugano, Switzerland**

For the 8<sup>th</sup> time, the PhD workshop “Energy Informatics (Energieinformatik)” discusses the role of ICT and computer science in future energy systems. The energy transition (Energiewende) – a politically supervised and accelerated shift in direction from nuclear and fossil fuels to sustainable sources of energy – yields drastic changes in the operation of existing energy supply and demand systems and requires a paradigm shift in both their planning and operation. The technological aspects as well as the involvement of consumers play a crucial role in the necessary transformation process. Hence, not only the development, evaluation and application of new technologies and methods, but also the complex interactions between them including their users have to be investigated. These challenges are not limited to the domain of electric power and have to be extended to integrate electricity, mobility, gas, and heat supply systems.

The workshop “Energy Informatics (Energieinformatik) 2017” invites PhD students whose research focuses on the intersection of informatics, power engineering, and energy economics. This workshop presents an opportunity for PhD students to discuss their current work – ranging from preliminary ideas to project/thesis results – with researchers from within the same community. Hence, long papers, project descriptions, and progress reports in the form of short papers are welcome. Former participants of the workshop may be accepted for presentation of significant progress in their PhD project and should clearly state the progress compared to earlier submissions.

The aim of this workshop is to support PhD-students in their research and in creating a basis for a high quality submission to a signature conference or journal. Relevant topics include, but are not restricted to:

### **Algorithms**

- Coordination of decentralized producers and consumers, e.g. Demand Response and Demand Side Management
- Multi-agent systems, autonomous systems, distributed artificial intelligence, self-organization
- Multi-domain approaches in power system optimization (e.g. power-2-gas, hybrid networks, etc.)
- Data analytics in energy data repositories

### **Software and system architectures**

- Information technology for the integration of distributed energy systems
- Standards, data and information models, reference architectures
- Service architectures for energy data life cycles
- Communication technologies

### **Economic aspects and sustainability**

- Energy market design for renewable energy
- Grid investments, regulation and pricing
- Valuation of demand side flexibility and storage capacities
- Innovative business models and service design
- Incentives and pricing mechanisms for demand side management

### **Dependability, safety and resilience**

- Collection and use of energy data
- Security and privacy issues in energy management systems
- Aspects of QoS in power supply (power quality issues, requirements engineering regarding resilience, robustness, and real-time constraints)

## Modeling, simulation, and validation

- Modeling of components and (sub-)systems of power and energy systems
- (Co-) simulation approaches for the assessment of planning and control approaches
- Advanced validation and testing approaches for smart grid systems and components
- Development of system level validation procedures and benchmark criteria
- Real-time simulation and Hardware-in-the-Loop (HIL) based assessment methods for smart grids

## Specific applications

- IT, control concepts, and services for electric mobility / intermodal mobility systems / battery charging of electric vehicles
- Automation Systems
- Industrial Load Management
- Energy management for industrial processes (Industry 4.0)
- Multi-commodity / multi-modal control approaches in energy systems

English language papers describing the doctoral research topic are to be submitted in PDF format directly in the Easy Chair system. The link can be found soon at <https://fg-wi-eins.gi.de/>. The submissions should detail the research questions and the methodology chosen for answering them. Long papers (including results) with a maximum of 12 pages and short papers with a maximum of 6 pages will be accepted. Contributions exceeding this limit will not be accepted. Submissions must reflect the following structure:

- Motivation
- Research questions
- Status of the PhD-project (including a reference to former presentation at the workshop – if applicable)
- Related work (including own publications)
- Methodology
- First results (only long paper)
- Conclusion and outlook

A suitable template with further information will be made available online at <https://fg-wi-eins.gi.de/>.

## Information about the format of the workshop

**Numbers of authors:** Single-authorship of PhD students is expected. A mention of the supervising professor(s) is needed to avoid conflicts in the reviewing process.

**Shepherding process:** An intensive and interactive reviewing process begins with the acceptance of a paper to the shepherding process. The process is designed to support the submitter in clearly defining her/his doctoral project. The accepted papers will be assigned to an individual member of the program committee called “shepherd” who supports the author in an iterative process sharpening the presentation of the project and ending up in a high quality publication. By submitting a contribution to the doctoral workshop, the author agrees to participate in this process.

**Language and length of presentation:** English language contributions are mandatory, the language of the presentations and discussions of the work is also in English. This is to ensure that all invited domain experts (PhD students and committee members) are able to participate in constructive discussions. The time slot for presentation is 30 to 40 minutes for long papers and 20 min for short contributions followed by the same time for intensive discussions. Guidelines for the presentations will be provided.

**Conference proceedings:** The aim of the workshop is to support participants in their progress towards a doctoral degree and creating a quality submission. In the last years, best workshop submissions were compiled into a special issue of a high-ranked journal. This is intended for this year’s workshop as well. Furthermore, all contributions will be presented within a poster session at the conference D-A-CH Energieinformatik (see below).

**Cooperation with D-A-CH Energieinformatik:** The PhD workshop is organized in cooperation with the D-A-CH Energieinformatik conference. All presenters at the PhD workshop are automatically registered for this conference. A joint poster session provides the opportunity to present and discuss the PhD work with a broader audience.

### Details on the schedule of submission and the workshop (a.k.a. important dates):

April, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2017:	Submission of papers
May, 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2017:	Decision acceptance (assignment of shepherds) / rejection
May, 12 <sup>th</sup> - August, 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2017:	Incremental revision process between author and shepherd
September, 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2017:	Delivery of final (camera-ready) contributions
October, 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> , 2017:	8. PhD workshop "Energy Informatics (Energieinformatik)"
October, 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> , 2017:	6. D-A-CH Energieinformatik

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For further questions please contact us at: [EnInf17@offis.de](mailto:EnInf17@offis.de)

### Program committee

The workshop's program committee is updated regularly based on active trends in energy informatics. It currently consists of about 30 experts and scientists from Austria, Germany, Great Britain, Norway, the Netherlands, and Switzerland. The final list of scientists joining the program committee is published on <https://fg-wi-eins.gi.de/>.

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Link to previous events: <https://www.offis.de/offis/aktuelles/workshops/workshop-energieinformatik.html>