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Micro-generation: An energy revolution?

Micro-generation has attracted widespread interest over the past few years in the UK - from senior politicians, energy companies and many citizens.

Government strategies have been developed, new regulations implemented and new products launched. But despite all this activity, the pace of deployment in people's homes has been slow.

This talk will focus on the prospects for micro-generation in the UK. It will draw on the results of an ESRC funded study 'Unlocking the Power House', completed in autumn 2006. The project assessed the economics of a range of micro-generation technologies in different building types. It used this analysis to develop a set of policy implications which focused on further incentives for micro-generation deployment as well as consequent, broader changes in energy system infrastructures and regulation. The talk will review the findings of the study two years on. It will discuss the extent to which government policy may still need to develop further if micro-generation technologies are to contribute fully to the unfolding energy transition.

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