

Engendering the Energy Transition: Frugal Innovation?

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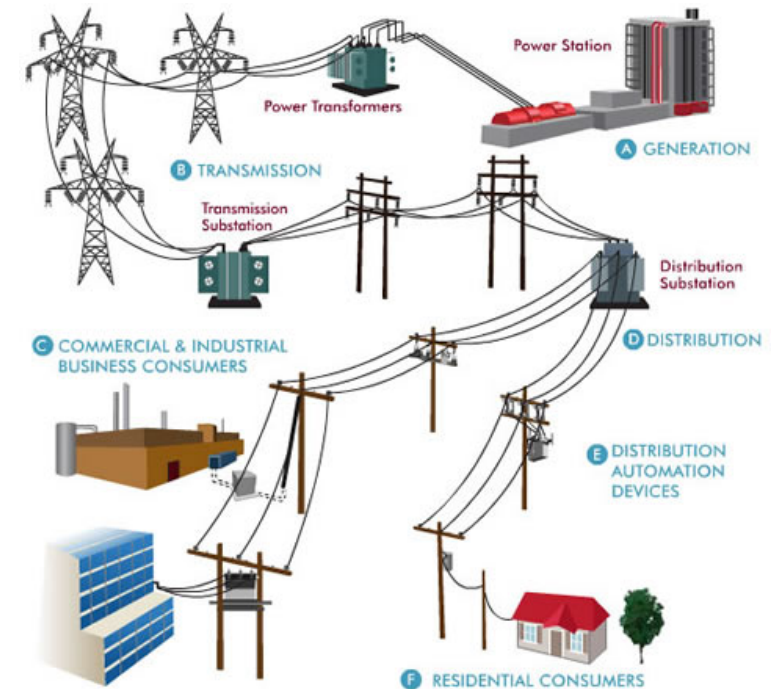
WHAT ABOUT THE DISCUSSANT?

Main fields of expertise:

- (EU) competition law
- EU economic law
- Law & economics



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The paper: questions, methods and goals

- ❑ What is frugal innovation and why we should look at it from a gendered perspective?
- ❑ Framework for gender assessment of frugal innovation – **processes and outcomes** – in the context of empirical research
- ❑ Recommendations for policy/decision-makers
- ❑ Method: theory and report on a case study of the “Money maker” water pump.

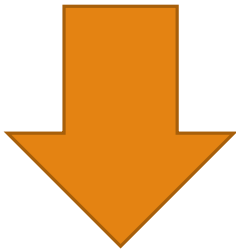
1. Normative aspect of “innovation”

Innovation – beyond monolithic conceptions of innovation as top-down, corporate/professional, capital intensive

Why do we prioritize innovation ?

Who benefits from innovation ?

How do we decide that something is innovative?



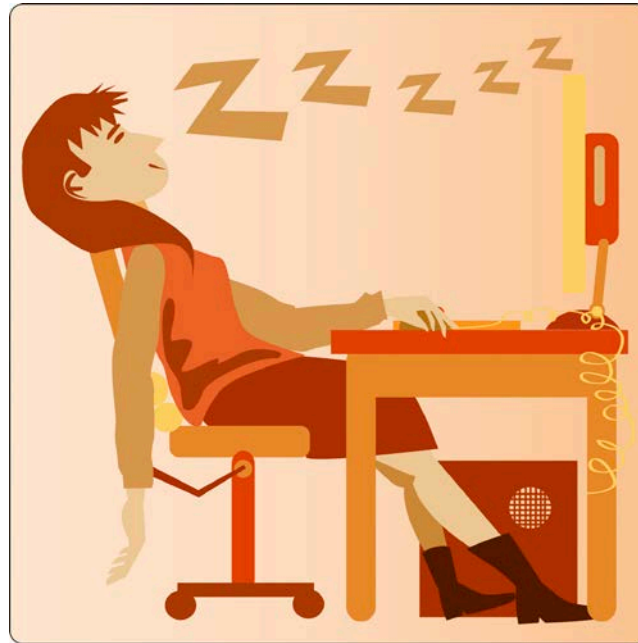
Not mere innovations, empowerment!



2. Measuring gender impacts

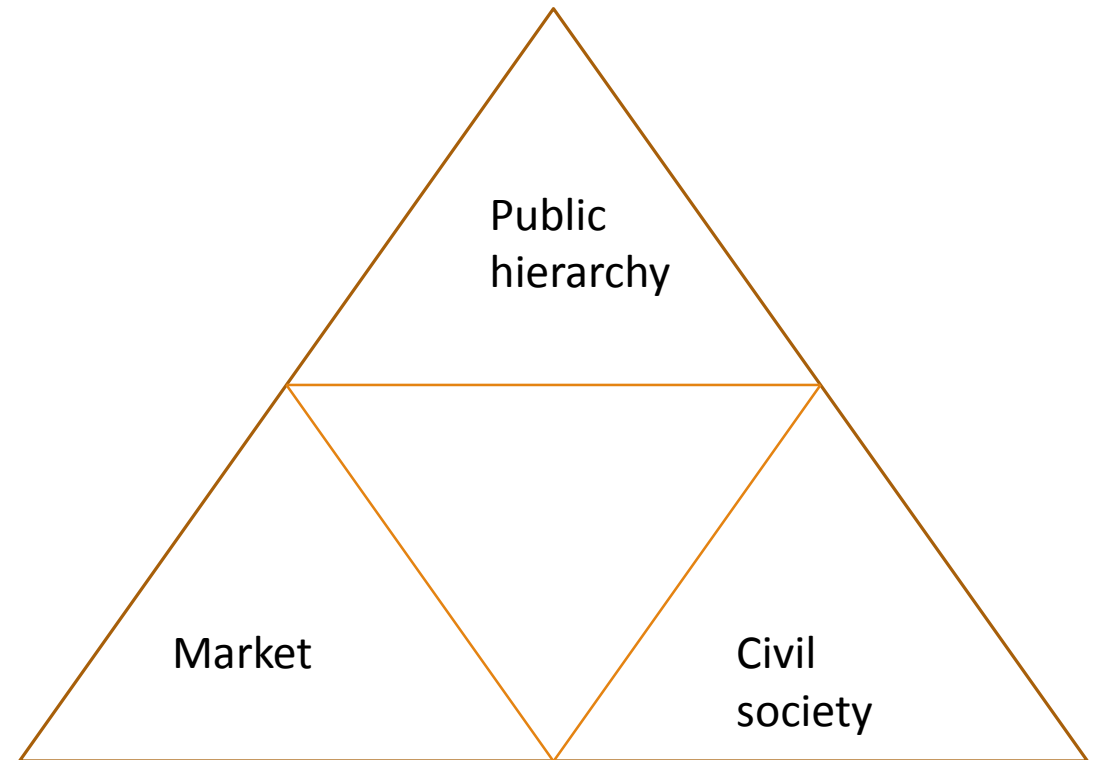
- ❑ Who should be in charge of assessing the gender impact of innovation?
- ❑ What methods should be employed?
- ❑ Classic issues of welfare definition

- ❑ Attention to gender outcomes or gendered processes (and does the framework apply to both)?
- ❑ Innovation should become more interactive, less top-down, less corporate – why?



3. The message: **who** should prioritize?

- ❑ Who should be in charge of transforming frugal innovation to accommodate a gender lense?
- ❑ Where should frugal innovation ideally take place?
- ❑ Where can it take place?



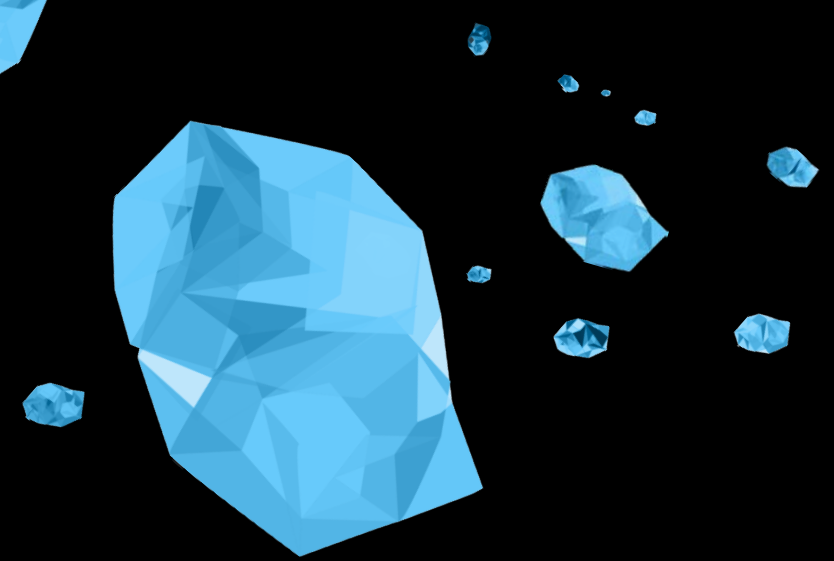
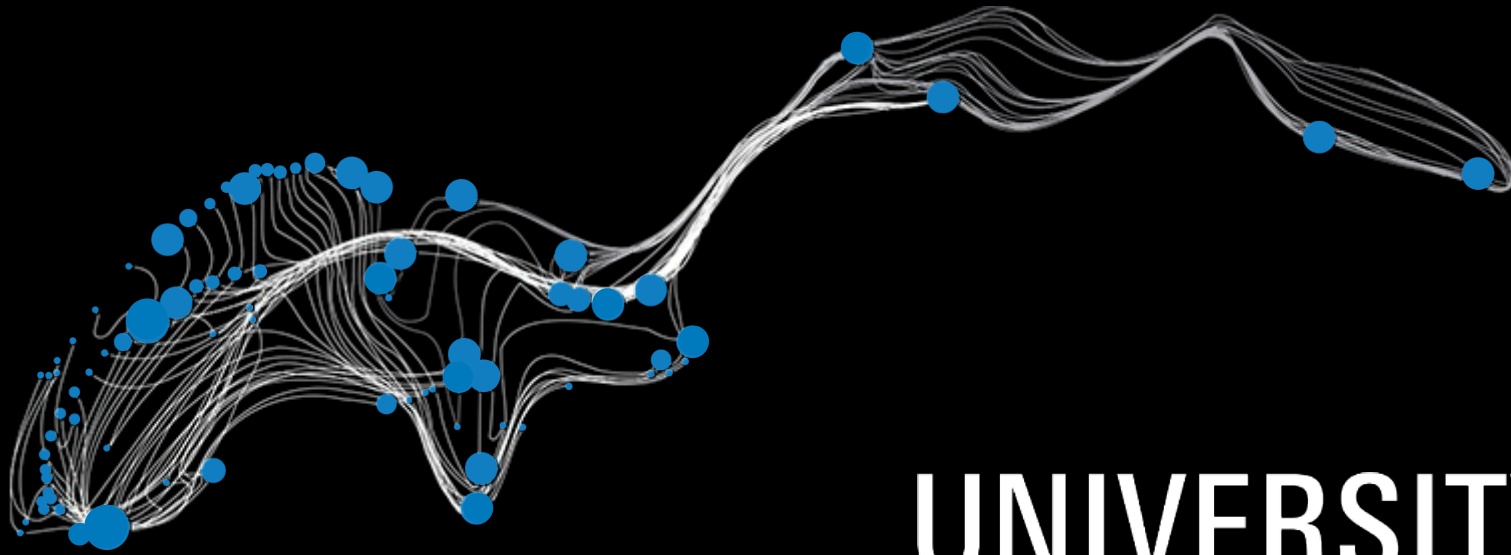
Frugal Forever?

Frugal innovation – an interim solution or a permanent item on the policy agenda?

A second best solution rather than “the dream”

At what point can we move beyond frugality?





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