



European Governance and the Geopolitics of Energy

Ifri Energy Breakfast Roundtable

What are the key drivers for oil prices?

On Thursday, December 20th, 2007, 9:00-11:30 am

Conseil Central de l'Economie
Conférence Room N° 6 – First Floor
18/20 Avenue d'Auderghem, 1040 Brussels
metro: Schuman

(registration : 8:45 am)

With

Key note speaker: **Frédéric Lasserre**, Global Head of Commodities Research, SOCIÉTÉ
GÉNÉRALE,
and
Joel Couse, Vice-President Market Analysis, Trading & Shipping Division, TOTAL

Introduction: **Jacques Lesourne**, President of the Scientific Committee of the Ifri Energy Program.
Moderation : **Jan Horst Keppler**, Research associate of the Ifri Energy Program.

Frédéric Lasserre will begin by discussing how the market functions, and will explain the causes of the volatility in the price of oil with regard to the current peak in price : pressure from growing demand, geopolitical factors, the weakening of the dollar, the fear of a shortage in supply, etc. Following the presentation of Dr. Lasserre, Joel Couse will then discuss his point of view on the subject. The experts will then answer questions from the audience.