

# Preface

In the last decade, energy markets have developed substantially due to the growing activity of financial investors. One consequence of this massive presence of investors is a stronger link between the hitherto segmented energy and financial markets. “The Interrelationship Between Financial and Energy Markets” is the title of this book, and it addresses some of the recent developments between financial and energy markets. It aims to further the understanding of the rich interplay between financial and energy markets by presenting several empirical studies that illustrate and discuss some of the main issues on this agenda.

Postgraduate students, researchers, and practitioners with a solid background in economic and finance theory are the target audience. Many chapters contain a strong component of quantitative methods applied to energy finance along with an up-to-date survey of the literature, thus allowing the reader to get up to speed on these topics.

A number of issues were omitted, including the regulatory aspects of the European energy markets and financial aspects on renewable and green energy, so as to avoid an overlap with the contents of other books by Springer, e.g. *Financial Aspects of Energy* and the *Handbook of Natural Resources and Energy Economics*.

As a whole, the 12 chapters of “The Interrelationship Between Financial and Energy Markets” aim to provide an overview of important aspects of the oil industry, the impact of oil shocks, electricity markets, and the analytical and quantitative tools applicable to energy finance.

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