

Economics of nuclear energy for the Middle East

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Countries across the Middle East are shifting away from the near-complete reliance on fossil fuel to generate electricity. Investments in nuclear and solar energy have been proposed in a number of countries in the region, including Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan and UAE, in an attempt to meet increasing demand for electricity and desalinated water as well as to promote energy security. This talk aims to examine the comparative economics of nuclear power relative to other energy resources and to shed light on the underlying project financing issues and economic risks.