



The Focus-Abengoa Foundation and Menéndez Pelayo International University open the series entitled “The global governance of climate change” as part of the Energy and Climate Change School 2013

- The 9th edition of the School will be directed by Josep Borrell Fontelles, professor of economics at Universidad Complutense de Madrid.
- Speakers, experts and students will analyse the legal, technical, political and economic aspects of the global fight against climate change over two days.

Seville, 23 April 2013. The Focus-Abengoa Foundation and Menéndez Pelayo International University today held the inaugural session of the series entitled “The global governance of climate change”, which once again is being held as part of the Energy and Climate Change School. The opening session was attended by Anabel Morillo León, director general of the Focus-Abengoa Foundation; Rodrigo Martínez-Val Peñalosal, vice-chancellor of UIMP; Josep Borrell Fontelles, director of the 9th edition of the School and professor of economics at Universidad Complutense de Madrid, and Natalia Fabra Portela, secretary of this edition of the School from the Department of Economics of Universidad Carlos III. Michael Zammit Cutajar, former executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change gave the opening lecture entitled “*Climate change negotiations: Lessons from 25 years*” to an audience of students and lecturers concerned and interested in climate change.

The Director of this edition, Josep Borrell Fontelles, said, “Our objective over these two days is to examine and analyse the need for the Spanish economy to evolve towards a production model based on rules that are radically different from the past, which economic analysts agree on. Rules that must materialise in a production structure with an important capacity to compete abroad – or put another way – to generate significant increases in productivity domestically, independent of the economic outlook”.

“To advance in this direction, we need a highly efficient renewable energy sector as well as the available human resources. These two points will form the basis of the Energy and Climate Change School that we are beginning today”, he added.

This year, the Energy and Climate Change School will be attended by more than 25 university students, who will have the opportunity to discuss these issues with experts such as Teresa Ribera, former Secretary of State for Climate Change and the current Director General of Strategic Development and New International Markets at Isofotón; Jacques Le Cacheux, head of the Economic Research Department of the French Economic Observatory (OFCE) in Paris;



and Mónica López, head of the Meteorology Department of TVE and Vice-president of the Association of Weather Broadcasters, among others.

The main objective of the Energy and Climate Change School, which is the result of a collaboration agreement between the Focus-Abengoa Foundation and Menéndez Pelayo International University, is to offer a progressive institutional and scientific perspective about problems related to climate change and the unstoppable demand for energy, which requires every country and society around the world to rethink their energy strategies. Moreover, these must be collective strategies, since only a global response is suitable for a global problem such as climate change and its consequences.

The Focus-Abengoa Forum on Energy and Climate Change aims to promote a genuine open platform for the research, presentation and debate of ideas and results through actions that it believes are relevant at any given time, based on the characteristics of the issues to be analysed, by means of public discussions.

Entry to the opening address and all the other sessions is free while space is available. The lectures will also be broadcast live via the Focus-Abengoa Foundation website (<http://focus.abengoa.es>).

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Wednesday 24 April

9.30 am

Fighting climate change by pricing carbon: Lessons from experience with carbon markets and carbon tax. Jacques Le Cacheux

10.30 am

Cities in the global governance of climate change. Lara Lázaro

11.30 am

Visit to Abengoa Solar's Solúcar Platform in Sanlúcar la Mayor.

4.30 pm

The communication of climate change. Mónica López

5.30 pm

New scenarios in the geopolitics of climate change. José Manuel Cansino



Thursday 25 April

9.30 am

Is global governance of climate change possible? Teresa Ribera

10.30 am

Emissions markets: evaluation and economic impacts. Natalia Fabra

12.00 pm

Round table: *Social and economic impact of the fight against climate change.* Moderator: M. Alejandro Cardenete.

4.00 pm

The package of EU climate change adaptation policies. Antonio Soria

5.00 pm

Europe and climate change energy transition. Josep Borrell

Menéndez Pelayo University

The UIMP has an interdisciplinary academic and cultural program, which combines tradition and innovation with quality and prestige. It is currently the only presence-based university associated with the Ministry of Education, although it does not have its own academic staff. It operates by continually inviting the academic, intellectual, scientific and artistic elite in Spain and internationally, to lecture in its auditoriums.

Focus-Abengoa Foundation

The Focus-Abengoa Foundation was created in 1982 as a result of the cultural work begun in 1972 by Abengoa with the publication of the works *Temas Sevillanos* (Themes of Seville) and *Iconografía de Sevilla* (Iconography of Seville). A collection of documents, books and engravings on the Kingdom of Seville and by Sevillian authors was created during the same period. This initial cultural work showed Abengoa's directors the importance of the company's involvement in activities that directly benefit society, beyond its core technology work, which led to the creation of the Seville Cultural Fund Foundation. The Hospital de los Venerables, a 17th century monument and the headquarters of the Focus-Abengoa Foundation in Seville, has housed the Diego Velázquez Research Centre, a leading institution for studying and disseminating the Baroque era and the Sevillian period of this universally renowned artist, following the acquisition of Velázquez's Santa Rufina by the Foundation in 2007.



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