

Discussion Questions for March 7, 2017 – Energy Poverty

Note: the corrected assigned readings from the Oxford online energy policy book are Chapter 2 (not intro and Chapter 1) and one of Chapters 10-14)

1. What is energy poverty, according to the readings?
2. What is the nature of the energy poverty problem in your jurisdiction (the one you are using for the policy analysis throughout the term)? Please spend 15-30 minutes searching for a quantitative indicator of the energy poverty problem in your jurisdiction.
3. What's the best way to quantitatively characterize the magnitude and challenge of energy poverty globally? Use Chapter 2.
4. What technological approaches are available to address energy poverty? What business models are most appropriate?
5. How do we tackle energy poverty without trashing the planet?
6. For the case study in Chapter 10-14 that you read, what is the particular challenge of energy poverty in that region?
7. What measures have been taken to address energy poverty in that region? How successful have they been, and why?
8. What future policy and technology strategies offer the best hope of success in addressing energy poverty in the region you read about?
9. What are the biggest challenges in addressing energy poverty in that region without aggravating global climate change?