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Autumn Seminar Series 2006

6pm 31 October 2006

The Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22-26 George Street, Edinburgh

Dr Dieter Helm
(New College Oxford)

*“Energy policy for Scotland – keeping the lights
on and limiting climate change”*

Jeremy Peat, Director of The David Hume Institute said “The Institute is delighted to welcome Dieter Helm to give this talk on a highly topical subject. The huge response we have received demonstrates both the crucial importance of his topic and the strength of Dieter’s reputation.

Dr Helm is an acknowledged UK economic expert on energy issues and the relationship between energy and the environment. He will address those energy issues pertinent in Scotland and the key policy implications, including how Scotland best feeds into the UK and global policy debate, but do so having set that UK and global scene. He will take full cognisance of the Royal Society of Edinburgh's recent report on Scotland's energy and for the Q&A will be joined by Roger Crofts of the RSE, who wrote that report.”

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Dieter Helm is an economist, specialising in utilities, infrastructure, regulation and the environment, and concentrates on the energy, water and transport sectors in Britain and Europe. He is a Fellow in Economics at New College, Oxford.

He holds a number of other advisory board appointments, including the Prime Minister's Council for Science and Technology and the DTI Sustainable Energy Panel Advisory Board. He is Chairman of the DEFRA Academic Panel and also a member of the advisory boards of Macquarie European Infrastructure Fund and Terra Firma.

He is an Associate Editor of the Oxford Review of Economic Policy.

His career spans academia, public policy and business. He founded Oxera in 1982, was a member of the DTI's Energy Advisory Panel from 1993-2003, and has published extensively on economic topics. He recently completed a major study of British Energy policy since 1979 – Energy, The State and the Market, published by Oxford University Press. His latest edited book is entitled Climate-change Policy, also published by Oxford University Press.

Notes to Editors:

The views that will be expressed by the speaker are his own and do not commit the¹ Trustees or Officers of the Institute in any way.

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