

CRITICAL MINERALS AND THE NEW GEOPOLITICS OF THE GREEN TRANSITION

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PROGRAM

STOCKHOLM SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
SVEAVÄGEN 65,
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14:45-15:00

REGISTRATION (entrance to the venue)

15:00-15:10

OPENING REMARKS & WELCOME

▶ **Jesper Roine**, Deputy Director, Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics; Adjunct Professor, Stockholm School of Economics.
Resources and the Energy Transition

15:10-15:40

PART I. UKRAINE: CRITICAL MINERALS, STRATEGIC DEPENDENCIES, AND EUROPE'S GREEN TRANSITION

▶ **Jiayi Zhou**, Senior Researcher, SIPRI.
Ukraine and Global Resource Mercantilism in the Green Transition

▶ **Olha Evstigneeva**, PhD researcher, Institute for Economics and Forecasting, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine; Decarbonisation Expert.
Ukraine in Europe's Critical Raw Materials Value Chains: Strategic Positioning, Energy Security, and New Dependencies

15:45-16:15

PART II. SWEDEN: MINING, INDUSTRIAL POLICY, AND DISTRIBUTIONAL CHOICES

▶ **Maria Sunér**, Swedish Association of Mines, Mineral and Metal Producers.
Minerals Sector: Opportunities, Constraints, and the Green Transition

▶ **Daniel Spiro**, Professor, Uppsala University.
Who Benefits from Sweden's Critical Minerals? Resource Rents and Policy Choices in the Green Transition

16:20-16:35

PART III. EUROPEAN FIRMS AND CRITICAL MINERALS SUPPLY CHAIN

▶ **Aaron Maltais**, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute.
Sustainability, Competitiveness, and Geopolitics in Critical Mineral Supply Chains (TBC)

16:35-17:00

CONCLUDING DISCUSSION: PANEL DISCUSSION AND AUDIENCE Q&A

▶ **Moderator: Chloé Le Coq**, Professor, Paris Panthéon-Assas University and Research Fellow, Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics.

