

# **Assessing Global Energy Security**

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### A framework for understanding

- Energy security as a pseudo-cognate
  - What is meant by energy security frameworks?
- Political stability vs economic stability
  - Politics matters, but economics matters even more
  - Prices: volatility versus level
- Unilateral and costly vs bilateral and binding
  - Mutually Assured Dependency
  - Deepen and broaden trade links



#### A brief assessment

- What are the markets telling us?
  - No reason to worry?
  - Can low prices secure both supply and demand?
- Supplies appear strong and flexible
  - GCC maintaining market share
  - A new swing producer?





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