

# Lecture 5: Hands-on-Exercise

## Short written reflection (15 mins)

Purpose: Use the political economy concepts from this lecture to reflect on how context and feasibility shape your EMP modelling work.

### Instructions

Think about your EMP modelling project (or a key scenario within it). Answer the questions below concisely (bullet points are fine).

### Questions

1. Problem framing
  - What is the specific policy or problem your model is trying to inform?
  - How is the problem currently framed in public or policy debates?
2. Institutional and structural context
  - Which formal institutions are central to this problem? (e.g. ministries, regulators, utilities, planning agencies)
  - Are there gaps between formal mandates and how decisions are made in practice?
  - What deeper constraints shape what is feasible? (e.g. fiscal limits, infrastructure lock-in, market structure, social conditions)
3. Actors, interests, power and ideas
  - Who are the most influential actors related to this problem?
  - Who benefits if the status quo continues? Who loses from change?
  - Which actors have the ability to enable or block change?
  - What is one dominant idea or narrative that influences how this issue is debated?