

Lion Hirth: Publications

Lion has published 36 articles in peer-reviewed economics and engineering journals, including single-author papers in the leading field outlets *Energy Economics*, *The Energy Journal*, and *Applied Energy*. Google Scholar reports a total of 7300 citations, yielding an h-index of 36. Two of his papers are the most cited in recent times in leading field journals, “Optimal Share” in *The Energy Journal* and “Market Value” in *Energy Economics*.

RePEc lists Lion among the top 5% energy economists; FAZ lists him among the top 30 German research economists. Lion’s publications have won several awards, including the best paper award of the International Association for Energy Economics.

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