

# The International Crude Oil Market Handbook

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provides a brief discussion of world oil market developments since the early 1970s identifying the fundamental characteristics and features of the market through to the end of this century it also examines the history and current structure of world oil demand analyzed in terms of demand for crude oil products in the various regions a number of key factors and fundamental trends in crude oil consumption are identified which can be expected to play an important role in future oil demand in addition the study provides an examination of the history and current structure of world crude oil supply emphasizing the methodology employed in representing crude oil production reserves additions and productive capacity development within the analytical framework a series of sensitivity cases are presented together with the reference case crude oil market scenario generated by the integration of the demand and supply side analyses finally the study s authors draw together the critical conclusions arising from the analysis

it s a fair bet that most of what you think you know about oil prices is wrong despite the massive price fluctuations of the past decade the received wisdom on the subject has remained fundamentally unchanged since the 1970s when asked most people including politicians financial analysts and pundits will respond with a tired litany of reasons ranging from increased chinese and indian competition for diminishing resources and tensions in the middle east to manipulation by opec and exorbitant petrol taxes in the eu yet the facts belie these explanations for instance what really happened in late 2008 when in just a few weeks oil prices plummeted from 144 dollars to 37 dollars a barrel did chinese and indian demand suddenly dry up did middle east conflicts magically resolve themselves did opec flood the market with crude in each case the answer is a definitive no quite the opposite in fact industry expert salvatore

carollo explains that the truth behind today's increasingly volatile oil market is that over the past two decades oil prices have come untethered from all classical notions of supply and demand and have transcended any country's consortium's cartel's or corporate entity's powers to control them at play is a subtler more complex game than most analysts realise or are unwilling to admit to a very dangerous game involving runaway financial speculation self defeating government policymaking and a concerted disinvestment in refinery capacity among the oil majors in understanding oil prices carollo identifies the key players in this dangerous game exploring their competing interests and motivations their moves and countermoves beginning with the 1976 oil embargo and moving through the 1986 chernobyl incident the implementation of the us clean air act amendments of 1990 and the precipitous expansion of the oil futures market since the turn of the century he traces the vast structural changes which have occurred within the oil industry over the past four decades identifying their economic social and geopolitical drivers and analysing their fallout in the global economy he explores the oil industry's decision to scale down refining capacity in the face of increasing demand and the effects of global shortages of petrol diesel jet fuel fuel oil chemical feedstocks lubricants and other essential finished products and describes how beginning in the year 2000 the oil futures market detached itself almost completely from the crude market leading to the assetization of oil and the crippling impact reckless speculation in oil futures has had on the global economy finally he proposes new more sophisticated models that economists and financial analysts can use to make sense of today's oil market while offering industry leaders and government policymakers prescriptions for stabilising the market to ensure a relatively steady flow of affordable oil a concise authoritative guide to understanding the complex oft misunderstood oil markets understanding oil prices is an important resource for energy market participants commodity traders and investors as well as business journalists and government policymakers alike

our paper examines the effect of oil price changes on gulf cooperation council gcc stock markets using nonlinear smooth transition regression str models contrary to

conventional wisdom our empirical results reveal that gcc stock markets do not have similar sensitivities to oil price changes we document the presence of stock market returns asymmetric reactions in some gcc countries but not for others in kuwait s case negative oil price changes exert larger impacts on stock returns than positive oil price changes when considering the asymmetry with respect to the magnitude of oil price variation we find that oman s and qatar s stock markets are more sensitive to large oil price changes than to small ones our results highlight the importance of economic stabilization and reform policies that can potentially reduce the sensitivity of stock returns to oil price changes especially with regard to the existence of asymmetric behavior

high growth rates economic deregulation and increasing marketisation have made the asia the most dynamic region in the world the book is an investigation into the oil markets of the region rapidly expanding as world energy trade adjusts to the high rate of energy demand growth in asia the key singapore market its evolution and structure are examined together with the rapid growth of derivative trading and other forms of risk management the impact of derivatives failures such as the baring s collapse is considered a key section of the book considers the impact of market liberalization and structural industrial change taking place throughout asia with particular reference to china india japan and korea throughout asia the link between economic development and regulation is complex but vital to an understanding of the operation of markets

seminar paper from the year 2012 in the subject business economics miscellaneous grade 1 6 humboldt university of berlin school of business and economics course power games in energy markets language english abstract crude oil is currently the most important source of energy in the world thanks to advanced production and extraction methods and due to new discoveries the available reserves have grown over the last ten years during this period of time oil prices rose considerably these increases in price are associated with the increasing energy demands of growing

economies across the planet and a shifting of weight between the physical and financial oil market the goal of this work is to examine the correlation between physical and financial crude oil markets as well as establish an explanation for the drastic increase in crude oil price in the past decade the work is organized as follows to begin the characteristics of crude oil as well as its value chain are presented and examined this is followed by an explanation of the physical and financial oil trade to conclude the fundamentals of the world oil market and the financial oil trade are examined to determine the relevance of causation with respect to the recent price increase

while oil price fluctuations in the past can be explained by pure supply factors this book argues that it is monetary policy that plays a significant role in setting global oil prices it is a key factor often neglected in much of the earlier literature on the determinants of asset prices including oil prices however this book presents a framework for modeling oil prices while incorporating monetary policy it also provides a complete theoretical basis of the determinants of crude oil prices and the transmission channels of oil shocks to the economy moreover using several up to date surveys and examples from the real world this book gives insight into the empirical side of energy economics the empirical studies offer explanations for the impact of monetary policy on crude oil prices in different periods including during the subprime mortgage crisis of 2008 2009 the impact of oil price variations on developed and emerging economies the effectiveness of monetary policy in the japanese economy incorporating energy prices and the macroeconomic impacts of oil price movements in trade linked cases this must know information on energy economics is presented in a reader friendly format without being overloaded with excessive and complicated calculations enused false qformat true name subtle emphasis

this paper examines the relationship between monetary policy and oil prices within a world oil demand and supply model low price and high income elasticities of

demand and rigid supply explain high price volatilities and producers market power exchange and interest rates do influence oil market equilibrium the relationship between oil prices and interest rates is a two way relationship that depends on the type of oil shock during a supply shock rising oil prices caused interest rates to increase whereas during a demand shock falling interest rates caused oil prices to rise record low interest rates led to high oil price volatility in 2005 data shows that world economic growth and price stability require stable oil markets and therefore more prudent monetary policies

the market for north sea brent oil directly determines the price of over one half of the world trade in crude oil this study analyzes the workings of the oil market and describes how crude oil prices are determined throughout the world it covers opec pricing futures markets for oil the impact of the uk taxation regime and the mechanisms by which the world price of oil is determined the text should be of benefit to those working in the areas of futures and forward markets opec behaviour north sea oil oil taxation and oil prices

seminar paper from the year 2017 in the subject business economics miscellaneous grade 84 0 dublin business school language english abstract companies that deal in future markets of commodities like the crude oil market are confronted with divers problems which will be described and analysed in the following pages there are many numerous factors that must be taken into consideration like the cost of carry the basis risk the importance of contango and backwardation and the costs and benefits associated with the utilization of options in general in this concrete case an important client of our major consultancy firm has asked for an assessment of their current risk management policies because they are primarily concerned with their exposure to rising energy cost including unexpected costs in managing their futures and forwards hedges in the crude oil market in the past two to three years my task in the following paragraphs is to describe the problems and risks of futures especially in the crude oil market but also mention the chances implied with this market and the

way to deal with it at best it will be possible for me to help our client to understand their past decisions and what was wrong with them and to give them a recommendation for the future how they may improve their overall hedging strategy nevertheless there does not exist any market that is safely predictable thus there will not be a 100 percent safe prediction that guarantees profit caused through for instance environmental disasters political crises or many more this is another point i will show an interest in later by analysing the futures price how it is developed and the potential risks are included

this paper studies the historical importance of opec for oil price fluctuations an event study approach is used to identify the effects of opec announcements on oil price fluctuations results show that price volatility is higher than typical around opec meetings also members compliance a proxy for credibility has strongly fluctuated over time an ordered multinomial logit framework identifies the main factors that explain opec s decisions to cut maintain or boost members oil production and is able to successfully predict opec meeting outcomes 66 percent of the time between 1989 and 2019 cyclical oil price fluctuations as opposed to persistent shifts in levels drive opec s decisions suggesting that opec s objective is to stabilize the oil price rather than countering fundamental shifts in demand and supply low opec s market share reduces the probability of a production cut finally the transparency of opec s statements has modestly improved between 2002 and 2019

current oil market developments and their impacts on the gcc comes at a time when global oil markets are witnessing substantial change oil prices have fluctuated from unprecedented highs to free falling by the end of 2008 and experiencing another steep drop by 2014 other dramatic changes include a surge in global oil supply weakness in demand partly caused by slow growth in emerging countries exploitation of oil shale advancements in oil extraction technology and the emergence of renewable and clean energy sources these developments have all impacted oil markets in particular and the global economy in general in addressing the topic this

book consists of four chapters that examine these developments in depth to determine their implications and potential effects suggesting recommendations that will serve the goals and development objectives of the gulf cooperation council gcc countries and beyond it focuses on global oil supply and demand geopolitical factors related to the russian ukrainian crisis potential iranian western convergence and the implications of all these factors on both gcc and global energy markets its chapters examine issues such as the latest energy market developments and challenges to conventional oil supply the developments detailed require constant monitoring to safeguard global energy security and serve development goals around the world while the gcc has great interest in oil related issues the countries are also planning for the future by simultaneously working on establishing diversified knowledge based economies that are less dependent on conventional resources

expert analysis of rising oil prices and the out of control oil markets that jeopardize both national security and the economy the price of oil is negatively impacting both companies and consumers in oil s endless bid taming the unreliable price of energy to secure our economy energy analyst dan dicker recalls his experiences as an oil trader and reveals the changes that have taken place in the oil markets during the past twenty years and particularly the last five as investment banks energy hedge funds and managed futures funds have come to dominate energy trading and wreak havoc on prices reveals why oil prices cannot stabilize without dramatic action on the part of both government and business details how the novel but wrong idea of oil as an asset class took a sleepy club like market into the national spotlight describes how the united states is unnecessarily handing its wealth over to foreign oil producers during a time when the potential supply of oil is greater than ever written by an industry insider oil s endless bid analyzes the biggest financial story of the last ten years how we lost control of our oil markets

the global crude oil market is critically important in many respects it is the fuel that drives the global economy and as such is the focus of climate policies moreover



crude oil is the basis of a tradable financial asset it is therefore connected to several outstanding macroeconomic developments of recent years including financial market fluctuations the financial crisis and the exceptional conduct of monetary policy this book investigates the impacts of monetary policy and the financial system on the global crude oil market furthermore it outlines how monetary policy may also be used to guarantee stability and to contribute to ecological sustainability

this is a book about the international oil market it takes a historical perspective on how the market emerged developed and became what it is today the biggest commodity market in the world it is mature and complex but far from perfect throughout most of its 150 year history the oil market has been monopolised by companies and governments for only a fraction of that oil traded in a relatively free market as a result we had to live with big oil economic shocks high oil prices instability and wars using a simple concept of market power this book will explain the meaning of oil price and how it is established while offering a valuable lesson for other commodities market power is the key to understanding the price of oil this book uses a simple concept of price makers and price takers to examine the evolution of oil markets their structure and prices the early decades of the oil industry were competitive with low barriers to entry barely 25 years later the standard oil company created a refining monopoly buying oil at its own posted price in the following century the cartel of major oil companies helped by their governments did the same at the international level opec helped producing governments regain control of their own resources but the organisation was never able to retain a similar level of control after 1986 price collapse opec abdicated the price making function in favour of the market while it never gave up attempts to influence prices opec had to link their official prices to one of the global oil benchmarks modern international oil markets function because of oil benchmarks such as brent wti and dubai this book showcases how oil traders played a prominent role in development of the industry how policies of consuming nations helped oil cartels why and how the us price of oil was negative how ai has changed the way markets operate and the way in which the markets are

likely to change in future this book explores how oil markets grew functioned and have occasionally failed to do their job the ecosystem of derivatives or paper barrels trading in far greater volume than physical oil plays a very important role in mitigating risk with this core tenant setting the price of oil is explained in detail

the oil trading manual otm provides a unique and comprehensive reference source to the latest developments in the structure and conduct of the international oil markets including physical characteristics and refining oil pricing arrangements physical oil markets forward and futures contracts options and swaps operations and logistics accounting and taxation controlling financial risk legal and regulatory controlotm provides a unique and comprehensive reference source to the structure and conduct of the international oil markets the manual covers all the major oil trading instruments and their applications the trading centres contracts uses and users of both the physical and the terminal oil markets and their administrative management tax and accounting implications it also includes vital information on changes to the international legal and regulatory structures the manual is divided into three complementary parts characteristics an introduction to oil and oil trading and includes material on the nature of oil as a commodity refinery processes and the different ways in which oil is priced instruments and markets deals with the oil market itself taking each segment in turn explaining how the various trading instruments work and describing the markets that have evolved to trade them it starts with the physical oil markets moving on to forward and futures markets followed by options and swaps administration covers the essential back room activities without which oil trading could not continue it includes practical material on operations and logistics credit control accounting taxation contracts and regulation and controlling financial risk providing a unique guide to the subject compiled from the contributions of a range of internationally respected professionals it is the indispensable practical companion for all those involved with trading in this complex commodity revised and updated 2003

the day to day world of crude oil traders is not usually open to outsiders few non specialists appreciate how oil traders approach the markets what their backgrounds are and how they make money this book brings the oil trading world to vivid life by introducing the reader to 40 real life trades or strategies that were carried out by named market participants the 40 chapters cover different geographies and different crude oil markets providing an unparalleled insight into how crude oil traders work and think oil trading developed in its current form in the 1980s and the chapters cover these early beginnings through to the present day the trades have been grouped in sections that relate to the nature of each trade and its broader use as an example of a successful trading style sections cover approaches to arbitrage trading the impact of geopolitics logistics and storage plays short term versus longer term trading managing new crude oil grades trading crude oil derivatives the book provides plenty of inspiration for current or prospective crude oil traders or analysts it will also be valuable for academic researchers business school case studies and for anyone wanting to learn more about the individuals that shape the world s most important commodity market

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