



**Guest Lecture at the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering,
Democritus University of Thrace**

We are excited to welcome [Dr. Jody Verboomen](#) and [Dr. Ananya Kuri](#) from Siemens Energy for a special lecture at the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering of Democritus University of Thrace in Xanthi on March 26 at 12:00, aimed at all students—from first-year undergraduates to final-year students.

Topic: *The Evolution of Power Systems: Current Trends and Future Opportunities in the Energy Sector*

In this session, our distinguished speakers will:

- Explore how **power systems have evolved** over the last two decades.
- Discuss **current challenges and future trends** in electrical engineering and the energy sector.
- Present the **structure of Siemens Energy's Grid Technologies Department**, highlighting the role of **grid consultants**.

This will be a **unique opportunity** for students to gain insights directly from industry experts and explore the evolving landscape of energy and power systems.

 **Date & Time:** Thursday, March 26th, 2026, 12:00

 **Location:** Auditorium A2, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Democritus University of Thrace, Xanthi, Greece.



Meet the Speakers:

Dr. Jody Verboomen – Global Head of Grid Analysis & Planning, Siemens Energy



- M.Sc. in Electrical Power Engineering, K.U. Leuven, Belgium (2004)
- Ph.D., Delft University of Technology, Netherlands (2008)
- Global head of Grid Analysis and Planning within the Grid Consulting team at Siemens Energy and is based in Erlangen, Germany

Dr. Ananya Kuri – Head of Execution Center, Grid Consulting, Siemens Energy



- M.Sc. in Power Systems Engineering, RWTH Aachen University, Germany (2015)
- Ph.D., Friedrich-Alexander University (FAU) Erlangen–Nuremberg, Germany (2025)
- Head of Execution Center for Grid Consulting in Germany where she leads a team of Consultants who work on various customer projects in collaboration with partners