

Brookings – GPPi Transatlantic Energy Governance Conference:

Transatlantic Energy Strategies and Resource Nationalism

October 21-22, 2010
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Working Agenda (as of September 23)

October 21, 2010

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

OPENING PANEL DISCUSSION (*Public Session – on the record*)
Saul Zilkha Auditorium, Brookings

The New European Energy Landscape:

How long-term developments (growing demand, rising resource nationalism, projections about shale oil and gas, new breakthroughs in alternative technologies, renewed interest in nuclear power, etc.) are shaping the future of European energy.

Moderator: **Charles Ebinger**, Brookings

Speakers: **David Goldwyn**, U.S. Department of State
Pierre Noel, University of Cambridge
Piotr Szymanski, European Commission

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

WORKING DINNER - DISCUSSION (*Private Session – off the record*)
Embassy of the Czech Republic
3900 Spring of Freedom Lane, NW

Energy Security in the Transatlantic Policy Context

Welcome: **Daniel Kostoval**, Embassy of the Czech Republic

Moderator: **Fiona Hill**, Brookings

Speakers: **Vaclav Bartuska**, Special Energy Envoy of the Czech Republic
Jonathan Elkind, U.S. Department of Energy

October 22, 2010

EXPERT WORKSHOP (*Private Sessions – off the record*)
Stein Room, Brookings

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Continental breakfast and registration

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM **Panel 1: How Shale Gas, Liquid Natural Gas (LNG), and Other Developments are Reshaping Transatlantic Energy Security**
Implications of shale gas discoveries in the United States and potential increased U.S. capacity to export LNG for global gas markets. Possible long-term impact of shale gas in places such as Poland and Ukraine to reduce European demand for Russian resources. Challenges and realistic timelines for Eastern Europe to exploit its shale potential. What unconventional gas sources/alternative fuels mean for Europe's dependency on Russian gas supplies and for the U.S.-EU energy dialogue with Russia. Impact of LNG supplies from Qatar and other nations in the European gas equation. The significance of timing—i.e. politics and entry barriers for late comers—for the LNG market.

Moderator: **Steven Pifer**, Brookings

Speakers: **Thane Gustafson**, IHS CERA and Georgetown University
TBD

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM *Coffee break*

10:45 AM – 12:30 PM **Panel 2: Security of European Energy: Russian Energy Policy and Pipeline Politics**

How Russia uses its natural resources as a policy tool. How the U.S. and Europe can navigate the intersection of politics, energy, and national security decisions. How Russia and the U.S./Europe are proceeding with pipeline plans and development, e.g. will they continue to push for South Stream and/or Nabucco? With Europe appearing to have a much more diversified energy supply on the horizon, how this will impact energy policy choices in Russia and Eurasia as a whole. The complications and opportunities Ukraine and Belarus pose for transit (such as the gas disputes between Russia and Ukraine/Belarus). How growing Chinese investment in Central Asia, including in new pipelines, affects near and long-term prospects for Russia to diversify part of its gas exports away from Europe to China; and the possible implications for Europe's energy markets. The roles Turkey, Azerbaijan and others now play in European energy developments.

Moderator: **Fiona Hill**, Brookings

Speakers: **Andreas Goldthau**, Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi)
Steve LeVine, *Foreign Policy*

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM *Buffet lunch*

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM **Panel 3: Environmental Considerations**

A focus on the trade-offs between energy needs and the protection of the environment. Are European states compromising their global economic competitiveness through adherence to strict carbon emissions reductions targets? In the absence of a successor for the Kyoto Protocol, how will the states be affected by uncertainty surrounding the future of clean development mechanism (CDM) projects? How much is Europe willing to overlook potential environmental concerns associated with the development of shale gas for the prospect of decreased dependence on Russian gas? What, if any, regulatory changes are likely to emerge from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and what impact will they have on the European offshore drilling sector, and the prospects for shale gas and LNG? How can Europe maximize energy security while remaining a leader in global environmental policy?

Moderator: **Helga Flores Trejo**, Inter American Development Bank (IADB) and Brookings

Speakers: **Nigel Purvis**, Climate Advisors
TBD

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Coffee break

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Panel 4: New Frontiers in European Energy Security for Nuclear Power and Electricity

How new interest in nuclear power in Europe for electricity generation will play out given the fact that few new nuclear reactors have been built in recent decades, civilian nuclear know-how has degraded, and concerns are increasing over the risks of civilian nuclear capabilities being applied to nuclear weapons programs (Iran, North Korea etc.). The prevailing European attitudes on nuclear power and how they are changing. Which are the key European countries for nuclear power development and who are the potential market leaders in the private sector? What is the significance of the current Temelin tender in the Czech Republic for European nuclear and energy developments? What are the other key issues to track in global electricity markets that will have implications for Europe?

Moderator: **Pietro Nivola**, Brookings

Speakers: **Henry Lee**, Harvard University
Daniel Leroy, EDF Inc.