GEOPOLITICS OF RUSSIAN ENERGY
“EU - Russia - China Oil & Gas Relations”

Wednesday, June 25, 2014 – 1.30 pm to 6pm, Council Room, Westminster (TBC), London

Organisers:
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This special half-day conference will provide an in-depth analysis of the current situation in Russian oil and gas sector, following latest geopolitical developments. Well-balanced and thorough presentations will be complimented by engaging panel debate with key experts and a Q & A session.

The event is of benefit to business, finance, legal and energy professionals and is focused on 4 key areas:

- EU-Russia-Ukraine gas relations
- Sino-Russian oil and gas: $400bn deal, investments and projects, equity participation
- Changes in taxation, comparative economics and sector’s power dynamics
- Access to finance: domestic and international

Draft conference programme

1.30 pm  Registration and refreshments
Westminster, Church House Conference Centre

1.45 pm  Welcome Address
Energy, trade and investment in Russia
Professor Charles Hendry MP
President, Russo-British Chamber of Commerce Advisory Council

1.55 pm  Welcome Keynote
Russian energy relations
Boris Abramov
Trade Representative of the Russian Federation in the United Kingdom,
Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

2.05 pm  Keynote Speech and Q&A
Russia, Ukraine and the EU
Dr Andrey Konoplyanik
Adviser to Director General, Gazprom Export LLC
Professor, Chair “International Oil and Gas Business”, Russian State Gubkin Oil and Gas University

- New post-2009/post-2014 gas world & its material & perceived realities in Broader Energy Europe
- EU respond to new realities: diversification (importer approach)
- Ukraine respond to new realities: diversification (transiter approach)
- Russia’s respond to new realities: diversification (exporter approach)
- Russia-Ukraine: the current supply-transit dilemma (incl. subsidies, debts, reverse flows)
- New pipelines by-passing Ukraine vs. modernization of Ukraine’s gas transportation system: comparative economics in the “project financing” gas world
- How to escape negative OPAL experience with the South Stream
2.45 pm  Russia and the East, followed by Q&A
Sino-Russian Gas Cooperation: The Regional and Global Implications
Dr Keun-Wook Paik
Senior Research Fellow, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies
Author: “Sino-Russian Oil and Gas Cooperation. Reality and Implications”, Oxford University Press, 2012

- Nature of the energy partnership between Russia and China: timeline overview
- Vladimir Putin’s visit to China in May 2014: the East Asian “Grand Design”?  
- Perspective Chinese equity participation in Russian oil and gas projects and their financing options: a reality
- Russia’s LNG & pipeline gas supply to Asia: a game changer?
- The Characteristics of China’s Central Asian Model and Russian Model
- China’s Gas Expansion: national, regional and global implications

3.35 pm  Coffee Break

3.50 pm  Internal changes within Russian oil and gas sector, Followed by Q&A
Internal challenges, taxation, power dynamics and opportunities
Dr Shamil Yenikeyeff
Research Fellow, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies & Research Fellow, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford

- Internal economic and political challenges: taxation, domestic markets and stability
- The changing power dynamics in the Russian oil and gas sector: Rosneft, Gazprom, domestic energy majors and independent producers
- Industry specific challenges: old problems and new opportunities

4.30 pm  Financing new Russian energy projects in the current climate
Mr. Alex Griffiths, Managing Director, Head of Natural Resources and Commodities, Fitch Ratings

- Credit implications for the Russian oil and gas sector of the current crisis
- Russian Liquidity and sources of funding in the current environment
- How Russian companies’ profiles differ from those of their Western counterparts (including reserves, leverage appetite, taxation)

5.10 pm  Roundtable discussion with speakers, Followed by Q&A
5.50 pm  Closing Keynote address
6.00 pm  Networking reception

To register for the event, please visit:

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Registration fees per person (inclusive of VAT): £175

Confirmed participants and supporting organisations: