



GEOPOLITICS AND NATIONS' ENERGY CHOICES

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Geopolitical trends continue to have a significant impact on energy production, prices and trade. According to the Geopolitics of Energy Report of the CSIS (Center for Strategic & International Studies) *“higher energy prices resulted in resurgence of resource nationalism and the tendency to exert greater state control over indigenous energy resources. They also, in some notable cases, allowed producers to use energy resources leverage to further foreign policy and political agendas”*. In addition, the regulatory structures in the energy producing countries has also reduced the access for “non-state” players, except in the case of the most expensive and technically challenging projects.

Adding further challenging issues to the energy sector, policymakers around the world *“are pressing to adopt more aggressive policies to reduce the environmental impact of energy production, delivery and use in an effort to slow and revert the growth in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions”*.

New issues have emerged as *“elements of the changing geopolitical landscape affecting energy production, delivery and use. As a result of these factors and volatile prices, government are increasingly concerned about their immediate and long-term energy security”*.

These relevant issues, that could affect future global energy demand, supply and security will be discussed in the seminar with speeches focused on the economic, foreign policy and security consequences of national energy policies and on how geopolitics may shape nations' fuel choices and energy consumption.



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Mr. Hengel is Deputy Chief of Mission for the U.S. Embassy in Rome, a position he assumed in November 2010. From October 2007 until September 2010, he was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy, Sanctions and Commodities at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. In that capacity his responsibilities include formulating and advancing U.S. international energy security policy, including relations with the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris. From 2006-2007, he was Executive Assistant to the Undersecretary for Economic, Energy and Agricultural Affairs. A career Foreign Service Officer, Mr. Hengel has served at U.S. Embassies in Prague, Lima, Rome and Caracas, and was Deputy Chief of Mission in Bratislava from 1999-2002 where he served as Charge d'Affaires for 21 months. He has also served as Director of the Office of Southern European Affairs and in the Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization. Mr. Hengel has a BA from Colgate University and a Masters in Public Policy from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton.

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