INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ENERGY SECURITY IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AND THE OPERATIONS OF RUSSIAN STATE-OWNED ENERGY ENTERPRISES

MONDAY, 22 JUNE 2015

Venue: Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

In 2012, the Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI) and the Faculty of Social Studies at Masaryk University (FSS MU) forged a partnership arrangement in the field of regional energy security. This partnership has served, among other purposes, as a basis for a joint research endeavor intended to examine patterns of behavior of the key Russian state-owned enterprises operating in the natural gas and nuclear energy sectors of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). During this more than year-long project, PSSI and the FSS MU organized a substantial number of individual consultations, in-depth interviews and research trips and convened two formal roundtable gatherings of prominent energy security experts and analysts.

This intensive effort has resulted in a comprehensive report examining the natural gas and nuclear energy sectors in the CEE and the prominent role played by Rosatom and Gazprom. In addition to its focus on these companies, the study, by necessity, takes a broader analytical look at the region’s energy environment and competitive pressures worldwide, particularly those emanating from Asia. Among the questions that are probed are: What is the prognosis for marketing of Russian gas in Europe in light of the EU’s Third Energy Package? What is the position of the Russian companies in the nuclear sector in CEE? Will Asian nations, in fact, provide new outlets for Russian energy exports in the short- to medium-term and how will these new markets affect the overall strategy of these Russian enterprises? To what extent have these SOEs become politicized and as strategic tools of the state?

The report seeks to provide an unbiased assessment of the potential risks arising from the operations of these Russian state-owned enterprises and related market forces that could potentially harm the region’s energy security. It is intended that the findings of this assessment serve to assist the work of energy and security policy practitioners, industry as well as the academic and NGO communities. On the occasion of the completion of this study, our research teams decided to organize an international conference that will also address the key findings and broader issues in the energy security policy portfolio.

The conference is organized by Premysl Sobotka, First Vice-President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, the Prague Security Studies Institute and the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University with the support from Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the International Institute of Political Science of Masaryk University, the Bawd Foundation, the Donner Foundation, KEPCO, the Embassy of the United States in Prague and the Embassy of Japan in Prague.
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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SUNDAY, 21 JUNE 2015
Venue: Residence of the U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic

19:00–21:00  RECEPTION FOR SPEAKERS HOSTED BY PSSI AND MASARYK UNIVERSITY (by special invitation only)
Welcome Remarks:
Andrew H. Schapiro, U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic

Remarks by:
David Elliman, Chief Investment Officer, Elmrock Group, USA

MONDAY, 22 JUNE 2015
Venue: Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

8:00–8:30  COFFEE AND REGISTRATION
8:30–9:15  OPENING SESSION
Welcome Remarks:
Přemysl Sobotka, First Vice-President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
Roger W. Robinson, Jr., Chairman and Co-Founder, Prague Security Studies Institute, Czech Rep.
Steven Kashkett, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy in Prague
Tomáš Vlček, Research Specialist, International Institute of Political Science of Masaryk University, Czech Rep.

9:15–10:45  PANEL 1: NEW ENERGY AND GEOPOLITICAL ENVIRONMENT IN CEE
Moderator: Jiří Schneider, PSSI Special Projects Director and former First Deputy Foreign Minister of the Czech Republic

Lenka Kovačovská, Director of the Department of Strategy and International Cooperation in Energy, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic
Václav Bartuška, Ambassador-At-Large for Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
Urban Rusnák, Secretary General, Energy Charter, Belgium
Andrej Nosko, Program Manager, Think Tank Fund, Open Society Foundations, Hungary

10:45–11:05  COFFEE BREAK
11:05–12:20  PANEL 2: RISK ASSESSMENT OF NUCLEAR AND NATURAL GAS SECTORS IN CEE
Moderator: Roger W. Robinson Jr., Chairman and Co-Founder, Prague Security Studies Institute

Study Presentation
Martin Jirušek, Analyst, Masaryk University, Czech Rep.
Tomáš Vlček, Research Specialist, International Institute of Political Science of Masaryk University, Czech Rep.

Discussants
Konstantin Jacoby, Advisor, EEE JacobyKo spol. s r.o., Germany
Anna Leshchenko, Analyst, Czech Rep.

12:30–13:30  BUFFET LUNCHEON

13:30–14:00  KEYNOTE LUNCHEON ADDRESS
Václav Bartuška, Ambassador-At-Large for Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

14:00–15:15  PANEL 3: EU ENERGY POLICY AND THIRD ENERGY PACKAGE COMPLIANCE
Moderator: Matúš Mišík, Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Comenius University, Slovakia

Filip Černoch, Analyst, Masaryk University, Czech Rep.
Julia Kusznir, Associate Researcher, Bremer Energie Institut, Germany
Dominik Smyrgała, Board Member, FIBRE.Institute, Poland

15:15–15:35  COFFEE BREAK

15:35–16:45  PANEL 4: IMPLICATIONS FOR CEE OF ASIA AS NEW ENERGY CENTER OF GRAVITY
Moderator: Julia Kusznir, Associate Researcher, Bremer Energie Institut, Germany

Hedvika Koďousková, Assistant Professor, Masaryk University, Czech Rep.
Choi Jong-uk, Director, International Energy Security Division, Global Economy Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Korea
Hirobumi Kayama, Director, Office for International Nuclear Energy Cooperation, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan
Sanjoy Banerjee, Director, Energy Institute, City College of New York (CUNY), USA

16:45–17:00  CLOSING REMARKS
Martin Jirušek, Analyst, Masaryk University, Czech Rep.
Roger W. Robinson, Jr., Chairman and Co-Founder, Prague Security Studies Institute, Czech Rep.

17:00–18:30  RECEPTION
Sanjoy Banerjee
is a CUNY Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering and Director of the CUNY Energy Institute in New York. Until 2008, he was a professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Bren school of Environmental Sciences, at the University of California. Professor Banerjee has been the author of over 190 articles, book chapters and refereed conference proceedings. He also helped to establish several companies based on research collaborations, including Metaheuristics LLC, which develops highly parallelizable software aimed at very large fluid/thermal simulations; Mindflash Technologies, which applies artificial intelligence techniques to learning systems software, and Gas Reaction Technologies Inc., which uses novel metal oxide catalysts to convert natural gas to a variety of liquid products, including gasoline and benzene/toluene/xylene. HDr. Professor Banerjee also serves as a consultant to multiple oil as well as chemical/pharma companies.

Václav Bartuška
has been an Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security at the Foreign Ministry in Prague since 2006. From 2010 to 2014 he also was the government’s Special Commissioner for the Completion of the Temelín Nuclear Power Plant. Mr. Bartuška was a student leader during the Velvet revolution in 1989, after which he worked as a member of the Parliamentary Investigation Commission for the events on November 17, 1989. Mr. Bartuška published the successful book “Polojasno” (“Half-Clear Weather”) reporting his experience with investigative work. He also worked as a journalist for the Czech daily MF Dnes and was Secretary General for the Czech participation at Expo 2000 in Hannover.

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David Elliman
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Konstantin Jacoby
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Martin Jirušek
graduated in European Studies at the Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University with the thesis on the comparison of energy policies of the Czech Republic and European Union. Currently, he works a specialist and lecturer within the Energy Security Studies Program at the Department of International Relations and European Studies, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University. Mr. Jirušek is professionally focused on energy security in the Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and transatlantic dimension of energy security. He also published several articles and gave presentations on several occasions on conceptual foundations of energy policy of CEE countries and the European Union, role of Russia in natural gas and nuclear sector in CEE and potential impacts of US energy exports. Martin has been in charge of research and educational grants focused on the Visegrad countries, Central and Eastern Europe and conducted several research and study visits to the countries of CEE, Slovenia and United Kingdom. He also co-organizes the annual summer school on energy security of the Department of International Relations and European Studies, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University

Steven Kashkett
a career diplomat in the Foreign Service at the Department of State, took up his duties as Embassy Prague’s Deputy Chief of Mission in September 2013. Prior to this assignment he served as Senior Advisor for Foreign Policy and Diplomacy at the US Special Operations Command. Earlier, Mr. Kashkett served for three years as the US Consul General in Tijuana, Mexico. He also served as US Consul General in eastern Canada in 2001-2003. His previous overseas tours of duty as a political officer, included the US embassies in Beirut, Paris, and Port-au-Prince, and as the US Consulate General in Jerusalem. In Washington, Mr. Kashkett served as acting Director of the Middle East Partnership Initiative and in the Near Eastern and European bureaus. From 1998-2001, he was Senior Advisor to the State Department’s Coordinator for Counterterrorism.

Hirobumi Kayama
joined Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), the predecessor of METI, in 1995. His career has been concentrated in nuclear policy planning. Mr. Kayama was Deputy Director of nuclear energy-related policy divisions. When TEPCO Fukushima Daichi Nuclear Power Station accident happened, he was in a position where he directly reported to the METI Minister and supported the Minister in emergency response, nuclear regulation and nuclear policy. Since July 2011, Kayama has served as Director for International Nuclear Energy Cooperation. Kayama is responsible for all the international aspects of Japan’s nuclear policy, including policy coordination with the US, UK, France and other nuclear power states, nuclear exports, and international R&D cooperation

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Lenka Kovačovská
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Julia Kusznir
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Anna Leshchenko
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Roger W. Robinson, Jr.
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Urban Rusnák
became Secretary General of the Energy Charter Secretariat in January 2012. He worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic and was the Leader of the Project for Slovakia’s External Energy Security. Earlier Amb. Rusák was Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to Ukraine (2005-2009), Head of the MFA Political Analysis Division (2003-2005), Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Turkey (1994-1998) and MFA Desk Officer for South Caucasus, Central Asia, CIS and South East Europe. Additionally, he was a Lecturer at the Kiev Slavonic University (2005-2009) and at the International Relations Faculty of the Economic University in Bratislava (2000-2003). Amb. Rusnák is the author of several articles on international relations, energy security, development assistance and Caspian oil and gas issues.

Andrew Schapiro
has been the U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic since August 2014. He is a lawyer by training who in his early career served as a Law Clerk. Amb. Schapiro later worked as a Public-Interest Lawyer in the office of the Federal Public Defender in New York. He then spent 16 years working in private practice as a partner to the two international law firms Mayer Brown LLP and Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP. Amb. Schapiro was subsequently selected for inclusion in publications such as Best Lawyers in America; Legal 500 USA, and The American Lawyer. Amb. Schapiro has served on the Board of Directors of the Chicago Low-Income Housing Trust Fund, the Criminal Justice Act Advisory Board of the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, the Board of Directors of the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, and the Advisory Board of the Institute on the Supreme Court of the United States. He was also a member of the Democratic National Committee’s National Finance Committee and its 2012 Platform Committee. Ambassador Schapiro holds a B.A. (History) from Yale College, an M.A. (Philosophy, Politics, and Economics) from Oxford University, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review.

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Přemysl Sobotka
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