



**The Center for Transatlantic Relations (CTR)
at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies
Johns Hopkins University
EU Center of Excellence Washington DC**

invites you to a conference

**Transatlantic Agenda for Natural Gas Supplies:
Energy Politics, Market Transformation and New Technologies**

TUESDAY, May 3, 2011

8.30am – 5.00pm

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Kennedy Auditorium, Johns Hopkins University,
Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies,
1740 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

From dependence on Russian gas to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, from exploitation of Central European shale gas to the creation of a single EU energy market, the issues surrounding the use of natural gas in Europe have risen to unprecedented levels of strategic importance. On May 3, 2011, the Center for Transatlantic Relations, together with the American Gas Association, the Hungarian Oil and Gas company (MOL) and the European Commission, will bring together senior public policy and industry experts to examine the role natural gas plays in providing energy security and lowering emissions on both sides of the Atlantic. The conference will place a special emphasis on the issue of Central Europe's gas over-dependence on a single gas source and identify solutions for diversification and increased security of supply and transit. This includes the potential exploitation of unconventional gas resources that could fundamentally change the geostrategic and economic environment of natural gas production and usage in the US, Europe and beyond.

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011

8.30 Registration and coffee

9.00 Welcome and opening remarks

Kurt Volker, managing director, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Center for Transatlantic Relations

9.10 Natural gas – a bridge fuel or an obstacle to a sustainable energy future?

Keynote speech by Jonathan Elkind, principal deputy assistant secretary for policy and international energy, US Department of Energy

9.30 Panel I: Energy security and natural gas supplies: an area for Transatlantic cooperation

Moderator: **Kurt Volker**, managing director, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Center for Transatlantic Relations

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David Goldwyn, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, former head of International Energy Affairs at the U.S. State Department

Vaclav Bartuska, Ambassador-at-Large for energy security, Czech Republic

Ross Wilson, Director, Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center at the Atlantic Council

Leonard L. Coburn, President, Coburn International Energy

11.00 Coffee break

11.15 Panel II: Energy market liberalization and security of supplies

Moderator: **Michael Haltzel**, senior fellow, CTR

Anthony J. Melling, PACE Global Energy

Obie Moore, Chief Executive Officer, DP Holding SA

Thane Gustafson, IHS CERA and Georgetown University (invited)

Réka Szemerényi, Head of International Relations and Public Affairs, Mol Group

1.00 Lunch (buffet)

Keynote speeches by

Gordon Bajnai, former Prime Minister of Hungary

2.15 Panel III: Unconventional gas: a game changer?

Moderator: **Steve Levine**, Foreign Policy Magazine

Vello A. Kuuskraa, President, Advanced Resources International

Dave McCurdy, President and CEO, American Gas Association

David M. Rosner, Associate Director, Bipartisan Policy Center

Paul Hagemeyer, Vice President, Regulatory Compliance Chesapeake Energy (invited)

Grzegorz Kozlowski, Head of economic section, Polish Embassy

Mark Olsthoorn, researcher, University of Maryland's Center for Integrative Environmental Research

3:45 Coffee break

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4.00 Panel IV: Central and East Europe: how to increase security of supply?

Moderator: **Charles Gati**, Interim Director and Senior Adjunct Professor, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Johns Hopkins SAIS

Keith C. Smith, CSIS, former US Ambassador to Lithuania

David Koranyi, Hungarian MOL fellow, SAIS CTR

Andris Spruds, acting director, Latvian Institute of International Affairs

Peter Doran, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for European Policy Analysis

Neil McMillan, Head of Nabucco Political Liaisons and Strategies (invited)

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