U.S.-Russia Relations and the Hydrocarbon Markets of Eurasia

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U.S.-Russia relations exist across many issue areas and economic sectors. Yet there is virtually no meaningful relationship in one area of tremendous economic and geopolitical importance: oil and gas. The lack of sustained and productive engagement has not meant that there is no tension between the United States and Russia when it comes to oil and gas markets. On the contrary, there are a number of explicit and implicit conflicts – Gazprom’s dominant position on the European gas market, and U.S. support for prospective oil and gas pipelines that circumvent Russian territory, are but two of the most visible illustrations of the way in which energy issues have been an irritant in U.S.-Russia relations. Please join us for the launch event of the second paper of the Working Group on the Future of U.S.-Russia Relations, which casts a critical eye on the way the Russian Federation and the United States have approached energy issues in the post–Cold War period, and on the assumptions underpinning each side’s perceptions of the other’s decisions.

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