Russia’s Energy Policy: Domestic and Foreign Dimensions
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Energy is a key driver for Russia’s domestic and foreign policy. Regardless of the political situation in the country, Russia will continue to rely on this sector as its main source of revenue. This panel discussion will provide an overview of the current state of the international oil and gas markets and Russia’s place within them. It will also examine how energy affects the Russian environment and its relations with its nearest neighbors in the west, south, and east.

3:00 – 4:00 Panel 1: Domestic Issues
Scott Shemwell, Managing Director, The Rapid Response Institute – “Challenges for the International Oil and Gas Markets: A Business Perspective”
Xu Liu, IERES Visiting Scholar; Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University – “The Environmental Factor in Russian Energy Policy”

4:00 to 4:15 Coffee Break

4:15 to 5:45 Panel 2: Foreign Policy
Dicle Korkmaz, IERES Visiting Scholar; University of Tampere – “Russian-Turkish Energy Relations”
Oleksandr Sukhodolia, IERES Visiting Scholar; Fulbright Scholar – “Russian-Ukrainian Energy Relations”

Robert Orttung, IERES Assistant Director, will chair the discussion

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3:00-5:45 pm
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