The End of the Pipeline Saga?
Southern Corridor and South Stream in the Making

Time: October 4, 2013 (Friday)
Venue: Auditorium, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

This three-panel expert conference is dedicated to the Southern Corridor issues in a broad sense. We would like to use this opportunity to give an overview of European gas dilemmas with a strong focus on South Eastern Europe pipeline economics and politics. The conference aims to keep a healthy balance between producers’ representatives and potential consumers, providing a forum for a vivid economic and political debate on these approaching matters.

Program

09.00 – 09.30 Registration
09.30 – 09.40 Opening Remarks
   John Shattuck, President and Rector, Central European University, Hungary
09.40 – 10.20 Keynote Speech
   Péter Hónig, Former Minister of Telecommunication, Transportation and Energy, Hungary
   Reha Aykül Muratoğlu, Head of Department for Transit Petroleum Pipelines, Turkey
10.20 – 12.20 Panel I.
   The European gas market through the producers’ glance
   Chair: Christof van Agt, Senior Researcher, Clingendael Institute, Netherlands
   László Varró, Head of Gas, Coal and Power Division, IEA, France
   Andrey Konoplyanik, Adviser, Gazpromexport, Russia
   Nikolay Kaveshnikov, Head of Department of European Integration Studies, MGIMO, Russia
   Ingilab Ahmadov, Dean, School of Economics and Management, Khazar University, Azerbaijan
12.20 – 13.10 Buffet Lunch
13.10 – 15.10  Panel II.
The economics of new supply in Southern Europe

Chair: András Deák, Associate Fellow, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, Hungary

István Zsoldos, Chief Economist, MOL Group, Hungary
Haris Boko, Chief Advisor, Energy Institute Hrvoje Pozar, Croatia
Ilin Stanev, Journalist, Energy Expert, Capital, Bulgaria

15.10 – 15.30  Coffee Break

15.30 – 17.30  Panel III.
Is the rivalry over? – Political aspects of the new pipelines

Chair: Andrej Nosko, Senior Program Officer at Think Tank Fund, Open Society Foundations

Konstantin Simonov, Director, Russian Energy Security Fund, Russia
Elnur Soltanov, Assistant Professor, ADA, Azerbaijan
Ana Otilia Nutu, Expert Forum, Romania
Vito Bobek, Professor, FH Joanneum University of Applied Sciences, Austria

17.30 – 17.45  Concluding Remarks

Péter Balázs, Director, CEU Center for EU Enlargement Studies, Hungary

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