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The Jean Monnet Chair in History of European Integration and the Embassy of the Republic of Poland cordially invite you to the conference:

SHALE GAS - A SOLUTION TO EU'S ENERGY PROBLEMS ?

EU's Energy Supply in a Long Term Perspective

Date & Venue

MONDAY, 8 October 2012 at 18:30
Free Admission
Piaget conference room
University of Luxembourg – Campus Walferdange
Building 3, Route de Diekirch, L-7201 Walferdange

Shale gas has revolutionized the North American energy landscape. Natural gas prices in the United States have fallen to 10-year lows, while at the same time the country has radically cut its carbon dioxide emissions, primarily through the displacement of coal with natural gas in power generation. However, can the shale gas projects which are now starting in the European Union ever match North America's success? Could shale gas become an alternative to nuclear energy? Is the method of extracting shale gas through hydraulic fracturing safe in a much more urbanised European environment? Finally, could shale gas make the EU independent of external gas sources and is it worth investing in European shale gas projects? The conference speakers will try to answer these and many other questions.

Agenda

18:30 Welcome :
Prof. Franck Leprévost, Vice-President of the University of Luxembourg

Introductory remarks :
Bartosz Jalowiecki, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland

Speakers :
Robert Goebbels, Member of European Parliament, Luxembourg's former Minister of Economy and Minister of Energy
Prof. René Leboutte, Jean Monnet Chair in History of European Integration, University of Luxembourg
Tomasz Maj, Country Manager and Vice-President, Talisman Energy Polska
Prof. Jaroslaw Arabas, Warsaw University of Technology

Moderator :
Jakub Adamowicz, EU affairs journalist, Luxemburger Wort

Reception

20:30 Reception with Polish food specialties

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Speaker Biographies

Jakub Adamowicz is an editor and analyst in the areas of economy, European Union affairs and international politics for the daily newspaper Luxemburger Wort. His particular area of expertise is the EU Energy Policy. He is a winner of two EU journalist awards.

Prof. Jaroslaw Arabas is an associate professor at the Warsaw University of Technology, Faculty of Electronics and Information Technology. He specializes in computer science, particularly in business intelligence and computer aided decision making. Since 1996 he has been active in applying modern computer science tools in power industry. His record of applications includes solutions and tools for low NOx emission control and efficiency-oriented control of coal fired power plants, electric load forecasting, trading and risk management in the electricity market, smart metering for the gas distribution companies, combustion of municipal waste in a heat and power utility.

Robert Goebbels has been Member of the European Parliament since 1999. He is currently a member of the Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. Mr. Goebbels served as Luxembourg's Minister of Economic Affairs, Minister of Public Works and Minister of Energy (from 1994 to 1999) and as Minister of Economic Affairs, Minister of Transport and Minister of Public Works (from 1989 to 1994). Previously, he was State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and State Secretary for Economic Affairs and Small and Medium-Sized Businesses (from 1984 to 1989). Mr. Goebbels is a member of the Luxembourg Socialist Workers Party, and from 1970 to 1985 he was the Party's Secretary-General. He was also president of the Luxembourg Journalists Association (from 1972 to 1974).

Bartosz Jalowiecki is Poland's ambassador to Luxembourg. Previously he worked for the investment fund Prokom Investments S.A. – as the director of communications and as the director of the office of the president. From 2002 to 2005, he was the program coordinator of the New Atlantic Initiative at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) in Washington, D.C. Before that he served as president of the Polish-German Reconciliation Foundation, as a member of the board of trustees of the German Federal Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility, and the Future", and as a board member of the Center for International Relations (CSM). From 1998 to 2000, Mr. Jalowiecki was a foreign policy advisor at the Chancellery of the Prime Minister of Poland.

Prof. René Leboutte is the Jean Monnet chairholder in Contemporary European History at the University of Luxembourg. Until February 2012 he was the director of Master Studies in Contemporary European History. Previously, he was Jean Monnet chairholder at the University of Aberdeen (from 1999 to 2005) where he specialized in the history of offshore oil and gas exploitation of the North Sea. Before that he was a professor at the European University Institute in Florence (from 1991 to 1999). Prof. Leboutte's area of expertise is the economic and social history of Europe (19th -20th century). He has published several works on the history of European integration and the comparative history of heavy industrial areas in Europe.

Prof. Franck Leprévost is the Vice-President of the University of Luxembourg in charge of international relations and organization. He specializes in the field of mathematics, and he was a researcher at the CNRS Paris, at the Max-Planck Institut für Mathematik Bonn, and at the Technische Universität Berlin. Prof. Leprévost has served as an expert for the European Parliament. Since January 2010, he is member of the Scientific Council of the Fonds National de la Recherche.

Tomasz Maj is the country manager and vice-president of the Talisman Energy Polska. Before joining Talisman Energy Mr. Maj spent many years in the financial sector and in the oil and gas industry, primarily with British Gas in the UK, the USA, North Africa and finally Poland, where he held the position of country manager for British Gas.