
EU-Russia Collaborative Research Network One Day Energy Workshop

The [One Day Energy Workshop](#) held at the Bulgarian Embassy in London on November 11, 2011 was a great occasion for the gathering of an international pool of scholars and researchers that study energy issues in the broader **Southern and Eastern European** (SEE) area.

The long-running day was full of insightful presentations on **Energy Security** in its more International Relations-focused facet, on the role of the EU in energy regulation and policy implementation, and on the role of nuclear energy in SEE. A trend that could be traced within almost all presentations was the description of the Russian influence in EU member states' energy policies and how this affects relations between Russia and the EU, and the EU and each member state. Our affiliate researchers from the **Energy Policy Studies group** at **PECOB**, **Elvira Oliva** and **Paolo Sorbello**, presented a paper on the role of nuclear energy in Bulgaria in the broader framework of EU-Russia relations. With their endeavor, they seek to demonstrate how specific policy choices in the Bulgarian nuclear sector would entail decisive geopolitical repercussions. Their research effort also provides future scenarios that depend on energy policy choices taken in Sofia.

The **Bulgarian ambassador** welcomed the meeting with a non-conventional insightful address and proved very interested in the topic and keen on providing further support to the work of this study group. Diana Bozhilova from King's College in London and Tom Hashimoto from the World Association of International Studies at Stanford aptly organized the event within the framework of the collaboration between the University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) and the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES). Together with the publisher, they also presented the launching of a new *International Journal for Energy Security and Environmental Research* (IJESER), which is drawing on the experience of the workshop and publishing an inaugural special issue on Energy Security. The call for papers is open until January 10, 2012.

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