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Turkey-EU relations in the axis of energy wars with Russia

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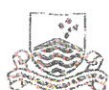
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Over the past few years, Turkey has sent mixed signals about its commitment to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and EU integration. Yet, Ankara's relations with Russia have advanced significantly. Turkey and Russia have relaunched energy projects – including a natural gas project linking Russia and Turkey to South Eastern Europe. Meanwhile, the EU has become increasingly dependent on Russian natural gas imports. Brussels also requires Turkey's cooperation to enhance EU energy security. This seminar will examine how the energy sector which has become a battlefield between Turkey, Russia and the EU (as well as the US). It will further discuss how the Turkey-Russia energy dynamic might affect Turkey's relations with key Western allies, including NATO.

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