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Workshop Welcome

Dr Elizabeth Buchanan

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Dr Elizabeth Buchanan is co-Managing Editor of the Institute for Regional Security's *Security Challenges* flagship academic journal. Dr Buchanan is a Jean Monnet Research Fellow at the ANU Centre for European Studies where her areas of expertise are Russian foreign energy strategy and Russian polar strategy. Elizabeth holds a PhD in Russian Arctic strategy and completed a sub thesis on Ukrainian-Russian gas wars. She has recently become a Non-Resident Fellow at WestPoint's Modern War Institute. Dr Buchanan was the Visiting Maritime Fellow at the NATO Defense College, working on Alliance capabilities in the High North. She has published widely on Russian energy and polar geopolitics most recently with *Foreign Policy*, *Foreign Affairs* and *The Australian*. She is a Fellow of the Institute of the North, Alaska, is a Polar Analyst for *The Moscow Times* and has been a Visiting Scholar at The Brookings Institution. In 2018, she was an Australian Institute of International Affairs Early Career Research Awardee and in 2019 Dr Buchanan was named a 'Young Australian Woman to Watch in International Affairs'.



Session 1: Asia Pacific energy outlook

Shoichi Itoh

Institute of Energy Economics, Japan

Shoichi Itoh is a senior analyst and manager at the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ). He has extensive expertise in global energy markets and geopolitics, and is a frequent speaker on energy security around the world. He held visiting fellowships at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in 2010, at the Brookings Institution in 2009 and at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in 2006. He also served at the Consulate-General of Japan in Khabarovsk as political and economic attaché in 2000-2003. He earned master's degrees at the University of London and the University of Tsukuba. Itoh has spearheaded a variety of policy projects particularly on the U.S.-Japan



alliance and also widely published on the international relations and energy links among Japan, China, Russia, and the United States.

Dr Morena Skalamera

Leiden University

Morena Skalamera is Assistant Professor of Russian and International Studies. She teaches courses in international political economy, with a regional focus on Russia and Eurasia. Her research interests include the political economy of Eurasia, Russian and post-Soviet Politics, and the Geopolitics of Energy in Eurasia. Dr Skalamera has spent extensive time conducting field research in post-Soviet Eurasia, especially in Russia and Central Asia, and in Turkey. Her current writings focus on issues of identity politics, exploring the particular interplay between international and domestic factors in policy making, and contemporary state-market relations with a focus on energy policy dynamics in Russia and Central Asia. She is currently working on a book manuscript that examines how energy firms have shaped the energy relationship between Russia and Europe and the energy strategies of the former Soviet states.



Session 2: Russian foreign energy strategy

Prof Jakub M Godzimirski

Norwegian Institute of International Affairs

Jakub M. Godzimirski has been working on Russian foreign and security policy issues at NUPI for more than 20 years, paying special attention to the role of energy resources in Russian grand strategy. In addition he also has worked on European policy and its impact on developments in Central and Eastern Europe, including relations with Russia.



Prof Peter Rutland

Wesleyan University

Peter Rutland works on contemporary Russian politics and political economy, with a side interest in nationalism. Recent articles cover topics such as Russian "soft power," the structure of the Russian elite, and Russia's performance in science and technology. He blogs about nationalism around the world at Nationalism Watch, and is currently working on the project "Visualizing the nation," which explores how political nationalism has expressed itself through visual media – film, television



and the internet. Peter Rutland has taught at Wesleyan since 1989. Before that he taught at the University of Texas at Austin, and at the University of York and London University in the UK. He has a BA from Oxford and a D. Phil from York. He has also been a visiting professor at Columbia University, and is an associate of the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University.

Session 3: Sino-Russian energy relations

Dr Bobo Lo

Independent Analyst

Bobo Lo is a Nonresident Fellow at the Lowy Institute. He is an independent analyst and an Associate Research Fellow with the Russia/NIS Center at the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI). He was previously Head of the Russia and Eurasia Programme at Chatham House and Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Moscow. He has written extensively on Russian foreign and security policy, with a particular focus on Sino-Russian relations. He is the author of *Russia and the New World Disorder*, which was short-listed for the 2016 Pushkin House Prize and described by *The Economist* as the 'best attempt yet to explain Russia's unhappy relationship with the rest of the world'. His latest book, *A Wary Embrace: What the China-Russia Relationship Means for the World*, was published in 2017. He has a MA from Oxford and a PhD from Melbourne University.



Prof Keun-Wook Paik

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Professor Keun-Wook Paik is an associate fellow of the Energy, Environment and Resources department at Chatham House and an expert in Asian energy issues. He is a senior research fellow at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies and the author of *Sino-Russian Oil and Gas Cooperation: The Reality and Implications* (Oxford University Press, 2012). Currently he is also adjunct professor at Yonsei-Seri EU Centre under Institute of East-West Studies, Yonsei University, and at China University of Petroleum (Beijing) respectively. During the last two decades, he has been advising energy related institutions in Russia, China, Korea, Japan, US and UN with regard to the geopolitics of pipeline development in Northeast Asia, China's natural gas expansion, and DPRK's oil exploration and development issues.



Presentation: Australian energy security strategy

Air Vice-Marshal John Blackburn AO (retd)

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Air Vice-Marshal John Blackburn AO (Retd.) is a leading Australian strategist. He has most recently been Deputy Chairman of both the Kokoda Foundation and the Williams Foundations where he has led key efforts to reshape Australian and allied thinking about defense transformation appropriate to the evolving strategic environment. John Blackburn joined the Air Force in 1975. In 1996 he was promoted and appointed to command No. 41 Wing, in charge of all military air defence radar / C2 and surveillance units and all Military ATC. His later appointments included the Director General Policy and Plans in Air Force Headquarters, the Director General of Military Strategy in Defence Headquarters. On promotion to Air Vice-Marshal in 2002, he became Head of Strategic Policy for Defence. In this latter position he was responsible for the development of ADF strategic policy and led the development of the Defence Joint Vision, the Future War Fighting Concept and the Network-Centric Warfare Concept and Roadmap for the ADF. In 2004 John was appointed the Commander of the Integrated Area Defence System located in Malaysia, commanding a multi-national headquarters established to effect the Five Power Defence Arrangements (FPDA). Under these arrangements, he oversaw bi-annual military exercises over Peninsula Malaysia, Singapore and the South China Sea. John returned to Canberra in 2005, to the position of Deputy Chief of Air Force. In this role he was responsible for Air Force's strategic plans and policy, capability plans, financial resources, personnel policy and career management. He also served as the Airworthiness regulator for all Defence Force Aviation and as a Board chairman for Australian Defence Airworthiness Boards. He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2008. He retired from full time service in the RAAF in September 2008 with 3000 hours experience as a test pilot and fighter pilot in over 20 aircraft types. He is now a consultant in the fields of Defence and National Security and remains on the RAAF Reserve.



Session 4: Russian energy strategy into 2020

Dr Maria Shagina

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Dr. Maria Shagina is a JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow at Ritsumeikan University, Japan. She was a visiting fellow at the Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies, University of Birmingham and is currently affiliated with the Geneva International Sanctions Network. She holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Lucerne, Switzerland. She is a political risk analyst for Global Risk Insights, she covers energy politics and sanctions in post-Soviet countries.



Associate Prof Stephen Fortescue

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Stephen Fortescue is the Deputy President of the University's Academic Board and Director of Postgraduate Research for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. He is a political scientist in the School of Social Sciences and International Studies, whose research is focused on the contemporary Russian policy-making process and the Russian mining and metals industry. Stephen's most recent monograph is *Russia's Oil Barons and Metal Magnates* (2006, Palgrave) which offers an analysis of the role of the so-called oligarchs in the post-Soviet Russian political economy. His next book is to be on the relationship between personalist and institutionalized politics in Russian policy-making, with taxation as the main case study. He publishes regularly on a wide range of issues related to Russian mining and metals. He currently supervises research students working on the Russian gas industry, environmental policy in Russia, and on various business and politics topics not related to Russia.



Associate Prof Tatiana Romanova

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Tatiana holds a PhD (St. Petersburg State University 2002) and MA in Politics and Administration (College of Europe, Brugge, 2001). She is an Associate Professor at St. Petersburg State University and at Higher School of Economics, Moscow. She holds a Jean Monnet Chair (2011), and is Director of a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (2015). Her research interests include: EU-Russian economic, legal and political relations, normative competition, resilience, legal approximation, sanctions, energy markets and security, Russian foreign policy, EU institutions and decision-making.

