The Seventh Annual Eurasian Pipelines Colloquium:

“Geo-Eco Politics, Eurasian Energy and (elusive) Transparency”

Tuesday, April 16, 2012
8:30 AM to 6:00 PM

Room 1501 International Affairs Building
School of International and Public Affairs
420 West 118th Street, 15th floor
New York, NY 10027

Confirmed speakers include:
Jalil Jumriany, Director General, Ministry of Mines, Afghanistan; Andrey Konoplyanik, Adviser, Gazprom Export; Steve LeVine, author of “Oil and Glory”; Ekpen Omonbude, Commonwealth Secretariat and author of “Cross-border Oil and Gas Pipelines and the Role of the Transit Country”; David Onoprhivili, Chairman, Budget and Finance Committee, Parliament, Georgia; and other experts, public officials and scholars from around the world, including Azerbaijan, Canada, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Russia, Turkey and the UK.

This colloquium is part of a series of colloquia,

Eurasian Pipelines –
Road to Peace, Development and Interdependencies?

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8:45 am – 9:15 am: Registration

9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks
   Jenik Radon, Adj. Professor, Harriman Institute, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University

9:30 am – 11:00 am:  I. Eurasian Energy Landscape: What Do We Know? What do We Not Know? What Do We Want to Know?

Moderator: Fernando Sotelino, Adjunct Professor, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University

Tug of War?: The Eurasian Landscape After 2014 and the Prospects for Increasing Regional Economic Competition
   Alexander Cooley, Professor, Department of Political Science, Barnard College, Columbia University, New York

Dealing with elusive transparency: Russia’s independent gas producers and third party access to Gazprom’s pipeline system
   Ahmed Mehdi, independent energy expert, formerly Research Fellow at NATO and IISS

Eurasian Energy Market Integration: The Role of Gas Swaps
   Mark Mozur, Senior Oil & Gas Analyst, REDLines; Harriman Institute Certificate Holder

Tax Regime, Pipelines and Pipeline Contractors in the Former Soviet Union and Revenue Leaksages.
   Richard A. Westin, Distinguished University Professor, University of Kentucky; former consultant to Rosneftgeo and Roscomnedra

Transneft’s pipeline strategy after Rosneft’s absorption of TNK-BP
   Shamil Midkhatovich Yenikeyeff, Research Fellow, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies; Senior Associate Member, Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford, UK

11:00 am -11:15 am Coffee Break

11:15 am- 12:30 pm II. Energy Politics, Elusive Transparency, Same Old Same Old The World Over: From Mexico To Papua New Guinea to Kurdistan to Central Asia
Moderator: **Ekpen Omonbude**, Economic Advisor, Economic & Legal Section Special Advisory Services Division, the Commonwealth Secretariat; Author: “Cross-border Oil and Gas Pipelines and the Role of the Transit Country

*A Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing: Understanding Russia’s Reaction to the Central Asia-China Pipeline*

**Holly Decker**, M.A. Candidate, Columbia University

*Transparency gone underground: the case of the Los Ramones natural gas pipeline in Mexico*

**Miriam Grunstein**, Associate Professor of Law, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas; Counsel, Chadbourne & Parke, Mexico City

*Kurdistan --- Shrouded Energy Politics*

**Steve LeVine**, Adj. Professor, Georgetown University; contributing editor at Foreign Policy, a Schwartz Fellow at the New America Foundation, and author of *The Oil and the Glory: The Pursuit of Empire and Fortune on the Caspian Sea*

*Petroleum Development Across Tribal Lands: Indigenous Indulgence, Compensation and Corruption*

**Michael McWalter**, Board Director, Transparency International Papua New Guinea; Adviser, Department of Petroleum and Energy in Papua New Guinea, Cambodian National Petroleum Authority, and Petroleum Commission, Ghana

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm: Lunch Break

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm III. Transit Nations: Political Sandwiches

Moderator: **Dirk Salomons**, Senior Lecturer and director of the Program for Humanitarian Affairs at the School of International Public Affairs, Columbia University

*Afghanistan and TAPI (Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India): Where Does Afghanistan Fit In?*

**Abdul Jalil Jumriany**, Director General for Policy and Promotion Department, Ministry of Mines, Afghanistan

*Transit Nations and (mis)use of bargaining power: Can Transparency Help?*

**Ekpen Omonbude**, Economic Advisor, Economic & Legal Section Special Advisory Services Division, the Commonwealth Secretariat; Author: “Cross-border Oil and Gas Pipelines and the Role of the Transit Country”

*Where Does a Transit Nation Fit In? Or How Does it Fit In?*

**Jenik Radon**, Adj. Professor, Harriman Institute, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm:  IV. The Southern Corridor (Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey): What’s Needed --- Political Transparency? Or just a Commercial Champion?

Moderator: **David Ganske**, MIA Candidate 2013, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

*Political Transparency, Perhaps. But an Economic Champion is a Must*

**Edward C. Chow**, Senior Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Energy Program, Washington, DC

*Transparency in Azerbaijan: The EITI Experience*

**Robert M Cutler**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of European, Russian & Eurasian Studies, Carleton University, Canada; author: “Turco-Caspian Energy Security and the Caucasus”

*The Energy CrossRoad land: The Bridge From the Caspian to Europe*

**David Onoprishvili**, Chairman, Budget and Finance Committee Parliament of Georgia

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm – Coffee Break

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm:  V. South Stream Pipeline: Business or Politics? Road to Peace and Cooperation?

Moderator: **Natasha Udensiva Brenner**, Lecturer, Harriman Institute, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University

*Panel:*

**Andrey Konoplyanik**, Adviser to the Director General, Gazprom Export LLC; Professor, Chair, International Oil & Gas Business, Russian State Gubkin Oil & Gas University.

**Boyko Nitzov**, TSO Cooperation Officer, Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators; former Associate Director of the Institute for Energy Economics and Policy at Sarkeys Energy Center in Oklahoma

**Volodymyr Shalkivskyi**, First Secretary, Economic Section (Energy), Embassy of Ukraine to US

5:00 pm – 5:15 pm  VI. Closing Remarks

**Jenik Radon**, Adj. Professor, Harriman Institute, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University