

CEPS and the Berlin office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung are pleased to invite you to a special Podium Discussion on:

## **Does Geopolitics drive the energy and climate policy?**

Date: Wednesday, 30 June 2010, 18:00

Venue: DBB-Forum, Atrium IV  
Friedrichstr. 169/170  
10117 Berlin

For a long time natural gas was considered to be a dwindling and expensive resource. Germany and other EU countries must primarily import it from Russia. Every time with supply shortages when Russia and the Ukraine fight over the transmission flows. New pipelines and new suppliers are to provide for more energy security. Thus, geopolitics plays a role. And now times are changing: a gas glut has reached in Europe. Shale gas which is obtained in the United States and is also available in Europe increases the supply on a mid-term basis. What changes will these effects have on the global gas market: on the pricing, the monopolist Gazprom, the energy relations to Russia, the many pipeline projects, the planned investments in Siberia, and the energy security in Germany and Europe? These questions are to be answered by experts.

### **Welcome note/Reception:**

**Dr. Michael Borchard**, Head of the main department of Policy and Consulting Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.

### **Presentations:**

*The Importance of "Shale" Gas: Its Global Implications*, **Prof. Alan Riley**, City University, London

*Geopolitical forces driving the energy and climate policy*, **Dr. Heinrich Kreft**, advisor on security policy of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group

### **Panel Discussion:**

**Dr. Oliver Geden**, Research group EU-Integration, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)

**Alexander Rahr**, Program director Russia/Eurasia, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik (DGAP)

**Thomas Bareiß MdB**, Coordinator for energy policy of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group

**Arno Behrens**, Research Fellow and Head of Energy at CEPS

Moderation:

**Franz Lamprecht**, deputy editor-in-chief, *Energiewirtschaftliche Tagesfragen*