

Natural Gas in the Eastern Mediterranean – Casus Belli or Chance for Regional Cooperation?

Thursday, July 5, 2012

Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)
40 Haim Levanon Street, Ramat Aviv, Tel Aviv
The conference will be held in English

Program

- 9:00-9:30 Gathering and registration
9:30-9:40 Greetings
Chair: **Dr. Roby Nathanson**, Director, Macro Center for Political Economics, Tel Aviv
Maj. Gen.(ret.) Amos Yadlin, Director, Institute for National Security Studies
Dr. Ralf Hexel, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Israel

Session 1

Legal Implications of Gas Resources in the Eastern Mediterranean: International Law Perspectives

- Chair:** **Mr. Christoph Moosbauer**, IEPN Coordinator
- 09:40-09:55 **Prof. Daniel Erasmus Khan**, Universität der Bundeswehr München
09:55-10:10 **Ms. Sarah Weiss-Ma'udi**, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs
10:10-10:25 **Prof. Harry Tzimitras**, Bilgi University, Istanbul
10:25-10:40 Discussion
- 10:40-11:00 Coffee Break

Session 2

New Geopolitics in the Eastern Mediterranean: National and EU Interests

- Chair:** Mr. Sagi Karni, Head of the Foreign Affairs Division, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources
- 11:00-11:15 Dr. Amit Mor, CEO, Eco Energy Financial and Strategic Consulting, Israel
- 11:15-11:30 Prof. Mitat Çelikpala, Kadir Has University, Istanbul
- 11:30-11:45 Dr. Rem Kortweg, The Hague Center for Strategic Studies, Netherlands
- 11:45-12:00 Mr. Jonas Grätz, Center for Security Studies (CSS),ETH Zürich
- 12:00-12:30 Discussion
- 12:30-13:30 Light buffet

Session 3

The Natural Gas Resources – A New Conflict or Kick-off for Regional Cooperation?

- Chair:** Dr. Oded Eran, Institute for National Security Studies
- 13:30-13:45 **Introductory Speech**
Mr. Alexander Varshavsky, Petroleum Commissioner, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources.
- 13:45-14:00 Dr. Antonia Parvanova, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Energy, Environment and Water to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean
- 14:00-14:15 Mr. Solon Kassinis, Director of Energy Services, Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Tourism, Cyprus
- 14:15-14:30 Prof. Samuele Furfari, Free University of Brussels, Advisor to the European Commission's Directorate General on Energy
- 14:30-14:45 Dr. Harold Vinegar, Chief Scientist, Israel Energy Initiatives, Ltd
- 14:30-15:00 Discussion
- Concluding remarks
- 15:00-15:15 Prof. Stephan Stetter, Universität der Bundeswehr München, IEPN Coordinator
- 15:15 End of Conference