

Soviet energy, in particular oil and natural gas played a key role during the Cold War. Beyond its mere economic function, energy was an element of politics and power on the domestic, regional and international levels. The Soviet Union produced energy in ever larger quantities not only to fuel industrialization and modernization, but also to sustain its great power ambitions.

Yet, energy dimensions of the Cold War in general, and the role of Soviet oil and gas in particular, are still largely under-researched. By bringing together historians and specialists from 12 different countries, this conference represents a pioneering endeavor to approach these questions in a comprehensive manner and put them into a transnational perspective.

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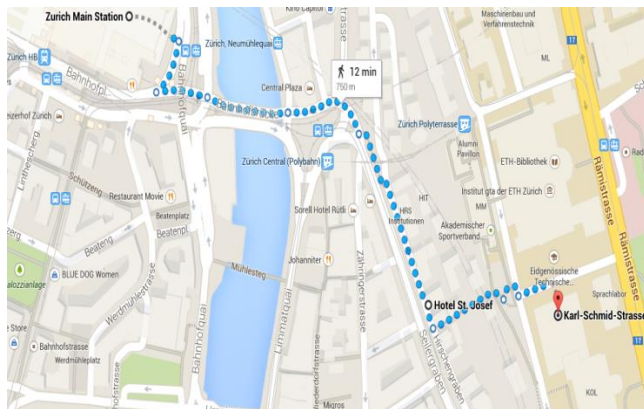
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### Conference Venue

University of Zurich, Room KO2-F-152  
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**OIL, GAS AND PIPELINES:**

**NEW PERSPECTIVES  
ON THE ROLE OF SOVIET ENERGY  
DURING THE COLD WAR**



**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

January 14-16, 2015  
Department of History,  
University of Zurich

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015

Arrival of participants at Hotel St. Joseph

19.00 Dinner at Restaurant Schlauch, Münstergasse 20

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015 (ROOM KO2-F-152)

8.30–9.00 Coffee

#### 9.00–9.15 Introduction

- Jeronim Perović (University of Zurich): Cold War Energy Dimensions and the Role of Soviet Oil and Gas

#### 9.15-11.15 Panel 1: Soviet Energy Policy Considerations During and After World War II

Chair: Jeronim Perović (University of Zurich)

- Felix Rehschuh (University of Zurich): Rise of “Second Baku”: The origins of the Soviet ‘Oil Campaign’ in the 1940s/1950s
- Nataliia Egorova (Institute of World History, RAS, Moscow): The Energy Factor and the Iranian Crisis, 1945-1946
- Viacheslav Nekrasov (Surgut State Pedagogical University): Gosplan and Problems of Investment Choice in the Soviet Energy Sector: Evidence from the Electricity and Oil Industry, 1956-1965

Commentator: Tanja Pentler (University of Heidelberg)

11.15:-11.30 Break

#### 11.30-13.00 Panel 2: Soviet Oil Offensive and Western Reactions

Chair: Andreas Wenger (ETH Zurich)

- Niklas Jensen-Eriksen (University of Helsinki): “Red Oil” to Britain: Threat or opportunity?
- Roberto Cantoni (University of Manchester): Transnational reactions to the Soviet oil offensive in the early 1960s

Commentator: Jussi Hanhimäki (Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies, Geneva)

13.00-14.30 Lunch at ETH Dozentenfoyer

#### 14.30-16.30 Panel 3: Soviet Energy, Pipelines, and the Control over Eastern Europe

Chair: Rüdiger Graf (Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam)

- Margarita Balmaceda (Seton Hall University and Harvard University): Creating Energy (Inter-) Dependences
- Falk Flade (European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder): The Building of the “Friendship”-Pipeline
- Suvi Kansikas (Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki): The Comecon in East-West Energy Relations

Commentator: Per Högselius (Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm)

19.00 Dinner at Restaurant Zum Kropf, In Gassen 16

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2015 (ROOM KO2-F-152)

8.30-9.00 Coffee

#### 9.00-10.45 Panel 4: The Energy Crisis of the 1970s, and the Role of Siberian Energy

Chair: Nada Boškovska (University of Zurich)

- Lorenz Lüthi (McGill University): The Energy Crisis within CMEA, 1960s to 1980s: Gas, Oil, Coal, and Nuclear Energy
- Dunja Krempin (University of Zurich): The Siberian Gas Campaign under Brezhnev
- Galina Yu. Koleva (Tiumen’ State Oil University): The Role of Siberia in Energy Policy Decision-Making: The Case of Tiumen’

Commentator: Nataliia Egorova (Institute of World History, RAS, Moscow)

10.45-11.00 Break

#### 11.00-13.00 Panel 5: East-West Energy Relations

Chair: Hans-Henning Schröder (Freie Universität Berlin)

- Rüdiger Graf (Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam): From Détente to a New Cold War? Debates on Energy and East-West Relations since the 1970s

- Per Högselius (Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm): Energy Weapons Real and Imagined: Russian Natural Gas Exports in Historical Perspective
- David Painter (Georgetown University, Washington D.C.): Energy and US-Soviet Relations in the 1980s

Commentator: Margarita Balmaceda (Seton Hall University and Harvard University)

13.00-14.30 Lunch at ETH Dozentenfoyer

#### 14.30-16.30 Panel 6: Transnational / Corporative Dimensions of Soviet Energy

Chair: Benjamin Schenk (University of Basel)

- Elisabetta Bini (University of Trieste): A Challenge to Cold War Oil Politics? ENI’s Relations with the Soviet Union, 1958-1969
- Alain Beltran (Sorbonne, Paris) & Jean-Pierre Williot (Université François-Rabelais, Tours): The State-Owned Company GDF, Russian Natural Gas & the French Policy of Energy Supply Security
- Oscar Sanchez-Sibony (University of Macau): Soviet Energy and Global Money after Bretton Woods

Commentator: Giacomo Luciani (Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies, Geneva)

18.15-19.30, Room KO2-F-150

#### Public roundtable discussion: Russia, the EU, and Energy Conflicts in Eastern Europe

Moderator: Jeronim Perović (University of Zurich)

With David Painter (Georgetown University, Washington D.C.), Nataliia Egorova (Institute of World history, RAS, Moscow), Hans-Henning Schröder (Freie Universität Berlin), and Giacomo Luciani (Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies, Geneva)