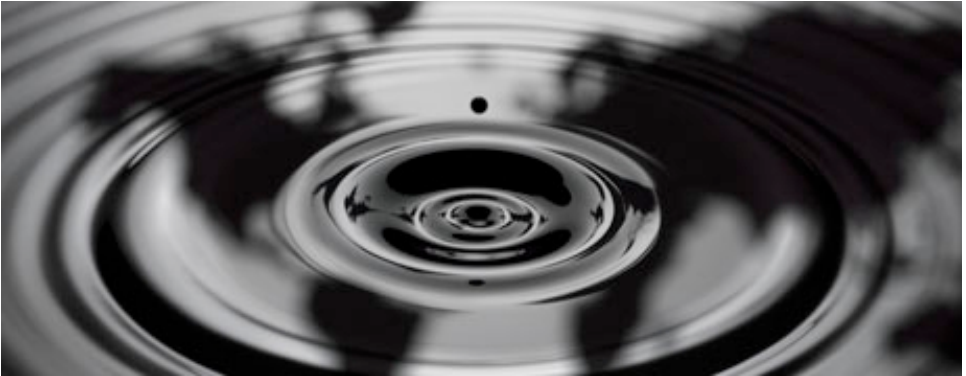




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Soviet energy, in particular oil and natural gas, played a key role during the Cold War. The Soviet pipeline system served not only the energy needs of the country's own population and industry, but also those of Moscow's Communist allies in Eastern Europe, which became increasingly dependent on Soviet oil and gas during the 1960s and 1970s. It was during

this time, that the Soviet Union emerged as a key energy supplier of Western Europe. The Soviet Union produced energy in ever larger quantities not only to fuel industrialization and modernization, but also to sustain its great power ambitions. After the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the end of Communism, energy relations between Russia and its neighbors have

been experiencing strains. The most severe conflict is the one between Russia and Ukraine, which has repeatedly affected Russia-European energy relations.

The roundtable will discuss the Soviet energy legacy in context of current conflicts in Eastern Europe, focusing in particular on the Ukrainian crisis.

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