



CES Webinar: “The Politics of Shale Gas Development in Europe” with Francis McGowan

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Over the last five years, the development of unconventional gas has become a highly contentious issue in European politics at both the national and the EU levels. While the prospect of development is advocated by some as a way of boosting economic growth and improving energy security, it is opposed by others who see it as a threat both to environmental, health and safety standards in local communities and to the pursuit of sustainable energy policies. In this talk, the differences within and between countries will be explored as well along with the impact of these divergences on the policy debate within the EU institutions.

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