Panel I. Climate and Environmental Impacts of the Use of Natural Resources
12:00-2:45 PM

Sonia Zilberman (Crude Accountability): "The Role of International Institutions and Western Governments in Legitimizing and Financing hydrocarbon extraction in Azerbaijan"
Kate Watters (Crude Accountability): "The Effects of Investments in the Oil and Gas Sector in Kazakhstan"
Elena Sorokina (Crude Accountability): "Legislative and Other Pressures on Environmental Defenders in Russia and other Post-Soviet Countries"

Panel II. Political Impacts of the Use of Natural Resources: Challenges to Democratization
3:00-6:15 PM

Gubad Ibadoghlu (Rutgers): "Petrostate: Political Effects of Revenue Management in Azerbaijan"
Rachel Denber (Human Rights Watch): "The State of Human Rights and Democratic Freedoms in the Caspian Basin States"
Audrey Altstadt (UMass Amherst): "We are the Underdogs: Next Steps in Democracy-Building in Azerbaijan"
Spaska Gatzinska (National Endowment for Democracy): TBD
Michael Reynolds (Princeton): Closing Comment

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