

The Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES)
and
The Sigur Center for Asian Studies
at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University
and
The Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University
are pleased to invite you to:

Environmental Cooperation in Northeast Asia: Challenges and Prospects

A Round-table discussion

Frenemies? Russia-China Interactions on Energy and Environmental Issues

Dr. Elizabeth Wishnick

Associate Professor of Political Science and Law, Montclair State University

Governing Russia's Forests: When Are Transnational Initiatives Effective?

Dr. Laura A. Henry

Associate Professor of Government and Legal Studies, Bowdoin College

Environmental Conservation of the Amur River and the Sea of Okhotsk: Regional Cooperation between China, Japan and Russia?

Dr. Yasunori Hanamatsu

Visiting Scholar, IERES, George Washington University

Moderated by **Dr. Henry E. Hale**

Director, IERES, George Washington University

In Northeast Asia, environmental degradation and competition over scarce resources have the potential to contribute to political tension in a region that still has many remaining territorial disputes and where distrust among neighboring countries is still an issue. Recently, the region has seen new efforts to improve inter-regional cooperation between states, such as Russia, China and Japan. Joint monitoring, cooperative research, and harmonization of standards and processes can serve the dual function of resolving common environmental problems and improving relations among states. On the other hand, it is pointed out that in most issue areas, the states of Northeast Asia have not yet developed a shared understanding of common environmental problems. They will discuss how we can evaluate the emerging environmental cooperation in the region, what is needed to promote further regional cooperation among states of the region on environmental issues.

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2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

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