

## **Brief Resume of Speakers:**

### **Simon Blakey [sablakey@icloud.com](mailto:sablakey@icloud.com)**

Simon Blakey is a Senior Visiting Fellow at the European University Institute School of Transnational Governance in Florence, Italy. He is a leading authority on the European energy industry and its global dependencies, in particular the Europe-Russia natural gas relationship and its changing character from the 1980s to today. With three decades of experience at the intersection of geopolitics, energy economics, climate change, working on government policies and business strategies, Simon has provided energy policy advice to governments and government agencies in Angola, Egypt, France, Germany, Israel, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, and the United States.

Simon is a co-author, together with Daniel Yergin (Pulitzer Prize) and Professor Thane Gustafson (Georgetown University) of several landmark studies on the Russian-European commercial and political relationship, including the evolution of the Russian-Ukrainian gas crisis of 2009 and the European response.

During his consulting career, Simon has confidentially advised senior European decision makers in government and business about the risks and opportunities of the energy crisis triggered by Russia, with a particular emphasis on the importance of strategic planning to maintain solidarity and avoid conflicts of interest between EU member states. Simon has delivered more than 100 research and advisory assignments – including scenario studies – covering a broad range of strategic issues for energy companies worldwide on questions such as market entry strategies, merger and acquisition proposals, privatization advice, market analyses in support of FID for major pipeline projects, pricing strategy advice, and expert witness in arbitration cases. He is a regular speaker/chair at CERAweek (the energy sector Davos) and other high-level global energy and strategy gatherings.

Simon earned his undergraduate degree in history and economics at Cambridge University.

### **Jesse Scott [jessescott@hotmail.com](mailto:jessescott@hotmail.com)**

Jesse Scott is a Senior Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation in Delhi, as well as an Adjunct Professor at the Hertie School in Berlin and a member of the Climate Strategies policy research network. The focus of her work with ORF is the India-European Union trade talks and clean economy cooperation. She also analyses the reshaping of energy security by renewable energy, climate change, and geopolitics.

Jesse is a global expert on climate policy and the clean energy transition, who has served as International Director of thinktank Agora Energiewende in Berlin, Deputy Secretary General of the European business group Eurogas in Brussels, Coordinator on energy and digitalisation at the OECD International Energy Agency in Paris, Head of Environment Policies at business group Eurelectric in Brussels, and as a lawyer with White & Case.

She has held advisory roles toward senior political leaders, the European Commission, the UK, Italian, German, and Polish governments, the World Economic Forum, and major climate philanthropies. She also guest teaches for the New York University School of Law, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, the School of Transnational Governance at the European University Institute, the Central European University, and University College London. Jesse has written extensively on the political economy of the clean energy transition, climate risk, and the evolution of new policy agendas in climate, digital, and European foreign relations.

Jesse earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees in history and international law at Cambridge University.