

## Future Flashpoints: Assessing the World's Undiscovered Hydrocarbon and Mineral Resources as Potential Drivers

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#### Abstract:

This lecture will provide an examination of the locations and extent of the world's untapped hydrocarbon and mineral resources in the context of their potential as drivers for geopolitical conflict. Popular media and academia often overstate the extractive sector's resource potential in particular regions or countries. Conversely, locations where the greatest potential exists often remain completely ignored. Even modest potential can be economically and politically destabilizing if these resources are not managed properly. Key areas of Africa, Asia, the Arctic and Latin America will be addressed. Factors that can mitigate resource conflict also will be covered, including models to address transboundary disputes and ways to establish the appropriate institutional, regulatory, policy and legal frameworks needed to ensure sustainable development.

#### Biography:

Paul Hueper is Director of Energy Programs in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Energy Resources. His office manages program and policy work related to capacity building for emerging oil and gas producing countries, unconventional energy resource management and regulation, and global electric power sector reform and development. Among other implementation, his office has provided support for global oil and gas resource assessments by the U.S. Geological Survey and capacity building training by the Colorado School of Mines. His office also maintains functional responsibility for the Department's participation in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative as well as policy issues related to rare earth minerals.

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