

Dr. Morena Skalamera - Research Associate

Since July 2013, Dr. Morena Skalamera has been a Research Associate at gLAWcal – Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development.

Dr. Skalamera is a Post-doctoral Fellow at Harvard University. She recently completed her Ph.D in Political Science and International Relations at the University of Trieste. Her Ph.D. dissertation dealt with European-Russian energy cooperation and was funded by the International University Institute for European Studies - IUIES in Gorizia (Italy) with a grant to carry out research abroad. Her dissertation was primarily focused on understanding the lack of binding institutionalization of the EU-Russia energy relationship despite the high degree of interdependence between the two sides.

She holds a B.A. and M.A. (*summa cum laude*) in Political Science and International Relations from the University of Trieste. During her M.A. studies, she spent a semester at Eckerd College in Florida, where she connected with professors who piqued her research interest in Russia-EU energy politics. During 2010-2011 she was a visiting student at the University of Westminster (London) where she completed a course in Diplomacy. She has attended many international conferences on energy issues, including 'Scenario Work on Eurasian Gas 2030' at Columbia University. She has also written several articles in the realm of politics as related to the EU-Russia Energy Security relations.

During her tenure at the Belfer Center of Harvard University, she has been conducting research on a new project: "The Sino-Russian Gas Relationship and China's disruptive rise in Energy and Geopolitics." Her areas of expertise and interest include: energy cooperation between the EU and Russia, global energy governance, geopolitical and strategic issues arising from the unequal distribution of global energy resources (in particular, natural gas), the role of technological breakthroughs, the Sino-Russian energy cooperation and the making of the United States' foreign and security policies.

In the summer of 2013 she taught a seminar on the Geopolitics of Energy at Peking University School of Government in Beijing (China). In the academic year 2015-2016 she will be also Visiting Fellow at Moscow's Higher School of Economics.