

Distinguished Visiting Fellow

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“Geopolitics of European Energy Supply”



Born in 1948, Arve grew up in West Norway. He was educated as a political scientist in Norway, the US and the UK. After entering the Norwegian Foreign Service in 1973, he served in Lagos, Geneva and Washington D.C., working most of his 16 year diplomatic career in the trade and economic area. From 1989 to 1992 he was International Director of the Norwegian Confederation for Business and Industry. For the following 5 years he was Managing Director of the Norwegian Federation of Process Industries, organizing the largest part of Norwegian onshore industry.

In 1997 Arve joined Statoil as Senior Vice President for HSE. He has also served as a Director of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. For the last five years he established and built up the Statoil office in Brussels, as Vice President for EU Affairs. Arve took early retirement from StatoilHydro as of 1 November this year, and is now working as an independent consultant on government affairs issues primarily relating to energy and climate change around Europe. He has held a number of board positions in Norway and in the EU, and has been named Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the European Business School in London.

Monday, 24th November 2008 at 6:10 pm in Darwin D204 & D205 All Welcome