

Geopolitical interaction and international law of energy

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Abstract—If we knew Geopolitics as the complex relations of power in the international system based on political geography, economy and culture, energy as the primary source of human activities in all aspects of life has an important role in this framework. In contemporary international relations, accurately mapped geopolitical interaction with energy can be put many opportunities for decision-makers and decision makers of a country's foreign policy. On the other hand, the international law of energy as a relatively new field in the interaction with the geopolitics formed and developed. Exploration, extraction, energy transfer, finitude of fossil fuels resources and the emergence of environmental problems, has created a new discourse in international relations. Also, the sustainable development and environmental protection, the use of fossil energy carriers should be replaced with renewable energy sources such as wind energy, solar energy, geothermal energy, biomass energy and etc, is the beginning of a new geopolitical conflict in the contemporary world. Hence and given the positive points of environmental, economical and especially legislation in other legal systems such as European Union agreement regarding the energy charter in 1994 and since that study and analyze the energy issue and status not only environmental and economic point of view, but legally has also a special place, therefore the current paper focuses on the issue of energy sources & consumptions status in European Union law in order to provide legal pattern in Iranian legal system and comprehensive energy policies managed by European Union in the grounds of energy such as environmental protection, renewable energy applications, diversity of energy sources, using new technology in reducing energy consumption, expand international cooperation and regional laws and regulations regarding energy and environmental protection.

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