

American University of Armenia's

College of Engineering (CoE),

School of Business and Management (SBM),

School of Political Science and International Affairs (PSIA), and the

Acopian Center for the Environment (ACE)

invite you to an open talk and discussion:

Politics and Economics of Environmental Enterprises in Armenia: Case of Lusakert Biogas Plant



The Lusakert Biogas Plant (LBP), operating since October 2008, was made possible under the Clean Development Mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol. It is owned in part by Max Group Concern, an Armenian company, which also owns the Lusakert Poultry. LBP uses animal waste from the Poultry to generate electricity, fertilizer, and certified greenhouse gas emission reductions which, in part, it can sell on the international market. Mr. Khachik Manukyan, who spearheaded this effort at Max Group will talk about the business and politics of launching and running a complex environmental enterprise of this kind in Armenia. He will be joined, flights permitting, by Mr. Rolf Kevin, the representative of the Norwegian company, Vekst, which brought its technical and financial know-how to the project.

DATE & TIME:

Wed., June 9, 2010, 6:30pm-8pm

LOCATION:

AUA (Baghramian Campus), PAB, Alex Manoogian Hall

SPEAKERS:

Mr. Khachik Manukyan (will speak Armenian) and Mr. Rolf Kevin (will speak in English)

Opening remarks by Alen Amirkhanian, Lecturer, "Engineering Green Buildings," AUA CoE

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS: Mr. Manukyan is a partner at Max Group Concern, the majority owner of the Lusakert Biogas Plant. He spearheaded the establishment of the plant. Mr. Manukyan has been a Deputy at the Armenian National Assembly since 2003. Mr. Rolf Kevin is a representative of the Norwegian company, Vekst, which has international experience in clean energy generation.