



**CHECHNYA PEACE
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The Chechnya Peace Forum and the Foreign Policy Centre are delighted to invite you to a conference:

Spotlight on Russia

**Wednesday 14th May
Royal United Services Institute, Whitehall, London**

Taking place only days after **Dimitry Medvedev** formally takes over as President of the Russia Federation, the event will focus on what is happening in Russia today.

Addressing the audience, our eminent speakers will include:

- **Boris Nemtsov** - Former Deputy Prime Minister of Russia
- **Ed Lucas** – Journalist on the Economist and Author of *The New Cold War: How the Kremlin Menaces Both Russia and the West*
- **David Clark** – Chair, The Russia Foundation
- **Akhmed Zakaev** – Prime Minister, Resistance Government of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria
- **Tony Wood** – Writer & Author
- **Andrei Piontkovsky** - Executive Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies in Moscow
- **Peter Tatchell** – Human Rights Campaigner
- **Nina Kruscheva** - Writer and granddaughter of former Soviet Premier, Nikita Khrushchev
- **Natalia Novozhilova** - Journalist
- **Oksana Chelysheva** – Journalist, Russian-Chechen Friendship Society
- **Phil Hanson** - Professor of the Political Economy of Russia and Eastern Europe, Birmingham University and Russia and Eurasia Programme at Chatham House
- **John Russell** – Professor in Russian Studies at Bradford University and Author of: *Chechnya: Russia's "War on terror"*
- **Marina Litvinenko** – Author and widow of Alexander Litvinenko
- **Ruslan Badalov** - Ruslan Badalov - President of Public Movement "Chechen Committee of National Salvation"

The event will start at **9.30am** and conclude shortly after **3.30pm**. A **buffet lunch** will be provided. Please see below for a brief outline of proceedings. We will issue the confirmed programme ahead of the conference.

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9:30-9.50am
Arrival & Coffee

9.50-10.00am
Welcome and Introductory remarks by
Stephen Twigg, Director of the Foreign Policy Centre

10.00-11.00am
Managed Democracy:
Political Realities Under Russia's New President

11.00- 11.15am
Tea and coffee

11.15– 12.15pm
Russia's New Order:
Revival of the Intelligence Services, suppression of freedom of speech,
political opposition, civil liberties and the rule of law

12.15- 1.15pm
Lunch

1.15-2.15pm
Russia's Policy on Chechnya and the Caucasus

2.15-2.30pm
Tea and coffee

2.30-3.30pm
Russian Influence on the World Stage:
What the Future Holds

3.30-3.40pm
Closing remarks by Ivar Amundsen,
Director of the Chechnya Peace Forum

We do hope that you will be able to join us. Please **RSVP to Geoff Duggan on 020 7149 3705** to reserve your place or email your acceptance to:
info@chechnyapeaceforum.com

Please include your name and organisation when registering, as well as your contact details.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 14th May.

Yours sincerely,

Ivar Amundsen
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