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UPCOMING EVENTS

Marketplace Practice and CSR in Emerging Markets

Date: Wednesday 7 May 2008, 3-5pm

Venue: Wilson Room, Portcullis House, Bridge Street, London SW1A 2LW

Coca-Cola Great Britain

Speakers:

Salvatore Gabola, Director of Worldwide Stakeholder Relations, The Coca-Cola Company

Liza Lort-Phillips, Associate Director, Corporate Citizenship Department for International Development

Graham Baxter, Director, Responsible Business Solutions International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF)

Sumi Dhanarajan, Co-head, Private Sector Team, Policy Department Oxfam

Chair: Stephen Twigg, Director, Foreign Policy Centre

About the event:

Following two well received seminars of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Emerging Markets project, the Foreign Policy Centre, in association with Coca-Cola Great Britain, will present the third seminar on Wednesday 7 May in Portcullis House. This seminar will examine CSR in emerging markets with a focus on marketplace practices, including issues such as consumer relations, ethical trade and responsible investment, and wealth creation. Prominent speakers will explore these themes from both business and civil society perspectives.

 If you would like to attend please RSVP to Pavel Miller on events@fpc.org.uk or tel 020 7729 7566.

Democracy in the Spotlight: Power and Politics in Nigeria

Date: Thursday 8 May, 4.00-6.00pm

Venue: Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House, Bridge St, London SW1A 2LW

Speakers:

Keynote Speaker: Hon Dimeji Bankole, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Discussant: Femi Longe, Co-founder, Africa++

(a network that helps people in the diaspora connect with Africa's development)

Chair: Hugh Bayley MP, Member of the International Development Select Committee and Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group on Africa



About the event:

In a public lecture to be hosted by the Foreign Policy Centre in partnership with the African Foundation for Development (AFFORD) the Hon Dimeji Bankole, Speaker of the House of Representatives will seek to explore the future of governance and democracy promotion in Nigeria.

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONT.)

While Nigeria is Africa's most populous country, it is by far the continent's largest fledgling democracy. The 2007 presidential and legislative elections were widely perceived to be the most flawed in the country's history. Initially, when President Umaru Yar'Adua was nominated by his predecessor, former President Olusegun Obasanjo, there was much speculation that Obasanjo intended to retain the reins of power by using the somewhat anonymous governor of Katsina State, as an instrument to advance his own political agenda. Today however, Yar'Adua is increasingly regarded as an enthusiastic supporter of 'better government' as a vehicle to tackling structural constraints impeding Nigeria's Development, such as the chronic power crisis.

Is President Yar'Adua simply seeking to build his own legitimacy? Will the drive for greater transparency worsen political instability? Is the Nigerian government being distracted from the business of pursuing an ambitious reform agenda? Does democracy have a future in the Nigerian political power struggle?



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Spotlight on Russia

Date: Wednesday 14th May 2008, 9.30-3.30pm

Venue: Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET



CHECHNYA PEACE FORUM

Confirmed speakers include:

Boris Nemtsov, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Russia

Ed Lucas, The Economist

David Clark, Chair, The Russia Foundation

Akhmed Zakaev, Prime Minister, Resistance Government of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria

Andrei Piontkovsky, Executive Director, Centre for Strategic Studies, Moscow

About the event:

Taking place only days after Dimitry Medvedev formally takes over as President of the Russia Federation, this Chechnya Peace Forum and Foreign Policy Centre event will focus on what is happening in Russia today. A confirmed programme will be issued to registrants ahead of the event. A buffet lunch will be provided.



If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Geoff Duggan on tel: 020 7149 3705 or email your acceptance to: info@chechnyapeaceforum.com.

RECENT EVENTS



'Global Politics After 9/11: The Democratiya Interviews'

Date: Monday 21 April, 6-8pm



Speakers:

Lord Falconer of Thornton, Chair

Alan Johnson, Democratiya.com, Editor of Global Politics After 9/11

Denis Macshane MP, Labour Foreign Office Minister 2001-2005

Michael Moore MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesman for International Development

John Lloyd, Financial Times and Reuters Institute, Oxford

Andrew Mitchell MP, Shadow Secretary of State for International Development

Ladan Boroumand, Research Director, The Abdorrahman Boroumand Foundation

This book launch and discussion event was held in association with The John Smith Institute, Democratiya.com, The Henry Jackson Society, Progress and Engage.

RECENT EVENTS (CONT.)



The Left and Iran: A Progressive Approach?

Date: 18 March 2008, 6-7.30pm

The Foreign Policy Centre



Speakers:

Baroness Shirley Williams

Nazenin Ansari, Diplomatic Editor, Kayhan

Professor Malcolm Chalmers, Professorial Fellow, RUSI

Mark Fitzpatrick, Senior Fellow for Non-proliferation, International Institute for Strategic Studies

Chair: Stephen Twigg, Director, Foreign Policy Centre, and Chair, Progress

The discussion at this event considered how progressives can respond to the challenge of Iran. The seminar sought to consider the possibilities of engagement with the government of Iran over the nuclear issue, regional security and trade co-operation. It also examined government human rights abuses and ways in which progressives in Britain could build a 'dialogue of civilisations' with reformers in Iran.

This event was held in association with Progress www.progressonline.org.uk



Corporate Social Responsibility in Emerging Markets

Date: Monday 10 March 2008, 3.00-5.00pm



Speakers:

Salvatore Gabola, Director of Worldwide Stakeholder Relations, The Coca-Cola Company

Daniel Graymore, Team Leader, Business Alliance Team, Department for International Development

Daniel Litvin, Director, Critical Resource Strategy & Analysis

Stephen Twigg (Chair), Director, The Foreign Policy Centre

At this event, the Foreign Policy Centre launched a major project on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in emerging markets in association with Coca-Cola Great Britain. The project will explore the role of multinational corporations' (MNC) CSR practices in emerging markets in the areas of labour standards, marketplace practices, and the environment. With an initial background paper, this launch seminar reviewed recent trends in multinationals' CSR practices, defined the latest debate on CSR, and established the context for the following three seminars which will form part of this project.

This event was held in association with Coca-Cola Great Britain.

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RECENT FPC PUBLICATIONS

Corporate Social Responsibility in Emerging Markets: The Role of Multinational Corporations

by Feng Zhang in association with Coca-Cola Great Britain



This is an initial background paper to accompany the FPC project on corporate social responsibility in emerging markets, in association with Coca-Cola Great Britain.

[Download the paper here.](#)

Global Politics After 9/11: The Democratiya Interviews Edited by Alan Johnson

This book brings together a series of conversations about the dilemmas of progressive foreign policy after 9/11. Democratiya editor Professor Alan Johnson talks to Jean Bethke Elshaint, Martin Shaw, Kanan Makiya, Paul Berman, David Held, Saad Eddin Ibrahim, Ladan Boroumand, Anne-Marie Slaughter, Joshua Muravchik and Mary Kaldor.

Alan Johnson is founder and editor of Democratiya, and Professor of Democratic Theory and Practice at Edge Hill University.

[To download a copy of Global Politics After 9/11, click here](#)
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AFTER 9/11**
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INTERVIEWS

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Labour's Foreign Policy in a European and global context
The crossover between domestic and international policies
The international role of education, especially as a tool to combating genocide



Josephine Osikena, Democracy and Development Programme Manager

Development and democratisation in Sub-Saharan Africa
Economic development in French speaking West Africa



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Chinese foreign policy; political and economic trends
Sino-Japanese relations, East Asian Security, North Korea

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