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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Full and Equal Citizens: How to Deliver Equality for Israel's Arab Minorities

**Date:** Thursday 19 November, 4.00-5.30pm

**Venue:** Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Room, Houses of Parliament, London SW1A 0AA (off Westminster Hall, use St Stephen's entrance)

**Speakers include:**

- **Ivan Lewis MP**, Minister of State for the Middle East, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (tbc)
- **Aida Touma-Sliman**, General Director, Women Against Violence
- **Shmuel Ben-Tovim**, Minister - Economic Affairs, Embassy of Israel
- **Leo Williams**, Manager UK Friends of the Abraham Fund Initiatives

**Chair:** Sir Jeremy Beecham, New Israel Fund

The Foreign Policy Centre is delighted to be hosting a Westminster Seminar to launch its 'Full and Equal Citizens: How to Deliver Equality for Israel's Arab Minorities?' project, supported by the Pears Foundation. The project will explore some of the main challenges facing Israel's Arab minorities, including: community relations, housing, education, economic development, employment, political representation and policing. The project will examine what lessons can be learned from UK anti-discrimination practice and how international donors can best support community cohesion in Israel.



If you would like to attend, please email: [events@fpc.org.uk](mailto:events@fpc.org.uk)

## UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

### **Reconnecting the European Parliament and its People**

The Foreign Policy Centre and the European Commission Representation in the UK are delighted to announce the launch of a new project, 'Reconnecting the European Parliament and its People.' The project will comprise a series of four events across the UK, followed by research, that will examine UK public awareness and attitudes towards the European Parliament, assess the problems that it faces and explore some possible solutions.



**If you would like to attend any or all of the events which form part of this project (see below), please email: [events@fpc.org.uk](mailto:events@fpc.org.uk)**

#### **LONDON LAUNCH EVENT**

**Date:** Tuesday 1 December, 6.00-7.45pm

**Venue:** Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Room, Houses of Parliament, London SW1A 0AA (off Westminster Hall, use St Stephen's entrance)

**Speakers include:**

- **Rt Hon Dr Denis MacShane MP**, former Minister for Europe
- **Further speakers to be announced**
- **Chair: Rt Hon Charles Kennedy MP**, FPC Co-President; President of the European Movement; Former Leader of the Liberal Democrats

#### **MANCHESTER EVENT**

**Date:** Friday 11 December, 5.00-6.45pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber, Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester M60 2LA

**Speakers include:**

- **Arlene McCarthy MEP**
- **Sajjad Karim MEP**
- **Jim Hancock**, former Political Editor, BBC North West
- **Further speakers to be announced**
- **Chair: Stephen Twigg**, Director, Foreign Policy Centre

#### **EDINBURGH EVENT**

**Date:** Friday 29 January 2010, 5.00-6.45pm

**Venue:** Committee Rm 1, The Scottish Parliament, Holyrood, Edinburgh EH99 1SP

**Speakers include:**

- **Catherine Stihler MEP**
- **Further speakers to be announced**
- **Chair: George Foulkes MSP** (tbc)

#### **BIRMINGHAM EVENT**

**Date:** February 2010 (tbc)

**Venue:** TBC

**Speakers to be announced**

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## RECENT EVENTS

### **The Foreign Policy Centre at the 2009 Liberal Democrats Party Conference**

The Foreign Policy Centre hosted a programme of four fringe events at this year's Liberal Democrats Party Conference in Bournemouth, with speakers including: Rt Hon Charles Kennedy MP and Michael Moore MP.



[Download FPC Liberal Democrats fringe schedule>](#)

### **The Foreign Policy Centre at the 2009 Labour Party Conference**

The Foreign Policy Centre hosted a programme of five fringe events at this year's Labour Party Conference in Brighton, with speakers including: Baroness Catherine Ashton, EU Trade Commissioner; Gareth Thomas MP, DfID Minister and Joan Ruddock MP, Minister for Climate Change.



[Download FPC Labour fringe schedule>](#)

### **The Foreign Policy Centre at the 2009 Conservative Party Conference**

The Foreign Policy Centre hosted a programme of five fringe events at this year's Conservative Party Conference in Manchester, with speakers including: Rt Hon Ken Clarke MP, Shadow Business Secretary; Andrew Mitchell MP, Shadow International Development Secretary; and Tim Yeo MP, Chair of the Environmental Audit Commission.



[Download FPC Conservative fringe schedule>](#)

### **Spotlight on Georgia: A keynote speech by Irakli Alasania**

**Date:** Wednesday 16 September, 3.45-5.00pm

**Venue:** Jubilee Room, Houses of Parliament, London SW1A 0AA

**Speaker:** Irakli Alasania, Leader, 'Our Georgia—Free Democrats Party' and 'Alliance for Georgia'








**Chair:** Stephen Twigg, Director, Foreign Policy Centre



The FPC was delighted to host Irakli Alasania, leader of his 'Our Georgia-Free Democrats Party' and the moderate opposition coalition 'Alliance for Georgia' at a Westminster Seminar on 16 Sept. Prior to his role in opposition, Mr Alasania served as Georgia's Ambassador to the United Nations from June 2006 to December 2008 and before that, from 2004-2006 as leader of the Abkhazian Government-in-exile and the President's Special Representative in the Georgia-Abkhaz peace talks. Mr Alasania spoke about the current political and human rights situation in Georgia and what the international community can do to support the country's democratic development.

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-  **The FPC at the political Party Conferences — Have your say**  
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## NEW FPC PUBLICATIONS

### **Spotlight on Georgia**

Edited by Adam Hug

This new FPC pamphlet examines the growing human rights and governance challenges facing Georgia. It highlights increasing concerns, both internal and international, about Georgian rule of law, media freedom, policing and electoral processes. The pamphlet recommends how Georgia must reform and what the international community should do to support it.



It contains contributions from authors including: Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner; EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus, Peter Semneby; the Deputy Public Defender of Georgia, Giorgi Chekheidze; former UK Foreign Secretary, Rt Hon Sir Malcolm Rifkind MP; Chair of the UK's Georgian All Party Parliamentary Group, Bruce George MP; former US Ambassador to the USSR, Ambassador Arthur Hartman; author and Conciliation Resources Associate, Thomas de Waal; former OSCE Policing Adviser, Marco Kubny; Elsa Vidal from Reporters Without Borders; Giorgi Gogia from Human Rights Watch; and Dr Hans Gutbrod from the Caucasus Research Resource Centres.

 **Download the report [here](#)>**

## MEDIA COMMENTATORS

FPC research staff are available to provide comment on breaking international news and foreign policy issues. They are experienced media commentators, making frequent TV and radio appearances. **If you could like to speak to one of them, please contact Anna Owen on 020 7729 7566 or [anna.owen@fpc.org.uk](mailto:anna.owen@fpc.org.uk)**



### **Stephen Twigg, Director**

UK foreign policy in a European and global context  
The crossover between domestic and international policy  
The international role of education, especially as a tool for combating genocide



### **Adam Hug, Policy Director**

Middle East, including Iran  
Russia, the Caucasus and Central Asia, including energy security issues  
The EU and the Transatlantic Relationship



### **Josephine Osikena, Director, Democracy and Development**

Development and democratisation in sub-Saharan Africa  
Economic development in francophone West Africa



### **Anna Owen, Events and Projects Director**

Military dimensions of UK foreign policy, including Afghanistan and Pakistan  
UK armed forces and defence policy



### **Feng Zhang, China Programme Manager**

Political and economic trends in China  
Chinese foreign policy  
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