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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spotlight on Georgia

Date: Wednesday 11 March, 6.00-7.30pm

Venue: Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House,
Victoria Embankment, London SW1A 2LW

The Foreign Policy Centre




Speakers include:

- **Sir Malcolm Rifkind KCMG QC MP**, Former Foreign Secretary
- **Tom De Waal**, Caucasus Research Associate, Conciliation Resources
- **HE Giorgi Badridze**, Ambassador Designate, Embassy of Georgia

Chair: **Mike Gapes MP**, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee

This seminar will act as the launch for the Foreign Policy Centre's 2009 programme of work on Georgia. The work will examine the country's performance across a range of good governance areas, including: human rights, the rule of law, media freedom, the growth of civil society and the development of democratic institutions.

This work will be set in the context of the development of the relationship between Georgia and the West, the stalled decision on whether to offer Georgia a NATO MAP, and the long-term possibility of EU membership. It will also examine the practical steps that can be taken to improve performance towards good governance goals.

 **If you would like to register**, or for more information about the event or this new programme of work, please email: events@fpc.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

FPC Report Launch

Women and children first: Leadership and the HIV and AIDS crisis in Africa

Date: Tuesday 5 May 2009, 6.00-8.00pm

Venue: Thatcher Room, Portcullis House,
Victoria Embankment, London SW1A 2LW

Supported by



Speaker: Ivan Lewis MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development

Chair: Stephen Twigg, Director, Foreign Policy Centre

The Foreign Policy Centre, with the support of Abbott UK, hosted a series of three expert roundtable discussions during 2008, to discuss and identify concrete and practical ways in which the lives of African women and girls affected by HIV/AIDS could be transformed. The areas of discussion and analysis included: building sustainable healthcare systems, the prevention of mother-to-child transmission and child survival, and overcoming stigma and discrimination.

This event will act as the launch for a new FPC report which will bring together the discussions and conclusions from all three roundtables, and will provide an opportunity to discuss the findings.

Hard copies of the report will be available at the event.



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NEW FPC BLOG LAUNCHED

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Holding Iran to a higher standard

by Geoffrey Cameron



The forgotten Somalia: A progressive strategy

by Rayhan Haque



Egypt and Gaza: A troubled history

by Mariam Ghorbannejad



No more 'internal issues'

by Adam Hug

RECENT ARTICLES

Recent articles added to the FPC website at: fpc.org.uk/articles include:



Doomed youth?

by Chris Phillips



Don't forget Ukraine

by Adam Hug



Fresh doubts on Croatian membership

by Dick Leonard



Back to basics—Deterrence and the IDF

by Chris Jenkins



Latin America and the initiatives to perpetuate power

by Thiago de Aragao



Time for a gesture to Ukraine

by Dick Leonard



The future of Europe—Defining a European Socialist manifesto

by Anne Fairweather



Obama and the Middle East

by Rebecca Simon



When the dust settles in Gaza

by Stephen Twigg and Adam Hug



Britain and the Euro: Time to revisit the debate?

by Niall Ahern



Highlights from Latin America in 2008

by Thiago de Aragao

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

A Revolution Without Rights? Women, Kurds and Baha'is Searching for Equality in Iran

Geoffrey Cameron and Tahirih Danesh

In this Foreign Policy Centre pamphlet, written by Geoffrey Cameron and Tahirih Danesh, the authors examine the religious, legal and social obstacles to equality faced by women, Baha'is and Kurds in Iran, comparing the experiences of the groups.

Cameron and Danesh evaluate the Iranian government's compliance with its own constitution and look at how Iran's treatment of women and minorities measures up to the international agreements it has signed. The pamphlet lays out practical steps that British and European policy-makers can take to support the equal treatment of women and minorities with their fellow citizens in Iran.

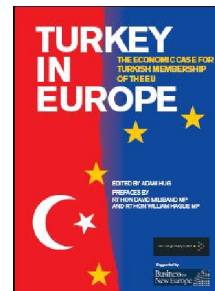


 Read the pamphlet in full at: fpc.org.uk/publications

Turkey in Europe: The economic case for Turkish membership of the European Union

Edited by Adam Hug

This Foreign Policy Centre pamphlet, supported by Business for New Europe sets out a clear economic and business case for Turkish membership of the European Union. The publication of the pamphlet was timed to coincide with the release of the EU's report on progress accession and provides an opportunity to review Turkey's progress towards accession, the challenges it still faces and the important economic and political linkages Turkey and the EU share.



Edited by FPC Policy Director, Adam Hug, the pamphlet contains contributions from: Rt Hon David Miliband MP, Rt Hon William Hague MP, Commissioner Olli Rehn, Roland Rudd (Chairman, Business for New Europe) Dr Mehmet Ugur (University of Greenwich), Prof Refik Erzan (Bogazici University), Dr Bahadir Kalegasi (TUSIAD, the Turkish business association), Sir Julian Horn Smith, (former Deputy CEO, Vodaphone) and Dr Gareth Winrow (formerly of Istanbul Bilgi University).

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MEDIA COMMENTARY

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.



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 Programme

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



Anna Owen, Events and Projects Director

Military aspects of UK foreign policy including Afghanistan
UK defence policy



Feng Zhang, China Programme Manager

Political and economic trends in China
Chinese foreign policy
Sino-Japanese relations, East Asian Security, North Korea

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