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UPCOMING EVENTS



NEW DATE & VENUE

'From Cradle to Coffin: A Report into Child Executions in Iran' - Launch Event

Date: Tuesday 30 June, 6.00pm

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

Speakers include:

- **Ivan Lewis MP**, Minister of State with responsibility for the Middle East, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- **Nazanin Afshin-Jam**, President, Stop Child Executions
- **Geraldine van Bueren**, Professor of International Human Rights Law, Queen Mary, University of London
- **Tom Porteous**, Director, Human Rights Watch UK
- **Drewery Dyke**, Researcher, Amnesty International



Chair: Alistair Carmichael MP, Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for the Abolition of the Death Penalty

The Foreign Policy Centre, in partnership with Stop Child Executions, is hosting the launch of a major new report entitled, 'From Cradle to Coffin: A Report on Child Executions in Iran'. Written by Nazanin Afshin-Jam, President of Stop Child Executions, her team and Tahirih Danesh, an FPC Senior Research Associate, the report aims to provide a comprehensive documentation and analysis of Iran's executions of minors since the 1979 Revolution. It will highlight inconsistencies in the Iranian legal system, as well as contradictions between Iran's record of executing minors and its international human rights commitments. The report will put forward clear recommendations for action by the international community and human rights campaigners. Hard copies of the report will be available free of charge at this event and it will also be possible to download the document free of charge from this website after the event.



If you would like to attend, please send an email to: events@fpc.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

Access and Inclusion... Delivering the Green Games

Date: Wednesday 15 July, 4.30-6.30pm

Venue: Committee Room 12, Palace of Westminster,
London SW1A 0AA

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marked no. 6 on this map:

<http://www.parliament.uk/documentsuploadcolmap.pdf>)



Speakers include:

- **Rt Hon Tessa Jowell MP**, Minister for the Olympics, Cabinet Office
- **Tim Yeo MP**, Chair, Environmental Audit Committee
- **Jo Willacy**, Director, Shuttle Services, Eurotunnel
- **Stephen Twigg**, Director, Foreign Policy Centre

In an increasingly interconnected world, universal and inclusive sustainable development is no longer just an option, it is an imperative. Can major international sporting events such as the 2010 World Cup in South Africa and the London 2012 Olympics champion the development of environmental sustainability and promote universal access and inclusion? At this Foreign Policy Centre (FPC) Westminster seminar held in association with Eurotunnel, the question of how major international sporting championships can move beyond the iconic infrastructure which so often symbolises such events, towards successfully promoting a practical agenda for action and change with sustainability, access and inclusion as achievable outcomes. This seminar will provide a platform for the promotion and discussion of ideas which will help inform the development of a Sustainability Charter.

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RECENT EVENTS

Recent events hosted by the Foreign Policy Centre have included:

FPC at the 2009 Compass National Conference: 'Tax justice: The missing link in the fight against poverty?'

Date: Saturday 13 June 2009

Venue: Institute of Education, London

Speakers:

- **Richard Howitt MEP**, Labour MEP for the East of England
- **John Evans**, General Secretary, Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD
- **Claire Melamed**, Head of Policy Coordination, ActionAid
- **Mark Ashurst**, Director, Africa Research Institute



This year's Compass National and Robin Cook Memorial Conference was themed around building a new political and economic settlement for the 21st century with democracy, equality and sustainability at its heart. The key purpose of the event was to make the case that there can be 'No Turning Back' to the failed ideas of the free market consensus. The Foreign Policy Centre hosted a break-out session entitled '**Tax justice: The missing link in the fight against poverty?**' For more information, please see:

 www.compassonline.org.uk/conference

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RECENT EVENTS (cont.)



FPC Report Launch

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

Date: Tuesday 5 May 2009, 6.00-8.00pm

Venue: Thatcher Room, Portcullis House



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

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

This event acted as the launch for a new FPC report which brings together some of the key findings and conclusions drawn from a series of expert roundtables organised by the Foreign Policy Centre during 2008. It also draws on the relevant literature to make some concrete recommendations for action that will help to mitigate the effects of the HIV & AIDS epidemic on women and children in sub-Saharan Africa.



Throughout 2008, the Foreign Policy Centre, with the support of Abbott, hosted a series of three expert roundtable discussions. The series brought together small groups of experts and specialists who explored the challenges faced by women and children who often experience the effects of the HIV & AIDS epidemic more severely than men, particularly in Africa south of the Sahara. The areas of discussion included: building sustainable healthcare systems, child survival and the prevention of mother-to-child transmission, and overcoming the stigma and discrimination associated with HIV & AIDS.



To read the report in full, please click here:

fpc.org.uk/publications/women-children-hiv-africa

THE FPC BLOG

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-  **Invest in Iraq, if you dare...**
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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Women and Children First: Leadership and the HIV & AIDS Crisis in Africa

by Josephine Osikena

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-  **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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