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LIBERAL DEMOCRAT  
PARTY CONFERENCE 2009  
FPC FRINGE EVENTS

## Liberal Democrats, Internationalism and the General Election

**Speaker:** Rt Hon Charles Kennedy MP, ex-Leader; President of the European Movement and UK Vice-President of Liberal International

**Chair:** Steve Richards, Chief Political Commentator, The Independent

Sunday 20 September, 1.00-2.00pm  
Premier Inn Bournemouth Central — Connect Two  
Refreshments will be served

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## Prevention over cure? The true cost of improving global health for children and young people

**Speakers:** Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP, Chair, International Development Committee; **Baroness Lindsay Northover**, Lords Spokesperson on International Development; **Robyn Hunter**, BBC News - Africa; **Patrick Watt**, World Vision; **David Bull**, UNICEF UK.

**Chair:** Lord Roger Roberts of Llandudno

Sunday 20 September, 6.15-7.30pm  
Wessex Hotel - Purbeck Suite  
Refreshments will be served

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## Can business really have a positive impact on development in poor countries?

**Speakers:** Michael Moore MP, Shadow International Development Secretary; **Peter Guest**, Editor, This is Africa - FT; **Belinda Calaguas**, ActionAid UK; **Euan Wilmshurst**, The Coca-Cola Company. **Chair:** Baroness Kishwer Falkner

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Sunday 20 September, 8.00-9.15pm  
Connaught Hotel - Priory One  
Refreshments will be served



## Democracy in danger? The future of conflict-affected states

**Speakers:** Edward Davey MP, Shadow Foreign Secretary; **Yasmin Alibhai-Brown**, The Independent; **James Deane**, BBC World Service Trust; **Dan Smith**, International Alert.

**Chair:** Baroness Lindsay Northover

Monday 21 September, 1.00-2.00pm  
Connaught Hotel - Priory One  
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## In conversation with Baroness Catherine Ashton EU Trade Commissioner

**Speaker:** Baroness Catherine Ashton, EU Trade Commissioner

**Chair:** Steve Richards, Chief Political Commentator, The Independent (tbc)

Sunday 27 September, 5.30-7.30pm

Umi Hotel — Umi Suite (64 Kings Rd — seafront)

Refreshments will be served

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## Democracy in danger? The future of conflict-affected states



**Speakers:** Mike Foster MP, International Development Minister; Isabel Hilton, China Dialogue; James Deane, BBC World Service Trust; Dan Smith, International Alert

**Chair:** Oona King, Head of Diversity, Channel 4

Monday 28 September, 12.45-2.15pm

Hilton Metropole — The Library (secure zone)

Refreshments will be served

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## How can we build an international consensus for a secure low carbon future?

**Speakers:** Joan Ruddock, Minister for Climate Change; Linda McAvan MEP, Environment Spokesperson; Andrew Pendleton, ippr; Peter Cunningham, Rio Tinto

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

Tuesday 29 September, 5.30-7.30pm

The Old Ship Hotel — Sussex Suite

Refreshments will be served

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## Prevention over cure? The true cost of improving global health for children and young people

**Speakers:** Ivan Lewis MP, FCO Minister of State (tbc); Tracy McVeigh, Chief Reporter, The Observer; Sue Mbaya, Advocacy Director, World Vision; David Bull, UNICEF UK

**Chair:** David Borrow MP, APPG on HIV/AIDS

Wednesday 30 September, 12.45-2.15pm

The Old Ship Hotel — Tudor Suite

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## Can business really have a positive impact on development in poor countries?

**Speakers:** Gareth Thomas MP, International Development Minister; Jamie Drummond, ONE; Michael Green, Co-author, 'Philanthrocapitalism'; Euan Wilmsurst, The Coca-Cola Company. **Chair:** Sally Keeble MP, Africa APPG

Wednesday 30 September, 5.30-7.30pm

Hotel du Vin — Hush Heath Suite (Ship St.)

Refreshments will be served

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## Democracy in danger? The future of conflict-affected states



**Speakers:** Andrew Mitchell MP, Shadow International Development Secretary; Michela Wrong, Author & Journalist; Caroline Nursey, BBC World Service Trust; Dan Smith, International Alert. **Chair:** Baroness Patricia Rawlings

Tuesday 6 October, 12.30-2.00pm  
Manchester Central—Exchange 5 (secure zone)  
Refreshments will be served

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## Can business really have a positive impact on development in poor countries?



**Speakers:** Mark Lancaster MP, Shadow International Development Minister; Richard Dowden, Royal African Society; Jasmine Whitbread, Save the Children; Euan Wilmshurst, The Coca-Cola Company. **Chair:** Rt Hon Peter Lilley MP

Tuesday 6 October, 5.30-7.00pm  
Manchester Central—Exchange 2 (secure zone)  
Refreshments will be served

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## How can we build an international consensus for a secure low carbon future?



**Speakers:** Tim Yeo MP, Chair, Environmental Audit Commission; Rt Hon John Gummer MP (tbc); Bernice Lee, Chatham House; Ed Crooks, Energy Editor, FT; Peter Cunningham, Rio Tinto. **Chair:** Julie Girling MEP (tbc)

Wednesday 7 October, 12.30-2.00pm  
Manchester Central—Exchange 3 (secure zone)  
Refreshments will be served

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## Prevention over cure? The true cost of improving global health for children and young people



**Speakers:** Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP, Shadow International Development Minister; Rhona MacDonald, The Lancet; Mesfin Teklu, World Vision; David Bull, UNICEF UK. **Chair:** Tony Baldry MP, former Chair, Intl Development Cttee

Wednesday 7 October, 5.30-7.00pm  
Manchester Central—Exchange 7 (secure zone)  
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## In conversation with... Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP



**Speaker:** Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP, Shadow Business Secretary  
**Chair:** Steve Richards, Chief Political Commentator, The Independent

Wednesday 7 October, 7.30-9.00pm  
Manchester Central—Charter 4 (secure zone)  
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## RECENT EVENTS

Recent events hosted by the Foreign Policy Centre have included:



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

**Date:** Tuesday 30 June, 6.00pm

**Venue:** Thacher Room, Portcullis House,

**Speakers included:**

- **Ivan Lewis MP**, Minister of State, FCO
- **Nazanin Afshin-Jam**, President, Stop Child Executions
- **Geraldine van Bueren**, Professor of International Human Rights Law, University of London
- **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, hosted 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 provides a comprehensive documentation and analysis of Iran's executions of minors since the 1979 Revolution. It highlights 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 puts forward clear recommendations for action by the international community and human rights campaigners.



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### Access and Inclusion... Delivering the Green Games

**Date:** Wednesday 15 July, 4.30-6.30pm

**Venue:** Committee Room 12, Palace of Westminster

**Speakers included:**

- **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 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 was examined.

## FPC ARTICLES

Recent articles added to the [FPC website](#) have included:

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by Chris Phillips  
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-  **The coup in Honduras points to a new scenario for Latin America**  
by Carlos Bellini, Daniel Lledo and Thiago de Aragao  
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by Carl Thomson

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by Adam Hug

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by Chris Phillips

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 **Time to take Sharia in Pakistan more seriously?**

by Ella Rolfe

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## NEW FPC PUBLICATIONS

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by Nazanin Afshin-Jam and Tahirih Danesh

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### **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 Advisor Marco Kubny; Elsa Vidal from Reporters Without Borders; Giorgi Gogia from Human Rights Watch; and Dr Hans Gutbrod from the Caucasus Research Resource Centres.


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## 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  
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