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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



The 'new British politics' and Europe: Conflict or cooperation? Leeds event

Date: Friday 21 January, 6.00pm-7.30pm

Venue: Yorkshire Bank Lecture Theatre, Leeds University Business School, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT
(Building number 19 on this [map](#)>)



Speakers:

- **Edward McMillan Scott MEP**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Liberal Democrats
- **Linda McAvan MEP**, Labour
- **Dr David Seawright**, Senior Lecturer in British Politics, University of Leeds (expert on the Conservative Party and UK-EU relations)
- **Further speakers to be confirmed**

Chair: Adam Hug, Policy Director, Foreign Policy Centre

This Leeds seminar is the first in a series of four events taking place around the country as part of a new project between the Foreign Policy Centre and the European Commission Representation in the United Kingdom. It seeks to explore the impact the new coalition government is having on the UK's relationship with EU institutions and other member states and on the dynamics of the European debate within the main parties. The panel will examine the potential internal and external challenges and opportunities facing the coalition on European issues, while addressing any impact electoral defeat has made to the Labour Party's long-term approach to the EU, given perceived problems over Lisbon ratification and EU migration. This event is free and open to all.



If you would like to attend, please RSVP to: events@fpc.org.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

The 'new British politics' and Europe: Conflict or cooperation? London event

Date: Tuesday 1 February, 6.00-7.45pm (please note new date)

Venue: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Room
(off Westminster Hall), Houses of Parliament, Westminster



Speakers:

- **Rt Hon Charles Kennedy MP**, FPC Co-President, President of the European Movement and former leader of the Liberal Democrats
- **Wayne David MP**, Shadow Minister for Europe
- **Chris Heaton-Harris MP**, European Scrutiny Committee
- **Further speakers to be confirmed**
- **Chair: Adam Hug, Policy Director, FPC**

This Westminster seminar is the second in a series of four events which form part of a new project between the Foreign Policy Centre and the European Commission Representation in the United Kingdom that seeks to explore the impact the new coalition government is having on the UK's relationship with EU institutions and other member states and on the dynamics of the European debate within the main parties. The panel will examine the potential internal and external challenges and opportunities facing the coalition on European issues, while addressing any impact electoral defeat has made to the Labour Party's long-term approach to the EU, given perceived problems over Lisbon ratification and EU migration.

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Speakers:

- **Struan Stevenson MEP, Conservative**
- **David Martin MEP, Labour**
- **Alyn Smith MEP, SNP**
- **Further speakers to be confirmed**

This Edinburgh event will be the final in a series of events taking place around the country as part of a new project between the Foreign Policy Centre and the European Commission Representation in the United Kingdom. It seeks to explore the impact the new coalition government is having on the UK's relationship with EU institutions and other member states and on the dynamics of the European debate within the main parties. The panel will examine the potential internal and external challenges and opportunities facing the coalition on European issues, while addressing any impact electoral defeat has made to the Labour Party's long-term approach to the EU, given perceived problems over Lisbon ratification and EU migration. The event is free and open to all.

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NEW FPC PUBLICATIONS

Full and Equal Citizens? How to deliver equality for Israel's Arab community

by Adam Hug

'Full and Equal Citizens? How to deliver equality for Israel's Arab community' is a major new report from the Foreign Policy Centre, written by Policy Director Adam Hug. It provides a detailed overview of some of the main challenges facing Israel's Arab community including the current polarised political environment, discrimination in the workplace and the linked challenges of housing, planning and access to land. Based on wide-ranging research and interviews, invoking both Israel's Declaration of Independence and the principles laid out by the Or Commission, it provides a critical but constructive take on the situation and the challenges ahead. The report makes a number of important recommendations for both Israel and the international community. UK Shadow Foreign Affairs Minister with responsibility for the Middle East and Human Rights, Stephen Twigg MP kindly provides the preface.

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

Reconnecting the European Parliament and its people

Edited by Adam Hug

As Westminster debates controversial reforms to the electoral system and its parliamentary procedures in an attempt to reconnect with the voters, time has come for reform to an institution that is perhaps facing bigger problems connecting with the public - the European Parliament.



The Foreign Policy Centre and the European Representation in the United Kingdom's new pamphlet, sets out a radical agenda for reforming the European Parliament's relationship with the public. Edited by FPC Policy Director Adam Hug, it contains important contributions from leading experts including Dr Richard Corbett (FPC Senior Research Associate, former MEP and member of the Cabinet of President Van Rompuy), Dr Michael Shackleton (Head of the UK office of the European Parliament) and Dr Christian Kaunert alongside key stakeholders Dr Adam Marshall (British Chambers of Commerce), Liz Atkins (formerly NCVO) and Cllr Flo Clucas (Local Government Association).

Reconnecting the European Parliament and its people proposes scrapping the current closed-list electoral system. It proposes a radical new system that mixes individual local constituencies with a national top-up list to ensure that every vote matters and that gives a clear answer to the question - 'who is my MEP?' It sets out ideas for reforming expenses, breaking the Strasbourg deadlock, making MEPs more accountable for their views and giving them greater powers in certain areas. The pamphlet recommends improvements in the way the European Parliament and its members work with stakeholders, the media and national parliaments.

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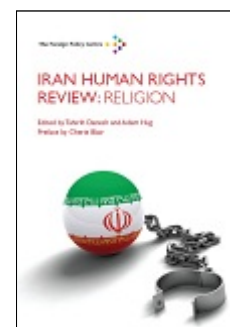
NEW FPC PUBLICATIONS (cont.)



Iran Human Rights Review: Religion

Edited by Tahirih Danesh and Adam Hug

The Iran Human Rights Review is a new Foreign Policy Centre project that seeks to be an important resource for policymakers and activists that combines information and analysis with recommendations for action.



This inaugural edition of the review focuses on the critical issue of religion in relation to human rights in Iran. It contains short essays from some of the world's leading experts on Iranian human rights: Dr Shirin Ebadi, Dr Fatemeh Haghighatjoo, Dr Shireen Hunter, Dr Abdol-Karim Lahidji, Hamid Hamidi, Dr Hossein Ladjevardi, Dr Wahied Wahdat-Hagh and John Weston MP. Cherie Blair has kindly provided a preface.



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NEW FPC ARTICLES, BLOGS & BRIEFINGS



Full and equal citizens?

by Adam Hug

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How would China respond to a double dip recession?

by Tim Summers

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Exploring Turkishness: Laicite, Religion and Socio-Political Dissociative Personality Disorder in Turkey

by Ziya Meral

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The New Georgian Constitution: Reading Saakashvili

by Alexander Jackson

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Responsibility to the poor: a matter of justice, not charity

by Douglas Alexander MP

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Exploring Turkishness: Women and Minorities

by Zeynep Dereli

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FPC Briefing: Analysing Turkey's 2010 constitutional referendum

by Marc Herzog

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RECENT EVENTS

Banking on Africa: Transforming enterprise, investment and innovation **An FPC, Barclays & City of London conference**

Date: Tuesday 30 November

Venue: Vintner's Hall, Upper Thames St, London EC4V 3BG

This Foreign Policy Centre and Barclays conference, held in association with City of London, explored how expanding the reach and scope of banking and financial services across Africa can support enterprise and innovation for development and secure greater financial inclusion.



Speakers included:

- Stephen O'Brien MP, International Development Minister, DfID
- Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP, Chair, International Development Select Committee
- Dr Mahamudu Bawumia, former Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Ghana
- Ashok Vaswani, CEO, Barclays Africa
- Mark Boleat, Deputy Policy Chairman, City of London
- Gibril Faal, Chair, AFFORD & Director, GK Partners
- Chris West, Director, Shell Foundation

Kazakhstan and the future of the OSCE

Date: Thursday 25 November, 1.00-2.15pm

Venue: Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Room (off Westminster Hall), Houses of Parliament, Westminster

Speakers:

- **Jacqueline Hale**, Senior Policy Analyst, Caucasus and Central Asia, OSI-Brussels
- **HE Kairat Abusseitov**, Ambassador of Kazakhstan
- **Dr Bhavna Dave**, Chair of the Centre of Contemporary Central Asia and the Caucasus, SOAS
- **Saule Mektepbayeva**, Regional Director, Central Asia, Penal Reform International

Chair: Lord Anderson of Swansea

This FPC seminar looked back at Kazakhstan's chairmanship of the OSCE, in particular its performance against the Madrid human rights commitments its leaders made on being offered this global leadership role. Kazakhstan's chairmanship provides the backdrop for a wider debate about future of the OSCE, to try and identify what role it should play in the modern world. In particular, the seminar explored the future of the OSCE's human rights dimension, in light of attempts to undermine the importance and independence of the OSCE's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the troubling picture of declining human rights standards in many OSCE member states.

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RECENT EVENTS (Cont.)

Africa: The next frontier for a new global age? Dr Donald Kaberuka in conversation with Professor Paul Collier

DATE: Thursday 18 November 2010

VENUE: Attlee Suite, Portcullis House, Westminster



 **Speaker: Dr Donald Kaberuka**, President, African Development Bank

Chair: Prof Paul Collier, University of Oxford

In an age of unprecedented national austerity and global insecurity, the global balance of power has shifted from a unipolar to an increasingly multipolar world order, where new global centres of power compete for influence and resources. This transition however, has yet to take real shape and is continuing to undergo a process of evolution that has so far been neither accurately defined, nor confidently articulated. In light of this, could Africa be on the cusp of a long-awaited turning point? How best can African economies and societies navigate through these uncertain times? What does the future hold for a continent juxtaposed with some of the world's fastest growing economies on the one hand, yet on the other, burdened with what appears to be some of the most intractable global development challenges, all of which amplify the state of inequality and poverty across this vast continent?

At this FPC and Citi event, Prof Paul Collier posed these and other questions to Dr Donald Kaberuka, President of the African Development Bank. This was followed by an opportunity for the audience to ask questions and make comments.

Ukraine and Europe's future: What's next?

Date: Wednesday 27 October

Venue: Inter-Parliamentary Union Room, Houses of Parliament, Westminster

Speakers:

- **H.E. Volodymyr Khandogiy**, Ambassador of Ukraine to the UK
- **John Whittingdale OBE MP**, Chair, British-Ukraine APPG and Chair, Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee
- **David Clark**, FPC Senior Research Associate & Chair of the Russia Foundation
- **James Sherr**, Senior Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House

Chair: Helen Goodman MP, Secretary, British-Ukraine APPG

This Foreign Policy Centre seminar explored the current situation in Ukraine, its prospects for the future and its international relationships. It will look at Ukraine's political and economic stability since the 2010 Presidential election and its prospects for reform. The seminar will examine the future of its relations with Russia and NATO but particularly explore the opportunities for strengthening the relationship with the EU through Eastern Partnership.

The FPC is bringing together a diverse panel of speakers for a full and frank discussion about Ukraine's future and the role we can play to help it on the path of reform.

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**



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, Sino-Japanese relations, East Asian Security, North Korea

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