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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS


### **Governance and leadership in Africa: The role of ancient traditions in South Africa's young democracy**


 **Date:** Tuesday 16 March, 12.00-1.30PM  
**Venue:** Committee Room 18, Houses of Parliament, London SW1A 0AA (use Cromwell Green Visitors' entrance)

**Speaker:** His Royal Highness Kgosi Leruo Molotlegi, King of the Royal Bafokeng Nation, South Africa

**Chair:** Rt Hon Paul Boateng, Former British High Commissioner to South Africa



 2010 represents a momentous year for the Republic of South Africa. It is marked by the twentieth anniversary of the release of Nelson Mandela and the ambassadorial role the country will play as it becomes the first African nation to host the FIFA World Cup. Beyond the fanfare and euphoria of these important historic events, what significant legacies does this provide as a launch pad to continue to build ongoing transformation and renewal domestically and across the wider continent? What is the impact of ancient African tribes and nations whose cultures, customs and values have had a longstanding role in shaping local governance and community advocacy? How do these ancient traditions co-exist in South Africa's young democracy? In an FPC public lecture to be addressed by His Royal Highness Kgosi Leruo Molotlegi, King of the Royal Bafokeng Nation in South Africa, these and many other issues will be explored.

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



Forthcoming events cont...

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

### A new politics for Turkey? Sarigül's challenge to the Turkish political establishment

**Date:** Monday 22 March, 6.30-8.00PM

**Venue:** Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Room,  
Houses of Parliament, London SW1A 0AA  
(use Cromwell Green Visitors' entrance)



#### Speakers:

- **Mustafa Sarigül**, Leader of Turkey's Movement for Change (TDH) and Mayor of Sisli Municipality
- **Dr Faruk Logoglu**, Former Turkish Ambassador to the United States

**Chair:** Adam Hug, Policy Director, Foreign Policy Centre

The Foreign Policy Centre is delighted to have the opportunity to host Mustafa Sarigül, the leader of Turkey's Movement for Change that describes itself as a new progressive political force in the centre-ground of Turkish politics. This FPC event will explore the new movement's chances of success, the challenges it faces and what lessons can be learned from the fate of similar movements in recent Turkish political history.

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### Reconnecting the European Parliament and its People

The Foreign Policy Centre and the European Commission Representation in the UK are coordinating a project entitled 'Reconnecting the European Parliament and its People.' The project involved a series of four events across the UK, three of which have taken place (London, Manchester and Edinburgh), with Cardiff remaining. The events will be 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.



#### CARDIFF EVENT

**Date:** Friday 21 May, 4.00-5.45PM

**Venue:** Welsh National Assembly (TBC)

#### Speakers:

- **Dr Kay Swinburne MEP (Conservative)**
- **Derek Vaughan MEP (Labour)**
- **Jill Evans MEP (Plaid Cymru)**
- **Dr Adam Marshall**, Director of Policy and External Affairs, British Chambers of Commerce

**Chair:** Rt Hon Rhodri Morgan AM, former First Minister of Wales and Chair of the Welsh Assembly European and External Affairs Committee

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### **Project Survey: Reconnecting the European Parliament and its People**

As part of the Foreign Policy Centre's research project with the European Commission Representation in the UK, it is looking for respondents to answer a survey consisting of a range of questions about the European Parliament and the role of MEPs. The findings from the survey will help to inform the research and the pamphlet that will be published at the end of the project. If you can spare 5 minutes, it would be much appreciated!

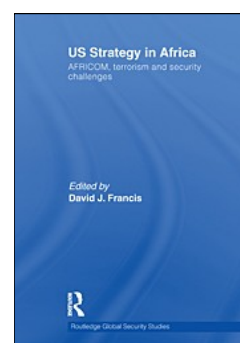
 **Complete the survey [here](#)>**

## NEW FPC PUBLICATIONS

### **Geopolitics beyond Washington: Africa's alternative development and security partnerships**

by Josephine Osikena

The US Government launched Africa Command (AFRICOM) on 1 October 2008. But how relevant is AFRICOM for Africans and Africa? To what extent is Africa's response to AFRICOM and broader US strategic interests, influenced and challenged by Africa's alliances with new global centres of power beyond Washington, who have competing motives and approaches to development and security? What are the implications of all this for US policy-makers?



This new article by FPC Democracy and Development director Josephine Osikena, published in **'US Strategy in Africa: Africom, Terrorism and Security Challenges'** edited by Prof David J Francis of the Dept of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford, explores the challenges associated with AFRICOM's predominant focus on the militarisation of African security, by surveying examples of African partnerships with non-OECD actors, including: Brazil in the sphere of social development; India in terms of self-determination, sovereignty and global governance; China with regard to economic growth, particularly in the areas of commodities and infrastructural development; and finally, the emerging role that Africa has begun to play regarding food security in the Middle East.

In conclusion, the article raises a number of questions for US policymakers to consider, including: how, in a changing world with the rise of new centres of power, might US-Africa policy better connect with African people and African governments? How might a more informed and coherent US approach better serve Africa's own development and security agendas, as well as secure strategic US interests on the continent? And, indeed, it asks if this is even possible.

-  • **Read the article [here](#)>**
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- **Read more about the Routledge Global Security Studies series [here](#)>**
- **Read more about the work of the Department of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford [here](#)>**

## NEW FPC PUBLICATIONS (cont.)

### **Kazakhstan at a cross-roads**

A background paper by Adam Hug

2010 stands as a landmark year in the history of Kazakhstan and for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). It will be the first time a Central Asian nation takes the leadership of a major international political organisation. Kazakhstan will also be the first non-democracy to become the OSCE's Chairman-in-Office.

Kazakhstan will be under the international spotlight to an extent that it has not seen since independence. Against that backdrop, the Foreign Policy Centre is publishing a series of three detailed background papers assessing a number of key issues in Kazakhstan. These will be followed by the publication of a pamphlet. The first paper, focusing on **human rights and democracy** has just been published. The second, focusing on **the economy** is due out later this month, followed by a third on **Kazakhstan's role in the world** later in April and a **pamphlet** to be published in May.

 **Download the first paper, on human rights and democracy [here](#)>**

## NEW FPC ARTICLES & BRIEFINGS

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### **FPC Briefing: Global Shifts and China's Response – Is Beijing taking a new approach to global issues?**

by Tim Summers

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### **FPC Briefing: From foe to friend – The volte-face in Turkish-Russian relations over the last decade**

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by Adam Hug

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### **The Chilean second round elections**

by Thiago de Aragao

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### **2010 in Latin America**

by Thiago de Aragao

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Recent posts to the [FPC blog](#)—please read and comment!



### Voting against change?

By Ella Rolfe

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### Time for Turkish political renewal

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### Addressing the Baathist legacy in Iraq

by Ella Rolfe

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## RECENT EVENTS

### Reconnecting the European Parliament and its People



#### LONDON EVENT

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

**Speakers:**

- **Rt Hon Dr Denis MacShane MP**, former Minister for Europe
  - **Rt Hon David Heathcoat-Amory MP**
  - **John Peet**, Europe Editor, The Economist
  - **Liz Atkins**, Director of Public Policy, National Council for Voluntary Organisations
- Chair: Stephen Twigg**, Director, Foreign Policy Centre



#### MANCHESTER EVENT

**Date:** Friday 15 December, 5.00-6.45pm, Manchester Town Hall

**Speakers:**

- **Rt Hon Dr Denis MacShane MP**, former Minister for Europe
  - **Rt Hon David Heathcoat-Amory MP**
  - **John Peet**, Europe Editor, The Economist
  - **Liz Atkins**, Director of Public Policy, National Council for Voluntary Organisations
- Chair: Stephen Twigg**, Director, Foreign Policy Centre

#### EDINBURGH EVENT

**Date:** Friday 29 January, 5.00-6.45pm, Manchester Town Hall

**Speakers:**

- **Catherine Stihler MEP**, Labour
  - **Struan Stevenson MEP**, Conservative
  - **Christopher Harvie MSP**, SNP
  - **Elsbeth Attwooll**, former MEP, Lib Dem
  - **Prof Jo Shaw**, University of Edinburgh
- Chair: George Foulkes MSP**

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

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