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LIVERPOOL

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT PARTY CONFERENCE 2010
FPC FRINGE EVENTS

Aid: Help or hindrance?

Can aid help poor people hold their leaders to account?

Speakers: Rt Hon Malcolm Bruce MP, International Development Select Committee; Michela Wrong, author & journalist; James Deane, BBC World Service Trust; Dorcas Erskine, ActionAid UK. **Chair:** Bronwen Maddox, The Times

Sunday 19 September, 6.15-7.30pm
Jury's Inn — Suite 7 (main Conference hotel)
Refreshments will be provided

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The future of conflict-affected states: Is it time to rethink international development?

Speakers: Catherine Bearder MEP, Isabel Hilton OBE, ChinaDialogue; Phil Vernon, International Alert; Howard Mollett, Care International UK.
Chair: Keme Nzerem, Presenter & Reporter, Channel 4 News

Monday 20 September, 1.00-2.00pm
Jury's Inn — Suite 8 (main Conference hotel)
Refreshments will be provided

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From poverty to prosperity: Can big business really do good in poor countries?

Speakers: Graham Watson MEP; Phil Bloomer, Oxfam GB; Lauren Branston, The Coca-Cola Company (TBC); Dan Mobley, Standard Chartered.
Chair: Lanre Akinola, This is Africa (The FT)

Monday 20 September, 6.15-7.30pm
The Hilton Hotel — Meeting Room 2
Refreshments will be provided

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Securing the Caucasus: Conflict, energy and opportunity on the edge of Europe

Speakers: Andrew Duff MEP; Lord William Wallace; Baroness Emma Nicholson; Dr Laurence Broers, Conciliation Resources. **Chair:** Jo Swinson MP

Monday 20 September, 8.00-9.15pm
Jury's Inn — Suite 7 (main Conference hotel)
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The truth about trade: Igniting or impeding Africa's development?

Speakers: Tim Farron MP, Chair, Lib Dem Foreign Affairs Team; Alistair Burnett, Editor, 'The World Tonight', BBC Radio 4; Andy Wales, SABMiller; Further speakers TBC

Tuesday 21 September, 1.00-2.00pm
Novotel Hotel — Albert Room (40 Hanover Street)
Refreshments will be provided

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The future of conflict-affected states: Is it time to rethink international development?

Speakers: Gareth Thomas MP, Shadow Minister for International Development; Mary Riddell, Columnist, The Daily Telegraph; Hadeel Ibrahim, Executive Director, Mo Ibrahim Foundation; Dan Smith, Secretary General, International Alert.
Chair: Gideon Rachman, Chief Foreign Affairs Commentator, The Financial Times



Sunday 26 September, 5.30-7.30pm
Manchester Central — Charter 5 (secure zone)
Refreshments will be available

International Alert.

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After Copenhagen: How can we galvanise global action on climate change?

Speakers: Emily Thornberry MP, Shadow Minister for Energy and Climate Change; Rt Hon Malcolm Wicks MP, former Minister of State for Energy; Michael Jacobs, former Prime Minister's Special Advisor on climate change; Phil Bloomer, Campaigns and Policy Director, Oxfam GB; Tom Burke, Environmental Policy Advisor, Rio Tinto.
Chair: Tom Greatrex MP, DECC Select Committee

Monday 27 September, 5.30-7.30pm
Palace Hotel — Palace 7 (Oxford Street)
Refreshments will be available

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From poverty to prosperity: Can big business really do good in poor countries?

Speakers: Rt Hon Lord Paul Boateng, House of Lords; Gibril Faal, Chair, African Foundation for Development (AFFORD); Euan Wilmshurst, Manager, International Government Relations, The Coca-Cola Company; Dan Mobley, Group Head, Government Relations, Standard Chartered.
Chair: David Goodhart, Founding editor, Prospect Magazine



Tuesday 28 September, 5.30-7.30pm
Radisson Hotel — Pankhurst Room (secure zone)
Refreshments will be available

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Aid: Help or hindrance? Can aid help poor people hold their leaders to account?

Speakers: Richard Howitt MEP, Foreign Affairs Spokesperson; Richard Beeston, Foreign Editor, The Times; James Deane, Head of Policy, BBC World Service Trust; Belinda Calaguas, Director of Policy and Campaigns, ActionAid UK.
Chair: Tracy McVeigh, Chief Reporter, The Observer



Wednesday 29 September, 5.30-7.30pm
Midland Hotel — Chester Suite (secure zone)
Refreshments will be available

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The future of conflict-affected states: Is it time to rethink international development?



Speakers: Senior Conservative Party Spokesperson TBC; Richard Dowden, Royal African Society; Dan Smith, International Alert; Howard Mollett, Care International UK. **Chair:** Lindsey Hilsum, International Editor, Channel 4 News

Sunday 3 October, 5.45-7.00pm
The ICC — Hall 10B (secure zone)
Refreshments will be provided

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After Copenhagen: How can we galvanise global action on climate change?

Speakers: Lord Jonathan Marland, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change; Dame Barbara Stocking CBE, Chief Executive, Oxfam GB; Fiona Harvey, The Financial Times; Peter Cunningham, Rio Tinto. **Chair:** Julie Girling MEP

Monday 4 October, 12.30-2.00pm
Cophthorne Hotel — Jubilee Suite (Paradise Circus)
Refreshments will be provided

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The truth about trade: Igniting or impeding Africa's development?

Speakers: Dr Donald Kaberuka, President, African Development Bank; Henry Bellingham MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, FCO (TBC); Paul Vallely, The Independent (TBC); Oliver Buston, ONE; Sue Clarke, SABMiller. **Chair:** Rt Hon Peter Lilley MP, Co-chair, Trade Out of Poverty

Monday 4 October, 12.30-2.00pm
Cophthorne Hotel — Kohinoor Suite (Paradise Circus)
Refreshments will be provided

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Speakers: Stephen O'Brien MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, DfID; Alison Evans, Overseas Development Institute; Caroline Nursey, BBC World Service Trust; Belinda Calaguas, ActionAid UK. **Chair:** Jon Snow, Presenter, Channel 4 News

Tuesday 5 October, 12.30-2.00pm
The ICC — Executive Room 8 (secure zone)
Refreshments will be provided

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Tuesday 5 October, 5.45-7.00pm
The ICC — Hall 6A (secure zone)
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NEWS



Josephine Osikena appointed Director of the Foreign Policy Centre

Josephine Osikena, formerly Programme Director for Democracy and International Development, has been appointed as the new FPC Director. Andrew Hood, Chair of the FPC Board, said "My fellow Board members and I are very excited about the next few years and are genuinely delighted that Josephine is taking on the role. We are particularly pleased that this will mean an evolutionary rather than revolutionary approach to the progress and future success of the Foreign Policy Centre."



Josephine can be contacted on: Josephine.osikena@fpc.org.uk

NEW FPC PUBLICATIONS



Kazakhstan at a Crossroads: Governance, Corruption and International Investment

by Adam Hug

In the second of three reports in the 'Kazakhstan at a Crossroads' series supported by the Civil Activity Fund, Adam Hug explores some of Kazakhstan's recent economic problems and the challenges the country faces reforming its economic governance for the benefit of citizens and international investors alike. The report looks at issues including the politicisation of corruption, resource nationalism and internet restrictions. It argues that continued engagement with Kazakhstan must address fundamental governance concerns as well as short-term economic gains.

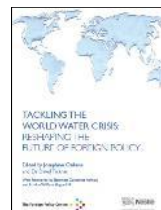


Download the report [here](#)



Tackling the world water crisis: Reshaping the future of foreign policy

Edited by Josephine Osikena and Dr David Tickner



This new [FPC publication](#) was launched to mark World Environment Day on 5 June. The report aims to stimulate discussion and debate amongst a wide ranging audience to promote the centrality of water on today's foreign policy agenda, particularly in light of the increasing environmental shocks and stresses presented by climate change and global population growth. In an increasingly interconnected world, where cooperation is no longer an option but an imperative, how can foreign policy inform and provide a more effective response to improving the management of freshwater, while ensuring reliable and sustainable access to it?

Contributors to the report include: **Rt Hon William Hague MP**, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; **Baroness Catherine Ashton**, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy; **Professor J.A. Tony Allan**, King's College, London and School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS); **Richard Black**, BBC News; **Belinda Calaguas**, Director of Policy & Campaigns, ActionAid; **Fiona Harvey**, Environment Correspondent, The Financial Times; **Dr Bruce Lankford**, University of East Anglia; **Bernice Lee**, Research Director, Energy, Environment and Resource Governance, Chatham House; **David Nussbaum**, Chief Executive, WWF-UK; **Dr Letitia A. Obeng**, Chair, Global Water Partnership (GWP); **Dan Smith**, General Secretary, International Alert; **Dr Martin R. Stuchtey**, McKinsey & Company Inc.; **Dr Camilla Toulmin**, Director, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED); and **Stephen Twigg MP**, former Director, Foreign Policy Centre.



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By Hema Kotecha
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-  **Brazil: Review of the second week of the Presidential race**
by Thiago de Aragao
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-  **The 300th British soldier and the UK's Afghan strategy**
by Ella Rolfe
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-  **The silent crisis: Global water scarcity reshaping future foreign policy**
by Josephine Osikena and Dr David Tickner
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-  **Brazil 2010: A profile of José Serra**
by Thiago de Aragao
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-  **Brazil 2010: A profile of Dilma Rousseff**
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by Zeynep Dereli
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-  **FPC Briefing: Brown, Cameron or Clegg: who would secure British influence in Europe?**
by Alexandra Pardal
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by Alexandra Pardal
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RECENT EVENTS

Recent events hosted by the Foreign Policy Centre have included:

Doing Business in Kazakhstan

Date: Monday 14 June, 6.00-7.30pm

Venue: Grand Committee Room, Houses of Parliament

Chair: Rt Hon Sir Malcolm Rifkind MP, former Foreign Secretary

Speakers:

- **Prof Bill Bowring, Professor of Law, Birkbeck College, University of London**
- **Anna Walker, Senior Analyst, Central Asia and South Caucasus, Control Risks**
- **Mukhtar Ablyazov, Founder, Democratic Choice Party & a leader of the Kazakhstan democratic opposition movement**

The Foreign Policy Centre recently hosted a seminar that explored some of the major governance issues that make 'doing business' in Kazakhstan a challenge, including: rule of law, corruption, security of contracts, political interference and the growing economic influence of China. The FPC is brought together a high profile panel to debate these issues along with some of the broader political and economic challenges Kazakhstan faces.

To download Adam Hug's new paper, *Kazakhstan at a Crossroads: Governance, Corruption and International Investment*, please click [here](#).

FPC publication launch

'Tackling the world water crisis: Reshaping the future of foreign policy'

Date: Thursday 3 June, 4.30-6.00pm

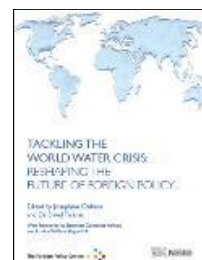
Venue: Committee Room 3, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW

Speakers:

- **Dr David Tickner, Head of Freshwater Programmes, WWF-UK**
- **Dan Smith, Secretary General, International Alert**
- **Claus Conzelmann, Vice President for Health, Safety and Environment, Nestlé S.A.**
- **Bernice Lee, Director of Research, Energy, Environment & Resource Governance, Chatham House**

Chair: Mike Wooldridge, BBC World Affairs Correspondent

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Recent events hosted by the Foreign Policy Centre have included:



Turkey 2020: Challenges and Opportunities

Friday 28 May 2010
Istanbul



On Friday 28 May, the Foreign Policy Centre co-hosted a major conference in Istanbul entitled, **Turkey 2020: Challenges and Opportunities**.

Exploring the key themes of Turkey's Economic Future, Turkey in the World and A Turkey for all its Citizens, it brought together leading progressive thinkers from academia, journalism, business, NGOs and politics.

Mustafa Sarigül, leader of Turkey's Change Movement, delivered the keynote speech and its contents can be viewed [here](#).



The full conference programme can be viewed [here](#).

For more information, please email: adam.hug@fpc.org.uk



Reconnecting the European Parliament and its People: Cardiff event

Date: Friday 21 May, 4.00-5.45pm

Venue: Pierhead Building, The National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff CF99 1NA



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



Speakers:

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

This was the final event in a series of seminars held across the UK by the Foreign Policy Centre and European Commission Representation in the United Kingdom examining public attitudes towards the European Parliament, assessing some of the problems that it faces and exploring possible remedies.



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FPC BLOG

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Africa is coming of age

by Dr Titi Banjoko

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Friends no more? The consequences of Israel's disastrous act of high-seas piracy for Turkish-Israeli relations

by Mark Herzog

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Josephine Osikena, Director

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



Adam Hug, Policy Director

Middle East, including Iran
Russia, the Caucasus and Central Asia, including energy security issues
The EU and the Transatlantic Relationship



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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For more information about how FPC membership could benefit your organisation, please contact the FPC director, Josephine Osikena, on: josephine.osikena@fpc.org.uk