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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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



Date: Tuesday 1 February, 6.00-7.45pm

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
- **John Peet**, Europe Editor, The Economist

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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FORTHCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



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

Date: Friday 25 March, 6.30-7.45pm (with refreshments from 6pm)

Venue: West Reception Room, Liverpool Town Hall, High Street, Liverpool, L2 3SW

Speakers:

- **Stephen Twigg MP**, Liverpool West Derby and Shadow Foreign Office Minister
- **Sir Robert Atkins MEP**, Conservative — North West
- **Chris Davis MEP**, Liberal Democrat — North West
- **Further speakers to be confirmed**

Chair: **Jim Hancock**, former BBC North West political editor

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

Date: Thursday 31 March, 6.00-7.30pm (with light refreshments)

Venue: Dunedin Suite, Radisson Blu Hotel, Royal Mile, 80 High Street, Edinburgh EH1

Speakers:

- **Struan Stevenson MEP**, Conservative
- **David Martin MEP**, Labour
- **Alyn Smith MEP**, SNP
- **Professor Andrew Scott**, Professor of European Union Studies, University of Edinburgh
- **Further speakers TBC**

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

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 which seeks to explore the impact the new coalition government is having on the UK's relationship with EU institutions and other member states and 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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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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The New Georgian Constitution: Reading Saakashvili

by Alexander Jackson

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RECENT 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

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

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

This Leeds seminar was 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 which will seek to explore the impact the new coalition government is having on the UK's relationship with EU institutions and other member states and 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.

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

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Josephine Osikena, FPC Director and Director, Democracy & Development

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



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