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FORTHCOMING FPC EVENTS



Spotlight on Armenia: The Hague

In partnership with the Netherlands Helsinki Committee



Date: Monday 30 May, 5.30-7.30pm

Venue: Nieuwspoor, Lange Poten 10, 2511 CL The Hague, Netherlands



Speakers:

- **Gevorg Ter-Gabrielyan**, Armenia Country Director, Eurasia Partnership Federation
- **Guido de Graaf Bierbrauwer**, Senior Programme Officer Caucasus, IKV Pax Christi
- **Adam Hug**, Policy Director, Foreign Policy Centre
- **Further speakers TBC**

Chair: Harry Hummel, Director, Netherlands Helsinki Committee

As part of the FPC's global series of events following the launch of the recent 'Spotlight on Armenia' publication, we are delighted to be able to partner with the Netherlands Helsinki Committee to hold a seminar in the Hague. The event will debate the major challenges Armenia faces regarding democratic development, rule of law, media freedom, corruption and other human rights issues, while examining the impact of its international relationships on domestic politics.



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



Spotlight on Armenia: Washington D.C.

In partnership with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Date: Thursday 2 June, 12.15-2.00pm

Venue: Carnegie Endowment, 1779 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036-2103



Speakers:

- **Dawn Schock**, Armenia Country Director, American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative
- **Laura Jewett**, Director, Regional Director- Eurasia, National Democratic Institute
- **Adam Hug**, Policy Director, Foreign Policy Centre

Discussant: Ambassador John Evans, US Ambassador to Armenia 2004-06

Chair: Tom De Waal, Senior Associate, Russia and Eurasia Program, Carnegie Endowment

As part of the FPC's global series of events following the launch of the recent Spotlight on Armenia publication, we are delighted to be able to partner with the Carnegie Endowment to hold a seminar in Washington D.C. The event will debate the major challenges Armenia faces regarding democratic development, rule of law, media freedom, corruption and other human rights issues, while examining the impact of its international relationships on domestic politics.



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Spotlight on Armenia: London


Date: Tuesday 14 June, 6.00-7.45pm

Venue: Thatcher Room, Portcullis House, Victoria Embankment, Westminster, London SW1A 2LW

Speakers:

- **Lord Prescott**, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Co-Rapporteur for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) Monitoring Committee for Armenia
- **Adam Hug**, Policy Director, Foreign Policy Centre
- **Anna Walker**, Senior Analyst—Central Asia and South Caucasus, Control Risks
- **Further speakers TBC**

As part of the FPC's global series of events following the launch of the recent 'Spotlight on Armenia' publication, we are delighted to be holding an event in London. The event will debate the major challenges Armenia faces regarding democratic development, rule of law, media freedom, corruption and other human rights issues, while examining the impact of its international relationships on domestic politics.

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Spotlight on Armenia: Brussels In partnership with the European Policy Centre



Date: Thursday 23 June, 3.00-5.00pm

Venue: European Policy Centre, Résidence Palace, 155 rue de la Loi, B-1040 Brussels

Speakers:

- **Richard Giragosian (TBC)**, Director, Regional Studies Centre
- **Peter Semneby (TBC)**, Former EU Special Representative to the South Caucasus
- **Jacqui Hale**, Senior Policy Analyst - EU External Relations, Open Society Institute-Brussels
- **Paryr Hovannisyan**, European Friends of Armenia
- **Adam Hug**, Policy Director, Foreign Policy Centre

Chair: **Amanda Paul**, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre

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UK foreign policy and public opinion: What do we think, why and does it matter?

Date: Wednesday 15 June, 6.00-7.30pm

Venue: Wilson Room, Portcullis House, Victoria Embankment, London SW1A 2LW

Speakers:

- **Sir Robert Worcester**, Founder & Chair, Ipsos MORI
- **Richard Beeston**, Foreign Editor, The Times
- **Dr Graeme Davies**, University of Leeds
- **Dr Rob Johns**, University of Essex
- **Further speakers TBC**

This Foreign Policy Centre event being held in partnership with the Universities of Essex and Leeds will provide a timely opportunity to have a discussion about the relationship between UK foreign policy and public opinion, including debating questions such as:

- What factors influence public opinion in the UK on foreign policy and foreign policy issues? Does public opinion influence foreign policy or respond to it?
- What is the impact of headline-grabbing yes/no polls in the media? How does the UK government measure public opinion? How do they use/respond to the results?
- Is public opinion on foreign policy more or less strongly felt than on domestic policy?
- Does the UK government pay as much attention to public opinion on foreign policy issues as domestic issues? If not, why not?
- More generally, should governments pursue foreign policies that people want or those which are in their and the country's best interests? If these two are at odds, how can and do governments respond and how successful are they in doing so?

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Which path to peace? Promoting stability in states affected by conflict



Date: Tuesday 12 July, 6.00-7.45pm

Venue: Grimond Room, Portcullis House, Victoria Embankment, London SW1A 2LW

Speakers:

- **Mark Lancaster MP**, Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to the Secretary of State for International Development
- **Sheelagh Stewart**, Director of the UK Government's Stabilisation Unit
- **Prof Rosemary Hollis**, Professor of Middle East Policy Studies, City University
- **Belinda Calaguas**, Policy & Campaigns Director, ActionAid UK (TBC)
- **Saab representative (TBC)**

Chair: **Damien McElroy**, Foreign Affairs Correspondent, The Daily Telegraph

This FPC event supported by Saab seeks to explore some of the many different elements involved in reconstruction, building peace and promoting stability in states affected by conflict. It aims to draw on a variety of different strategies, perspectives and country-specific examples. The aim will be to highlight the complexity and diversity of approaches that are necessary to address the challenges of conflict and instability.

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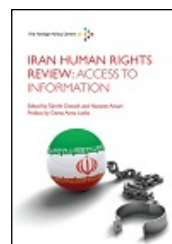
NEW FPC PUBLICATIONS



Iran Human Rights Review: Access to information

Edited by Nazenin Ansari and Tahirih Danesh

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The Iran Human Rights Review, edited by Nazenin Ansari and Tahirih Danesh, is a new Foreign Policy Centre project that seeks to provide a resource for policy makers and activists by combining information and opinion with analysis and recommendations for action. This new edition of the Review focuses on the emergence of access to information as a pivotal element in promoting and protecting the Iranian human rights movement. It contains opinion pieces and detailed articles from a wide range of experts and activists with a focus on promoting a culture of human right in Iran and the region. Contributors include: Dame Ann Leslie, Nasrin Alavi, Ramin Asgard, Shahriar Ahy, Negar Esfandiari, Claudia Mendoza, Saba Farzan, Nazanine Moshiri, Rossi Qajar, Mojtaba Saminejad, Ali Sheikholeslami, Meir Javedanfar, Potkin Azarmehr and Mariam Memarsadeghi.



Spotlight on Armenia

Edited by Adam Hug

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Spotlight on Armenia provides a clear analysis of the major challenges Armenia faces regarding democratic development, rule of law, media freedom, corruption and other human rights issues, while examining the impact of its international relationships on domestic politics. It argues for greater UK, EU and Western engagement in Armenia but that increased incentives must be matched by stronger pressure for reform.

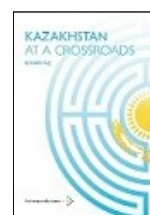
Edited by Adam Hug (Foreign Policy Centre) the pamphlet contains contributions from leading Armenia experts including: The Caucasus Research Resource Centers, Tsira Chanturia (Penal Reform International), Gevorg Ter-Gabrielyan (Eurasia Partnership Foundation), Narine Gasparyan (American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative), Richard Giragosian (Armenian Center for National and International Studies), Alexander Iskandaryan (Caucasus Institute), Dr Elisabeth Robson (East-West Insight), Vladimir Shkolnikov, Irina Urumova, Anna Walker (Control Risks) and Dr Mikael Zolyan (Brusov University).



Kazakhstan at a Crossroads







By Adam Hug

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To coincide with the early Presidential election of April 3rd 2011, the Foreign Policy Centre has produced its Kazakhstan at Crossroads publication, adapted and updated from three previous Foreign Policy Centre articles. The report gives a clear overview of Kazakhstan's political, human rights and economic challenges, along with an assessment of its developing role in the world. After the missed opportunity of last year's OSCE Chairmanship the publication argues that if Kazakhstan wants to further develop a regional and global leadership role, the international community must insist that President Nazarbayev makes significant political reforms to improve its human rights and governance.

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RECENT FPC EVENTS

Freedom and Russian society: In conversation with Lyudmila Ulitskaya



Date: Wednesday 20 April, 6.00-7.30pm

Venue: CPA Room (off Westminster Hall), Houses of Parliament, London SW1A 0AA

-  **Speaker:** Lyudmila Ulitskaya, acclaimed Russian author
Respondent: Dr Rachel Polonsky, University of Cambridge
Chair: Con Coughlin, Foreign Editor, The Daily Telegraph

The Foreign Policy Centre hosted an 'in conversation with'-style event with the acclaimed Russian author Lyudmila Ulitskaya (her many awards include the Russian Booker and she was an International Booker nominee in 2009). Her work covers a range of issues but has a major focus on identity, particularly gender and religion and the role of Russia's intelligentsia and elites. Her books include *Kukotsky Case*, *Daniel Stein*, *Translator* and *Medea's Children*. In 2009 she attracted both controversy and acclaim with the publication of her exchange of letters with Mikhail Khodorkovsky, *Dialogues with Lyudmila Ulitskaya*. During the event, she gave her views on the current state of Russian society and politics and explored some of the undercurrents in Russian culture and how they shape the political environment and vice versa. She also discussed the issues of political and personal freedom, with reference to the political situation in the lead up to the 2012 elections.

RECENT EVENTS (Cont.)



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

Date: Thursday 31 March, 6.00-7.30pm

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
- **Prof Andrew Scott**, Professor of European Union Studies, University of Edinburgh
- **Elsbeth Attwooll**, former Liberal Democrat MEP

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

This Edinburgh event was the final in a series of four events around the country as part of a 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 examined 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 '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
- **Dr Kevin Hickson**, Senior Lecturer, Dept of Politics, University of Liverpool

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

This Liverpool event was the third in a series of events around the country as part of a 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 examined 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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The 'new British politics' and Europe: Conflict or cooperation? London event



Date: Tuesday 1 February, 6.00-7.45pm

Venue: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Rm, Parliament, Westminster



Speakers:

- **Baroness Emma Nicholson**, 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

Introduction: Jonathan Scheele, Head of European Commission Representation in the UK

This Westminster seminar was 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 examined 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 'new British politics' and Europe: Conflict or cooperation? Leeds event



Date: Friday 21 January, 6.00-7.45pm

Venue: Yorkshire Bank Lecture Theatre, Leeds University Business School, Leeds



Speakers:

- **Edward McMillan-Scott MEP**, Vice President of the European Parliament, Liberal Democrat
- **Linda McAvan MEP**, Labour
- **Dr David Seawright**, Senior Lecturer, Dept of Politics, University of Leeds

Chair: Adam Hug, Policy Director, FPC

This Leeds seminar was the first in a series of four events which formed 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 examined 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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The African growth revolution? Mobile banking in a global age

A Foreign and Commonwealth Office & Foreign Policy Centre roundtable

Date: Monday 28 March 2011

Venue: Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), King Charles Street, London SW1A



Speakers included:

- **Henry Bellingham MP**, UK Minister for Africa, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- **H.E. Abdulkareem H. Jama**, Minister of Information, Posts & Telecommunications, Somalia
- **Dr Louis Kasekende**, Deputy Governor, Bank of Uganda
- **Mahesh Mishra**, Private Sector Development Adviser, Investment & Finance Team, Department for International Development (DfID)
- **Michael Ward**, Head of Commercial Diplomacy Taskforce, FCO
- **Lanre Akinola**, Associate Editor, This is Africa, Financial Times Ltd
- **Funmilayo Omogbenigun**, General Manger, Corporate Communications, MTN Nigeria
- **Adela Klirova**, Public Policy Executive, Emerging Markets, Vodafone Group External Affairs
- **Kwaku Ofosu-Adarkwa**, Chief Director, Ministry of Communications, Ghana
- **Quan Le**, Associate Director, PwC
- **Susie Lonie**, Co-Creator, M-PESA, Vodacom
- **Eric Coffie**, Head, M-Commerce, Airtel Africa
- **Ireti Samuel-Ogbu**, Managing Director, Cash Management Head, Africa, Citigroup
- **Tomasz Smilowicz**, Managing Director, Global Head of Mobile Solutions, Citi Global Transaction Services
- **Abdirashid Duale**, British Somali entrepreneur and CEO, Dahabshiil
- **Shaygan Kheradpir**, Chief Operating Officer (COO), Global Retail Banking Division, Barclays
- **Sally Axworthy**, Head of Department for East Africa, Great Lakes & Strategy, FCO
- **NneNne Iwuji-Eme**, Head of Great Lakes Section, FCO

This event explored how the success of mobile banking in countries such as South Africa and Kenya might be scaled up and replicated in other economies such as Ghana and Nigeria, where mobile phone penetration is good but markets hold great potential for further expansion. The event also examined those economies where mobile phone penetration is low and where technological innovation could provide limitless opportunities to rapidly bridge the development gap. In particular, the event sought to establish concrete recommendations for how to maximise the development impact of mobile banking services by creating an enabling and robust regulatory climate and competitive environment which promotes accessibility and for mobile banking service users, while developing a healthy investment climate to attract both domestic and foreign investors. The event brought together approximately 50 participants from business and enterprise across the banking and telecommunications sectors, both in the UK and from Africa, as well as representatives from the UK and African governments and agencies (including regulators), as well as other key stakeholders.

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100 years of International Womens' Day – Women in Afghanistan & beyond: What have we achieved & what challenges remain?

Date: Monday 7 March 2011, 6.00-8.00pm

Venue: Wilson Room, Portcullis House, Westminster



Speakers:

- **Elay Ershad** — Member of Parliament, Afghanistan
- **Shinkai Karokhail** — Member of Parliament, Afghanistan
- **Dr Habiba Sarabi** — Governor of Bamyán Province, Afghanistan (the first female Afghan Governor)
- **Asila Wardak** — Director of Human Rights and Gender, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Afghanistan

Closing remarks: Rt Hon Harriet Harman MP, Deputy Labour Leader and Shadow Secretary of State for International Development

Chair: Martha Kearney, **Presenter,** The World at One, BBC Radio 4

2011 is the centenary of International Women's Day (8 March). To mark it's 100th anniversary, the Foreign Policy Centre, in partnership with ActionAid, hosted an event to explore some of the local challenges to and opportunities for promoting women's rights in Afghanistan and beyond, in today's global age of uncertainty.

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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

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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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