



Upcoming Foreign Policy Centre events:

[Europe in the world: Can EU foreign policy make an impact?- London Event](#)

Date: **Tuesday 12th February 2013**

Time: 6pm-7.30pm

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

Speakers:

- **Emma Reynolds MP**, Shadow Europe Minister
- **Rt Hon Sir Malcolm Rifkind QC MP**, Former Foreign Secretary
- **Prof Anand Menon**, Professor of West European Politics, University of Birmingham
- **John Peet**, Europe Editor, The Economist
- **Adam Hug**, Policy Director, FPC (Chair)

[Europe in the world: Can EU foreign policy make an impact?- Leeds Event](#)

Date: **Wednesday 13th February 2013**

Time: 6pm-7.30pm

Venue: Michael Sadler Lecture theatre, University of Leeds, Leeds

Speakers:

- **Edward McMillan Scott MEP**, Vice-President European Parliament
- **Linda McAvan MEP**
- **Dr Neil Winn**, Senior Lecturer in European Studies, University of Leeds
- **Dr Simon Lightfoot**, Senior Lecturer in European Politics, University of Leeds
- **Adam Hug**, Policy Director, Foreign Policy Centre (Chair)

[Europe in the world: Can EU foreign policy make an impact?- Edinburgh Event](#)

Date: **Thursday 21st February 2013**

Time: 6pm-7.30pm

Venue: Dunedin Suite, Radisson Blu Hotel, Royal Mile, 80 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1TH

Speakers:

- **David Martin MEP**
- **Christina McKelvie MSP**, Convener, Scottish Parliament European and External Relations Committee
- **Prof John Peterson**, Professor of International Politics, University of Edinburgh
- **Adam Hug**, Policy Director, Foreign Policy Centre (Chair)

[New FPC Publication: The financial revolution in Africa: Mobile payment services in a new global age](#)

This pamphlet builds on an FPC and UK Foreign Office event series, the first of which took place in March 2011, with a follow-up conference taking place in March 2012 - in association with the City of London Corporation and 'This is Africa' - the FT's bi-monthly magazine. The events and publication brought together national and international experts and specialists from across the mobile payment service sector. The project aimed to develop and promote an evidence-based understanding of the risks and challenges associated with supervising mobile payment services and promoting their global expansion. This essay collection focuses on three core themes. The first explores how effective regulatory oversight might be developed. The second examines how expanding the provision of mobile payment schemes might improve the distribution of financial services and finally the third section critically assesses the future of branchless banking beyond issues of financial access.

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Essentially, it considers the challenges of increasing service use and integrating mobile money services into existing electronic payment systems.

The pamphlet contains contributions by: Mark Simmonds, UK Foreign Office Minister for Africa, Susie Lonie, Co-Creator of M-Pesa, Mireya Almazán and Claire Alexandre (formerly), Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Hemant Bajjal and Sal Karakaplan, MasterCard, Simone di Castri, GSMA, Christine Hougaard, Cenfri, Quan Le, GMX Consulting, Prateek Shrivastava, Accendo Associate (and formerly at Monitise), Cicero Torteli, Freedom and Josephine Osikena (ed), Foreign Policy Centre.

Recent FPC Articles and Briefings:

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- [Syria: End of Year Report Card](#) by James Denselow
- [FPC Briefing: Armenia's 2012 Parliamentary Election](#) by Hamazasp Danielyan and Anna Jenderejian, Policy Forum Armenia.
- [FPC Briefing: China and India's Common Challenges En Route to Great Power](#) by Dr Chris Ogden
- [New human rights campaign seeks to improve climate for artistic freedom of expression in Azerbaijan](#) by Rebecca Vincent
- [Is the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights 'Democratic'? Implications for Russian Governance](#) by Catherine Owen
- [FPC Briefing: Anitkabir – Battleground over the nation](#) by Dr Marc Herzog
- [FPC Briefing: Resource Curse and Peace Building- A Tale of Two Sudans](#) by Martha Molfetas
- [FPC Briefing: What happened to the 'Russian Spring'?](#) by Catherine Owen
- [At the Helm of a New Commonwealth Diplomatic Network: In the United Kingdom's Interest?](#) By Jan Gaspers
- ["Reform" and China's new leadership](#) by Dr Tim Summers
- [Censorship, hacking and harassment: the Azerbaijan IGF experience](#) by Rebecca Vincent