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## FORTHCOMING FPC EVENTS



### Single market, equal rights? UK perspectives on EU employment and social law



**Date:** Friday 10 February 2012, 2.00-5.45pm  
(Registration and lunch from 1pm, networking reception from 5.45pm)  
**Venue:** TUC Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS



#### Speakers:

- **Commissioner Lazlo Andor**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- **Emma Reynolds MP**, Shadow Europe Minister
- **Brendan Barber**, General Secretary, TUC
- **Professor Anne Davies**, Brasenose College, University of Oxford
- **Lord Monks**, former General Secretary, ETUC
- **Billy Hayes**, General Secretary, CWU and TUC Europe Spokesperson
- **Karen Clements**, British Chambers of Commerce
- **Mats Persson**, Director, Open Europe

The FPC, ECUK and TUC's 'Single market, equal rights?' conference will be a high profile half-day event that will bring together a range of different British perspectives on the EU's role in employment and social law. The conference will look at the current state of the debate in Brussels on employment and social rights, take the political temperature in the UK around the issue and set out the benefits and challenges for workers, businesses and the country. The conference will also launch the 'Single Market, Equal Rights?' pamphlet with copies available for participants. The event is free and open to all, though places will be allocated on a first come-first served basis.



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#### BIRMINGHAM EVENT

**Date:** Friday 20 April, 6.00-7.30pm

**Venue:** Diamond Room, Macdonald Burlington Hotel, Burlington Arcade, 126 New Street, Birmingham, B2 4JQ

The FPC, EC and TUC's 'Single market, equal rights?' Birmingham seminar will bring together a range of different British perspectives on the EU's role in employment and social law. The event will look at the current state of the debate in Brussels on employment and social rights, take the political temperature in the UK around the issue and set out the benefits and challenges for workers, businesses and the country.



Our panel of speakers will comprise:

- **Emma Reynolds MP**, Shadow Europe Minister
- **Lorely Burt MP**, Chair of the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Party
- **Further speakers TBC**

The event is free and open to all.



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#### CARDIFF EVENT

**Date:** Friday 11 May, 6.00-7.30pm

**Venue:** Hilton Cardiff, Kingsway, Cardiff CF10 3HH

The FPC, EC and TUC's 'Single market, equal rights?' Cardiff seminar will bring together a range of different British perspectives on the EU's role in employment and social law. The event will look at the current state of the debate in Brussels on employment and social rights, take the political temperature in the UK around the issue and set out the benefits and challenges for workers, businesses and the country.



Our panel of speakers will comprise:

- **Kay Swinburne MEP** (Conservative)
- **Derek Vaughan MEP** (Labour)
- **Further speakers TBC**

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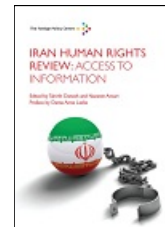
The FPC and European Commission Representation in the UK have published a new report entitled The new British politics and Europe: Conflict or cooperation? It explores how Britain's coalition government has coped with the potentially divisive issue of Europe, looking at how its approach has affected the UK's relations with other member states, what it means for the debate on the EU within the parties and the main challenges that lie ahead. The report also examines the way forward for Britain's pro-Europeans. Edited by FPC Policy Director Adam Hug, the report features contributions from former Liberal Democrat leader Rt Hon Charles Kennedy MP, leading Conservative Eurosceptic Chris Heaton-Harris MP, Labour's Shadow Europe Minister Wayne David MP, former Conservative leader in Brussels turned Lib Dem MEP and Vice-President of the European Parliament Edward McMillan-Scott MEP, the founder of E! Sharp Paul Adamson and Prof of West European Politics at the University of Birmingham, Anand Menon.



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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.



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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).

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