



## Upcoming FPC events

### **The Foreign Policy Centre at the 2013 Conservative Party Conference, Tuesday 1st October, Manchester**

The Foreign Policy Centre is hosting a fringe event at this year's Conservative Party Conference in Manchester. The event is free and open to all however Conference accreditation WILL be required to gain access to the venue.

[Click here to download the Foreign Policy Centre at Conservative Party Conference 2013](#)

### **Nagorno-Karabakh: avoiding war and working for peace in the South Caucasus**

**Date: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

**Time: 6pm-7.30pm**

**Venue: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Room, Houses of Parliament**

#### **Speakers:**

- Dr Laurence Broers, Caucasus Projects Manager, Conciliation Resources
- Dr Michael Kambeck, Secretary General, European Friends of Armenia
- Craig Oliphant, Senior Advisor, Saferworld and FPC Senior Research Associate
- Further speaker to be confirmed

**Chair:** Gemma Doyle MP, Shadow Defence Minister

The Foreign Policy Centre is organising a Westminster Seminar event, kindly supported by the European Friends of Armenia, that will take stock of the current situation in the unresolved Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. The impact of 2013 Presidential election cycle in Armenia and Azerbaijan, coupled with end of a period of Russian shuttle diplomacy under Medvedev have contributed to a period of inertia in efforts to resolve the conflict. Although the OSCE's long-running Minsk process has helped prevent a return to war, it has not yet made significant progress in moving the parties in the conflict towards a peaceful resolution. The seminar would look at what opportunities exist in the new negotiation cycle and at the possibilities for reform of the Minsk Group to improve its effectiveness. It will examine the role of both the EU and the UK to support conflict prevention and progress in the peace process.

The seminar will look at the current situation in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh regarding attitudes to the conflict and some of the continuing challenges including levels of military spending, conditions in the armed forces, IDPs and refugees. The event will discuss the role of people to people contact in peace-building, looking at the work done by local and international NGOs and the response of the governments in the region to such initiatives. It will examine recent sources of tension and explore confidence building measures.

The event is free and open to all. Please RSVP to [events@fpc.org.uk](mailto:events@fpc.org.uk)

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