



Center for Strategic & International Studies
Washington, DC

INVITATION:
PONARS POLICY CONFERENCE

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to invite you to the annual Program on New Approaches to Russian Security (PONARS) Policy Conference, which will be held on **December 8th, 2006**, at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. The day-long Policy Conference is designed to promote greater interaction among members of the academic and policymaking communities working on Russia and Eurasia.

The conference will follow the same format as in previous years but this conference, the 10th anniversary of PONARS, will also mark the 15th anniversary of the dissolution of the Soviet Union. As an opportunity to take stock of the progress in the region we will focus on current politics, economics, and security relations of Russia and other post-Soviet states, but will do so by framing them in the context of the 15-year transformation from Soviet communism. To mark the 10th anniversary of PONARS, a reception will follow the policy conference.

Each session will begin with brief presentations by PONARS panelists and will allow ample time for questions and dialogue among the participants and panel members. There will be coffee breaks after each session and lunch will be provided.

To facilitate discussion, PONARS has produced a conference briefing book with nineteen policy memos presenting the topics to be discussed at the conference. The conference book is currently available online and will allow participants to read the memos in advance, thus allowing the panelists to further develop the points and issues discussed in the memos in their presentations.

This invitation is intended for fax only responses. If you would like to attend please complete the below RSVP form and fax to 202.775.3199. Space for this event is limited.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Celeste A. Wallander'.

Celeste A. Wallander
Executive Director, Program on New Approaches to Russian Security



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Friday, December 8, 2006
8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Policy Conference
5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. PONARS 10th Anniversary Reception
CSIS 1800 K Street, N.W.
B-1 Conference Level

Electronic versions of conference policy memos will be available on the PONARS website at <http://www.csis.org/ruseura/ponars/2006ponarsmemos>.

RSVP to the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program by faxing the below information to 202.775.3199 no later than **12:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 6.**

Name: _____

Title: _____

Affiliation: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email: _____