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Recent Events:

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[CSIS Statesmen's Forum with Viktor Yanukovych, Prime Minister of Ukraine](#)



Viktor Yanukovych, prime minister of Ukraine, discussed changes in the political landscape of Ukraine, the country's quest for European and Euro-Atlantic integration, and relations with the United States and Russia at a CSIS Statesmen's Forum on December 4, 2006. [Transcript](#) and [video](#) available.

On December 8, 2006, CSIS hosted the annual [Program on New Approaches to Russian Security \(PONARS\)](#) Policy Conference. This daylong event was designed to promote greater interaction between members of the academic and policymaking communities working on Russia and Eurasia. The conference marked the 10th anniversary of PONARS and the 15th anniversary of the dissolution of the Soviet Union, and focused on an overall assessment of changes in Russian politics, society, and security in the last 15 years. For PONARS Policy Memos presented at the conference (Nos. 411-429), click [here](#).

Publications

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Senior Fellow Sarah E. Mendelson wrote "Anatomy of Ambivalence: The International Community and Human Rights Abuses in the North Caucasus," an article published in [Problems of Post-Communism](#), vol. 53, no. 6, November/December 2006, pp. 3-15.

Media

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Senior Fellow Sarah E. Mendelson participated in a *Washington Post* December 8 online discussion regarding the death of Alexander Litvinenko, a former lieutenant colonel in the Russian FSB who had been researching the murder of investigative journalist Anna Politkovskaya from London. The transcript can be found [here](#).

Senior Adviser Steven Pifer was quoted in *Kommersant*, December 6, in an article titled, "[Yanukovich Enlists Washington](#)," discussing the Ukrainian Prime Minister's visit to Washington.

Senior Associate Celeste Wallander was quoted in *Asia Times Online*, December 6, in an article titled, "[As Rice's Iran strategy fizzles, Cheney waits](#)," on Russia's foreign policy objectives regarding Iran.

Steven Pifer was quoted in the *International Herald Tribune*, December 4, in an article titled "[Yanukovych assures Americans that Ukraine committed to democracy](#)," commenting on the Ukrainian Prime Minister's comments at CSIS.

Sarah E. Mendelson was quoted in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, November 29, in an article titled "[Russia - the Usual Suspected Assassin Kremlin Denies Links to Unsolved Murders](#)," on the tendency to suspect the Russian government of orchestrating certain deaths, and the implications for foreign policy.

Sarah E. Mendelson was quoted on a [KCBS Radio](#) broadcast, November 28, discussing the Litvinenko poisoning case and its impact on Western views of Russia and President Putin.

Sarah E. Mendelson appeared on [BBC World Television](#) on November 20 to discuss the Litvinenko poisoning.

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