



# RUSSIA & EURASIA PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE

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## March-April 2007

### Recent Events:

You can view the complete list of events by going to the program's [Associated Events](#) page.

### Ukraine: Internal Turmoil, External Reactions



The CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted a discussion on April 20, 2007 on the current crisis in Ukraine, the implications for the country's political future, and the impact of U.S., European, and Russian policies. Our speakers included three distinguished specialists on Ukrainian politics and foreign policy: Taras Kuzio, Associate Professorial Lecturer at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University; Dmitri Trenin, Deputy Director and Senior Associate at the Carnegie Moscow Center and currently in residence at the D.C. office of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; and Steven Pifer, CSIS Senior Adviser and former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine. The discussion was chaired by Andrew Kuchins, Director and Senior Fellow for the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program. For audio, please click [here](#).

### Current Security Challenges Across the OSCE Area

The [Europe Program](#) and the [Russia and Eurasia Program](#) co-hosted a discussion on March 27, 2007 with Ambassador Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, Secretary General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, who spoke about the OSCE's evolving approach to the security challenges in its area. To read the speech, please click [here](#).

### Georgia's Path to Democracy and Transatlantic Integration

The Caucasus Initiative of the Russia and Eurasia Program hosted Nino Burjanadze, Chairwoman of Georgia's Parliament on March 20, 2007. The event offered a timely update on Georgia's domestic and foreign policy goals and challenges. For audio and to read the speech, please click [here](#).

### Publications

A complete list of publications can be viewed through the [associated publications](#) page of the program website.

Senior Associate Celeste Wallander published an article, "[Russian Transimperialism and Its Implications](#)," in the Spring 2007 edition of *The Washington Quarterly*.

Timothy Frye published PONARS Policy Memo No. 431, "[Original Sin, Good Works, and Property Rights in Russia](#)," in March 2007.

Sergey Golunov published PONARS Policy Memo No. 432, "[Ethnic Migration: A Challenge to Russian Border Security?](#)" in March 2007.

### Recent Commentaries

A complete list of Recent Commentaries can be viewed through the program's [Recent Commentary](#) page.

Director and Senior Fellow Andrew Kuchins wrote a commentary entitled, "[The Specter of the Cold War Continues to Haunt Europe](#)" on April 13, 2007 ([.pdf version](#)).

Senior Adviser Steven Pifer wrote a recent commentary entitled, "[Ukraine: Hardball Politics Plunge into Political Crisis](#)" on April 3, 2007 ([.pdf version](#)).

Andrew Kuchins wrote a commentary entitled, "[Dead Journalists in Putin's Russia: Plus Ça Change, Plus C'est la Même Chose?](#)" March 19, 2007 ([.pdf version](#)).

## Media

You can view the complete list of links by going to the program's [Media](#) page.

Senior Fellow Sarah E. Mendelson was quoted in the April 24 edition of [The Boston Globe](#) on Russian perceptions of former Russian president Boris Yeltsin.

Sarah E. Mendelson wrote a [commentary](#) on Boris Yeltsin's death for *The Guardian* on April 23rd.

Senior Adviser Steven Pifer was quoted by the Associated Press (AP) on April 14 ("[Color Revolutions in Limbo](#)"), about the implications of the ongoing political standoff in Ukraine.

Steven Pifer discussed the issues surrounding the possibility of NATO membership for Ukraine and Georgia in an April 10 article, "[U.S. Backs NATO Enlargement](#)," for United Press International (UPI).

Director and Senior Fellow Andrew Kuchins discussed the dangerous environment for investigative journalists in Russia, now as well as during Boris Yeltsin's presidency, in an interview for CFR.org. The [podcast](#) can be listened to or downloaded from the website of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Deputy Director and Fellow Cory Welt was quoted in a March 20 EurasiaNet.org article, "[U.S. and EU Unlikely to Ostracize Yerevan, Despite Election Warnings](#)," in which he discussed the potential consequences of Armenia's parliamentary elections.

Sarah E. Mendelson was featured on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* on March 5, in which she discussed the lack of Russian cooperation on issues such as human rights. The audio and text of the program are available [online](#).

Sarah E. Mendelson appeared on a March 2 broadcast of the BBC *World News*, discussing the recent appointment of Ramzan Kadyrov as Chechnya's new President. The video of the program is available [online](#).

Andrew Kuchins contributed commentary to the March 2 Experts' Panel of *Russia Profile*, in a piece called "Getting Past Munich." The article is available [online](#).

Andrew Kuchins participated in CBC's radio show *The Current* on U.S.-Russia Relations on February 26. To listen, click [here](#).