

PROGRAM UPDATE

May 2011



A Message from Andrew Kuchins, Director and Senior Fellow of the Russia & Eurasia Program:

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

2010 concluded on a very positive note in US-Russia relations with the Senate's ratification of the New Start Treaty and implicit approval of the Civilian Nuclear 123 Agreement. Russia's WTO accession, including a positive Congressional vote on Russia's Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) status, and advancing progress in missile defense cooperation constitute the two major goals for 2011.

Unfortunately 2011 got off to a rocky start in Russia with the tragic bombing at Domodedovo airport outside Moscow in January. Just last week I was in the international arrival area at Domodedovo for the first time since the bombing—it was an eerie feeling watching ongoing work to complete the repairs while imagining the horrific scene just after the bombing. Political uncertainty abounds regarding who will be Russia's President after the elections in March 2012. President Medvedev called his first press conference in his 3 years in office only to announce that he would not yet announce his intentions regarding his potential candidacy until later.

The past months have been very active ones at the Russia and Eurasia Program as the following information attests. Much of our success has been due to the remarkable efforts of Travis Mills in managing our staff and program activities. Unfortunately, Travis will be moving on to another position at CSIS as Corporate Relations Manager in the Strategic Planning office—I can only hope this will redound to the benefit of REP's fundraising efforts. But seriously, it as an excellent career opportunity for Travis, and I am very grateful for all he has done in the past nearly two years in various roles with the Russia and Eurasia Program. And I am especially pleased that we have fortunately identified an extremely capable successor to assume Travis's myriad responsibilities as Program Coordinator and Research Assistant, Aigerim Zikibayeva, from whom you are already beginning to hear from.

The Russia and Eurasia Program would like to acknowledge and thank its supporters and followers and share its achievements since the beginning of the year.

~ Andrew Kuchins

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zhao Huasheng joins CSIS Russia & Eurasia Program

The Russia and Eurasia Program is pleased to welcome Zhao Huasheng to the CSIS family. Mr. Zhao brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our center on Russia, Central Asia, and Afghanistan. During his four-month residency with the Russia and Eurasia Program, his main research topic will be Chinese perspectives on Afghanistan and regional security. Since 2005, Mr. Zhao has held the position of Director at the Center for Russia and Central Asia Studies as well as the Director of the Center for Shanghai Cooperation Organization Studies at Fudan University, Shanghai, China. Mr. Zhao holds the title of Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Society for the Study of Sino-Russian relations since 2008. From 1989 until 1990, Mr. Zhao was a Visiting Scholar at the Moscow Institute of International Relations (MGIMO).

From 1986 until 2004, he was a research fellow and the Director of the Department of Russia and Central Asia at Shanghai Institute for International Studies. Mr. Zhao's main research areas are Sino-Russian relations, Sino-Central Asian relations, and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. Mr. Zhao has published numerous analytical articles in Chinese, Russian and English. His most recent books include: *China's Central Asian Diplomacy* (in Chinese), Beijing, 2008; *Central Asia: Views from Washington, Moscow and Beijing* (co-authored with Eugene Rumer and Dmitry Trenin) M.E. Sharpe, 2007.

Russia & Eurasia on the Web

The CSIS Russia & Eurasia Program's social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and iTunes Podcasts) were launched in October 2010 and since then have made a significant impact on the online community. Join in on the conversation via [Facebook](#), get the latest updates with our live event tweets on [Twitter](#), and listen to exclusive interviews with renowned experts on [iTunes](#) podcasts. In addition, keep current with our [Delicious](#) page to see what links we're sharing, and visit our Blog to get in depth coverage and analysis of developments throughout the region with original content by staff members and guest commentary from experts.

Recent and Upcoming Events

This March, the CSIS Russia & Eurasia Program published a lengthy analysis on security questions in the North Caucasus titled *The North Caucasus: Russia's Volatile Frontier*, originally derived from a conference that the Program held in November 2010. The report was launched at a March roundtable featuring CSIS Russia & Eurasia Program Visiting Fellow Sergey Markedonov; Professor Charles King, Georgetown University; and Thomas de Waal, Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment. CSIS Russia & Eurasia Program Director Dr. Andrew Kuchins moderated the event.

On June 10, 2011 the CSIS Russia & Eurasia Program will host an event as part of the Russia Balance Sheet Dinner Series entitled, Globalization and the Democratic Compromise: Do Tax Trends in Eastern Europe and Russia Represent a Race to the Bottom? The event will feature Hilary Appel, Associate Dean of the Faculty and Professor of Government at Claremont McKenna College. Dr. Appel's talk will examine the major political and economic challenges to fiscal policy in the region and consider how these challenges reflect trends globally.

The event will be held 12:00-2:00 pm in B1C (Basement Conference Room C). If you would like to attend, please RSVP to rep@csis.org.

EVENTS

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

On May 19, 2011 the CSIS Russia & Eurasia Program hosted a one-day conference in Moscow, Russia, in partnership with the Higher School of Economics, Russia. The conference, entitled "[Russia's Global Health Leadership](#)," assessed the emerging global health leadership of the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa). In particular, the discussion focused on the relationship between Russia's domestic health situation and its international health work, as well as its engagement in the global health arena.

On May 10, 2011 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an event as part of the Russia Health Working Group entitled, "[Ukrainian Health and Demography: What Underlies the Mortality Crisis in Ukraine?](#)" The event featured Dr. Rekha Menon, Senior Economist in the Health, Nutrition and Population Unit for Europe and Central Asia Region at the World Bank. Dr. Menon presented a World Bank study based on a 2009 household survey, which provided some insights into what underlies the mortality crisis in Ukraine. The meeting was chaired and moderated by Judyth Twigg, Director of the Eurasia Health Project at CSIS. Please listen to an [interview](#) with Dr. Menon.

On May 4, 2011 the CSIS Russia & Eurasia Program hosted an event entitled, "[The Shanghai Cooperation Organization at Ten Years: What is the Future?](#)" featuring Zhao Huasheng, Visiting Fellow at the Russia and Eurasia Program, and Professor Alexander Cooley of Barnard College. The keynote speakers discussed the development of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) - how it can act as an effective mediator for Central Asian regional security, and where it is heading. The event was chaired and moderated by Andrew Kuchins, Director of the Russia & Eurasia Program.

Please listen to the podcast of the event on our [website](#).

On April 20, 2011 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an event as part of the Russia Balance Sheet Dinner Series entitled, “[Russia in the Digital Age: How the Internet is Molding Russian Politics and Society](#).” The event featured Emily Parker, Policy Planner for Innovation, Technology and 21st Century Statecraft, U.S. Department of State, who gave an insightful presentation on the role of the internet in the Russian society and politics. Ms. Emily Parker shared her observations and analyses on why the Russian people are relatively apathetic to the power of the internet, particularly the rallying potential of social media websites. She drew comparisons from neighboring China, where the state closely censors the internet through firewalls, and the revolutionary outbreaks in the Middle East fueled by the internet. The meeting was chaired and moderated by Andrew Kuchins, Director of the Russia & Eurasia Program.

On April 18, 2011 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an event as part of the Russia Health Working Group entitled, “[Adult Health and Mortality in Russia through the Lens of Microdata](#).” The event featured Dr. Irina Denisova, Assistant Professor at the New Economic School, Moscow, who gave an insightful presentation on her most recent research into the causes of premature mortality in Russia. Dr. Irina Denisova examined the way in which individual health status and health-related behaviors are constructed and interpreted by states, societies and markets. The core themes considered in her research were identity, ethnicity, gender, stigma, and adaptation. The meeting was chaired and moderated by Andrew Kuchins, Director of the Russia & Eurasia Program. Please listen to a podcast of the event on our [website](#).

On April 15, 2011, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) along with the Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE), and the New Economic School (NES) in Moscow hosted a major event at PIIE entitled, “[The Russian Economy and US-Russia Relations](#).” The event featured such notable speakers as Alexei Kudrin, Russian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and Michael A. McFaul, Senior Director of the National Security Council. The event provided an update and suggestions for policy makers and the public on the prospects for Russia’s possible accession to the WTO later this year and what the significance would be for the Russian Economy, the future of US-Russian economic ties, and its implications for the broader bilateral relationship between the U.S. and Russia. Conference panels included: The Russian Economy and Trade, the Outlook for Russia’s Economy, Permanent Normal Trade Relations for Russia, the implications and success of the “reset” in U.S.-Russia relations, and a roundtable of CEO from major companies doing business in Russia. This conference marked a major achievement for CSIS, PIIE, and the NES for their ongoing collaboration in the Russia Balance Sheet Project. You can watch video of the keynote speeches and listen to podcasts from each panel on our [website](#).

On April 13, 2011 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an event as part of the Russia Health Working Group entitled, “[Modus Vivendi in Post-Soviet Societies: Dynamics of living conditions, lifestyles, health and cultures in transition to post-modernity](#).” The event featured an international team of social scientists associated with the Center for Comparative Eurasia Studies and Surveys at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna: Dr. Alexander Chvorostov, Director of the CEAS-Center at the IHS-Vienna, Dr. Natalia Waechter, Senior Researcher at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna, and Johannes Wetzinger, Research fellow and communication assistant at the CEAS-Center. The panelists presented findings from their ongoing research and an update on two current projects: "Health in Times of Transition: Trends in population health and health policies in CIS countries" and "Interplay of European, National and Regional Identities: Nations between states along the new Eastern borders of the European Union". The meeting was chaired and moderated by Judyth Twigg, Director of the Eurasia Health Project at CSIS.

On March 31, 2011 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an expert roundtable for the launch of our newly released report: “[The North Caucasus: Russia's Volatile Frontier](#).” The report, based on a conference held at CSIS November 30 – December 1, 2010 titled “The North Caucasus: Russia’s Tinderbox,” was presented by Andrew Kuchins, Director and Senior Fellow of the Russia and Eurasia Program at CSIS, and CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program Visiting Fellow, Sergey Markedonov. Providing additional expert commentary on the findings of the report were Thomas de Waal, Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment, and Charles King, Professor of Government, Georgetown University. During the discussion the panel examined factors, including: the socio-economic trends in the region; the role of Islam and rise of radicalism throughout the Caucasus; nationalism; and growing ethnic tensions in the regions. Please listen to a [podcast](#) of the event and be sure to check out a [post-panel interview](#) with Andrew Kuchins.

On March 23, 2011 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an event as part of the Russia Health Working Group entitled, "[The Intersection of Health and Gender in a Transitional State: the Case of Russia.](#)" The event featured Dr. William C. Cockerham, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Interim Chair, Department of Sociology and Social Work at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Cockerham's presentation examined the gender-related features of the health crisis in Russia which has produced the largest gender gap in life expectancy in the world. He maintained that stress and negative health lifestyles are the two most likely causes of the long-term adverse longevity pattern in Russia, but forewarned that this development cannot be clarified by a simple cause and effect explanation. The meeting was chaired and moderated by Judyth Twigg, Director of the Eurasia Health Project at CSIS.

On March 10, 2011 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an event as part of the Russia Balance Sheet Dinner Series entitled, "[An Update on Russia's WTO Bid.](#)" The event featured Christopher S. Wilson, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, WTO and Multilateral Affairs, who gave insight into the status of Russia in its pursuit of accession to the World Trade Organization. Mr. Wilson, in his presentation, disseminated the challenges to this goal: a complex customs union with Kazakhstan and Belarus, border issues with Georgia, and existing import tariffs. He also stressed the importance of repealing the Jackson-Vanik amendment and restoring of permanent normal trade relations (PNTR) with Russia as a vital economic interest for United States. The meeting was chaired and moderated by Andrew Kuchins, Director of the Russia & Eurasia Program.

On February 23, 2011 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an event as part of the Russia Health Working Group entitled, "[Drug Abuse in Russia: Scope, Trends, Implications, and Policy Responses.](#)" The event featured Dr. John Kramer, Distinguished Professor, Department of Political Science and International Affairs, University of Mary Washington. Dr. Kramer's presentation examined the growing threat of intravenous drug use in Russia and its implications for the spread of HIV/AIDS. He went on to discuss Russia's counter-narcotics operations in Afghanistan as well as broader Russian anti-drug policy and areas for its improvement. The meeting was chaired and moderated by Judyth Twigg, Director of the Eurasia Health Project at CSIS. Please listen to a [podcast](#) of the meeting and be sure to check out an exclusive [interview](#) with Dr. Kramer.

On February 10, 2011 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an event as part of the Russia Balance Sheet Dinner Series entitled, "[20 Years and Still MAD: The Future of U.S.-Russia Strategic Arms Control.](#)" The event featured Dr. Ivan Safranchuk, Associate Professor, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, who discussed the reality that twenty years after the end of the Cold War, Russia and the U.S. are still technically in Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD). Dr. Safranchuk explained that imbalances in the U.S. and Russian nuclear arsenals are growing and that this will complicate arms control in the future due to the fact that if the countries do not go beyond MAD, they are inclined for disagreements. He concluded that the new strategic arms treaty (START) is close to the edge and does not see any clear venues to expand to multilateral nuclear arms control. The meeting was chaired and moderated by Andrew Kuchins, Director of the Russia & Eurasia Program.

On February 9, 2011 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an event as part of the Russia Health Working Group entitled, "[The Political Power of Bad Ideas: Insights into Russia's Alcohol-Control Legislation.](#)" The event featured Dr. Mark Schrad, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Villanova University. In his presentation, Dr. Schrad was optimistic about the direction of President Medvedev's anti-alcohol policies and its incremental implementation; he highlighted an effective public relations campaign and noted that alcohol sales have decreased 15 percent over the past few years. However, he retained some pessimism about the new policies because the root causes of alcoholism are not being addressed and in turn the policies will encourage underground production of dangerous alcohol surrogates, and more broadly, corruption. The meeting was chaired and moderated by Judyth Twigg, Director of the Eurasia Health Project at CSIS. Please listen to a [podcast](#) of the meeting with Dr. Schrad.

On February 9, 2011 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an event entitled, "[Thinking About a Regional Security Framework for Afghanistan and its Neighbors.](#)" The event featured Dr. Ivan Safranchuk, Associate Professor, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, who shared his thoughts and findings from his year-long research project based on interviews and discussions with political elites throughout the region on the need for the traditionally competitive states around Afghanistan to promote greater regionalism and cooperation following the impending draw-down of U.S. forces. The event was chaired and moderated by Andrew Kuchins, Director of the Russia & Eurasia

Program.

On January 17-18, 2011, scholars from CSIS, in collaboration with the Japanese Institute for International Affairs (JIIA) and the Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) of the Russian Academy of Sciences, met in Tokyo Japan for the second trilateral meeting on Northeast Asian security. The conference was organized around three panels: The domestic and nuclear affairs of North Korea, energy security in the Far East and East Siberia, and maritime order in East Asia. Keynote speakers included Seiji Maehara, Foreign Minister of Japan, who spoke on the significance of the U.S.-Russia-Japan trilateral conference, the common threats and challenges confronting the U.S., Japan, and Russia, energy issues, and a new order in the Asia-Pacific region. For the Minister's full comments please visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan [website](#).

On January 12, 2011 an event was held to discuss the findings of the report released by the CSIS Global Health Policy Center on the eve of the Seoul G20 summit in November of 2010 entitled, *[Key Players in Global Health: How Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa are Influencing the Game](#)*. Authors: Katherine Bliss, Xiaoqing Lu Boynton, Heather Conley, Jennifer Cooke, Francois Delmas, Uttara Dukkupati, and Judyth Twigg considered the prospects for global health engagement through the upcoming G20 meeting in France, and talked about plans for continued analysis of the BRICS' global health work to be carried out by the CSIS regional programs in cooperation with partner institutions in Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. A podcast of the event is available [here](#).

On January 6, 2011 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program held a premiere book launch for Daniel Treisman, Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Los Angeles and a leading specialist on the politics and political economy of Russia. In his new book, *[The Return: Russia's Journey from Gorbachev to Medvedev](#)*, Treisman provides new insights into Russia's status in world affairs. Rather than a nation frozen in ancient authoritarian traditions, as Russia is often portrayed, Treisman shows a society that is modernizing rapidly, with a government that, although less than democratic, is nevertheless sensitive to public opinion. That public opinion has, in turn, been driven by change in Russia's economy, which has been repeatedly buffeted by forces beyond the leaders' control- from the collapse of Soviet central planning to gyrating world oil prices and the recent global financial crisis. This book challenges conventional wisdom on topics ranging from the effect of Russia's oil wealth on its democracy to the country's economic reforms and demographic problems. You can now purchase Daniel Treisman's book, *The Return: Russia's Journey from Gorbachev to Medvedev*, on [Amazon](#).

PUBLICATIONS

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"A Truly Regional Economic Strategy for Afghanistan," by Dr. Andrew Kuchins and released in the April 2011 edition of the Washington Quarterly

"The North Caucasus: Russia's Volatile Frontier" by Andrew Kuchins, Matthew Malarkey, and Sergey Markedonov released in March 2011.

"The Obama Administration's 'Reset Button' for Russia," by Dr. Andrew Kuchins published in [Russia: The Challenges of Transformation](#), edited by Piotr Dutkiewicz and Dmitri Trenin, 2011.

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On May 24, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article on the Circassian World website entitled, "[The Circassian Tool](#)."

On May 24, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in Russia Profile.org for a critical comment which was entitled, "[An Opportune Genocide](#)."

On May 24, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in Polit.ru

for his article on opposition rallies in Georgia entitled, "[Prizrak Gruzinskoy Revolucii.](#)"

On May 23, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article on Politkom.ru examining the social and religious problems in modern day Abkhazia entitled, "[Abkhazskaya Skhizma.](#)"

On May 20, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article in an online analytical journal Novaya Politika commenting on the presidential race in Transnistria entitled, "[Prezidentskaya Intriga.](#)"

On May 20, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in the Caucasus Times with an article on Georgia's recognition of the Circassian "genocide" entitled, "[Priznaniya Protiv Priznaniya.](#)"

On May 5, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article on Politkom.ru commenting on the arrest of terrorists in the Czech Republic entitled, "[Chehiya Protiv «Dzhamaata».](#)"

On May 3, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article in an online analytical journal Novaya Politika commenting on Bin Laden's assassination entitled, "[Ben Ladena Net - Radikalizm Ostalsya.](#)"

On May 3, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article on Politkom.ru commenting on the liquidation of a radical islam militant leader in the North Caucasus entitled, "[Nezamechennaya Likvidaciya.](#)"

On April 25, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article in an online analytical journal Novaya Politika commenting on the liquidation of an Al-Qaeda terrorist in Chechnya entitled, "[Arabskii Sled Kavkazskogo Podpol'ya.](#)"

On April 25, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article on Stalin's legacy in modern day Russian politics entitled, "[Raschety s Proshlym.](#)"

On April 20, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, published an analytical piece on Turkey's role in the geopolitics of Europe and the Middle east in an independent Armenian newspaper, Noev Kovcheg, entitled, "[Turciya Mezhdur Turbulentnym Vostokom i Presysshennym Zapadom.](#)"

On April 20, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article on Politkom.ru analyzing the former Armenian president's, Levon Ter-Petrosian, interview with BBC entitled, "[Aktual'nye Mysli Byvshego Prezidenta i Deistvuyushhego Politika.](#)"

On April 19, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article on Georgia's initiative in Abkhazia and South Ossetia entitled, "[Opazdavshii «Neitralitet».](#)"

On April 18, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in a Russian online analytical journal Novaya Politika with an article on Israel's interests in Abkhazia entitled, "[Izrail' Zainteresovalsya Abkhaziei.](#)"

On April 8, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article on modernization efforts and challenges in the North Caucasus in a Russian journal Neprikosnovennyi Zapas entitled, "[Severnyi Kavkaz: Modernizacionnye Perspektivy Besspokoinogo Regiona.](#)"

On April 4, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article on Abkhazia's relations with Turkey entitled, "[Abkhazia na](#)

Tureckom Napravlenii.”

On April 4, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in Russia Profile.org for a critical comment which was entitled, “Middle Eastern Fallout.”

On April 1, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in Polit.ru for his article on the legacy of the Soviet referendum of 1991 entitled, “Referendum Raspada.”

On March 31, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article on Georgia’s 20-year independence entitled, “Gruziya: Dvadcat’ Let bez SSSR.”

On March 28, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in a Russian online analytical journal Novaya Politika with an article on the All-Russia Muslim Conference, which took place on March 24 entitled, “Ne Sleduet Zamykat’sya na «Islamskoi Elite.”

On March 27, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in an academical journal Russia in Global Affairs with an article entitled, “A Nonlinear Reconciliation.”

On March 24, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article on Chechnya’s constitution and its consequences for the government and people of the republic entitled, “Den’ Konstitucii.”

On March 23, 2011 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in The Washington Quarterly with an article entitled, “A Truly Regional Economic Strategy for Afghanistan.”

On March 23, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article on the influence of the Middle East revolutions on the North Caucasus in Russian news site Gazeta.ru entitled, “Arabskaya Vesna na Kavkazskoi Ulice.”

On March 23, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article on the analysis of Lady Eliza Manningham-Buller’s approach towards Al-Qaeda entitled, “Peregovory ili Bor’ba do Pobednogo Konca?”

On March 16, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article on the Russia WTO membership talks with Georgia that took place in Bern entitled, “V Poiskah Novyh Precedentov.”

On March 14, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in Polit.ru for his article on the European and American experts attempting to give advice to better relations between Russia and Georgia entitled, “Netipichnyi Doklad.”

On March 11, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article analyzing the political ambitions behind Ramzan Kadyrov’s football match against the Brazilian national team entitled, “Brazilskaia Sistema na Groznenskom Pole.”

On March 8, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article on the trilateral meeting between the presidents of Russia, Armenia and Azerbaijan that took place on March 5 entitled, “Nagornyi Karabakh: «Holodnyi» Mir Luchshe «Goryachei» Voiny.”

On March 3, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article on President Medvedev’s request to the Chechen parliament to re-elect Ramzan Kadyrov entitled, “Autosorsingovyi Suveren.”

On March 2, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in Polit.ru for his article on the praised and hated legacy of Gorbachev's reforms entitled, "[Tragediya Sovetskogo Reformatora](#)."

On February 28, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in Russia Profile.org for a critical comment which was entitled, "[The Plight of Kabardino-Balkaria](#)."

On February 28, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article on Boris Ebzeyev's resignation as the head of Karachai-Circassia entitled, "[Karachaevo-Cherkesiya: Smena Lic](#)."

On February 25, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article on James Clapper's, Director of National Intelligence, report on the North Caucasus entitled, "[Bol'shoi Kavkaz: Vzgl'yad Direktora Nacional'noi Razvedki S.SH.A](#)."

On February 22, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article on the worsening situation in Kabardino-Balkaria entitled, "[Turisticheskoe Domodedovo v KBR](#)."

On February 21, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in a Russian online analytical journal Novaya Politika with an article on Georgia alliance with Japan vis-à-vis Russia entitled, "[Tbilisi Predlozhit Tokyo «druzhit' okkupatsiyami»](#)."

On February 14, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article on the American experts' skepticism towards Dokku Umarov announcing his responsibility for the bombing in the Domodedovo Airport entitled, "[Ob Analiticheskom Skepsise i Roli Lichnosti v Terroristicheskoi Istorii](#)."

On February 14, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in a Russian online analytical journal Novaya Politika with an article about a Kabardino-Balkaria underground group, the Anti-wahhabists – The Black Hawks entitled, "[«Yastriby» protiv vahhabitov](#)."

On February 1, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article about Russia's largest challenge of understanding its identity and role in the world entitled, "[Rossiya i Postsovetskoe Prostranstvo: Nasledie Borisa Elcina](#)."

On January 31, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in a Russian online analytical journal Novaya Politika with an article on the Egyptian revolution's implication for Russia and the surrounding states entitled, "[Kavkazskoe Echo Arabskih Volnenii](#)."

On January 26, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article on the terrorist attack on the Domodedovo Airport entitled, "[Terrorizm v Usloviyah Deficita Ponimaniya](#)."

On January 26, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Voenno-Promyshlennyy Kur'er for his article on terrorism breeding and spreading out from the North Caucasus entitled, "[Severokavkazskii Terrorizm: Vyzov i Poisk Adekvatnogo Otveta](#)."

On January 25, 2011 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in a Russian online analytical journal Novaya Politika with an article on the terrorist attack on the Domodedovo Airport entitled, "[Novye Zhertvy «Myatezhy – Voyny»](#)."

On December 22, 2010 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in Polit.ru for his article commenting on the December 11 ethnic violence entitled, "[Opasnaya Karta](#)."

On December 22, 2010 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article about the status quo of the South Caucasus, established after the Russia-Georgia conflict of 2008 entitled, "[Yuzhnyi Kavkaz 2010: Bez Sensacii i Proryvov.](#)"

On December 21, 2010 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article on Russian separatism as a sign of weakness, lack of confidence and political inferiority in Russian news site Gazeta.ru entitled, "[Uiti Nel'zya.](#)"

On December 20, 2010 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in a Russian online analytical journal Novaya Politika with an article on the inability of the Geneva Talks to reach a breakthrough in the Abkhazia and South Ossetia issues entitled, "[Diskussii Bez Proryvov.](#)"

On December 20, 2010 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article about the Civil Forum held in Dagestan on December 15 entitled, "[Dagestan Mezhdv Dvumya S'ezdami.](#)"

On December 20, 2010 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured on the Russian analytical news site Politkom.ru for his article on a new and a dangerous phenomenon he calls "Russian separatism" entitled, "[Russkyi Separatizm.](#)"

MEDIA

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Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow, CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in "[Future of the North Caucasus](#)," Expert's Club, 28 April 2011.

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