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

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

2012 has been an eventful year for Russia and the Eurasia region as well as for U.S.-Russia relations. To nobody’s surprise, Vladimir Putin was elected president of Russia for the third time in March with a commanding majority of 64% of the votes. Also not entirely surprising was the continuation of a powerful anti-American campaign from the Parliamentary election in the fall of 2011 through the Presidential campaign in the winter. U.S.-Russian differences were most public over Syria, but the missile defense conflict also escalated in tone. Despite the downward trend in U.S.-Russia relations and the virtual end of the “Reset”, the Russian elite clearly expressed a preference for President Obama to be re-elected over Governor Romney who had notoriously and curiously described Russia on the campaign as America’s “number one geopolitical foe.” The year ended on a positive note with the U.S. Congress finally granting Russia permanent normal trade relations status (PNTR) and revoking the anachronistic Jackson-Vanik Amendment, and CSIS was very active publicly as well as behind the scenes on this issue. For Moscow, at least, some of the satisfaction of finally achieving this was soured by the concurrent passing of the Magnitsky Rule of Law and Accountability legislation.

To what degree, if at all, Presidents Putin and Obama will be able to reverse the negative momentum in bilateral relations remains unclear. I think it is a safe bet to assume that the Russia portfolio will not get the high priority attention that it did four years ago in Washington at the start of the Obama Administration.

At the Russia and Eurasia Program (REP), we look forward to joining forces in the new year with the Europe Program headed by Heather Conley to embark on a new two-year project on Russia and the Arctic. Also, as the Russians appear to be fashioning their own “pivot to Asia,” we will be devoting more of our analytic and programmatic resources to a new initiative on Russia in Asia. We also plan to continue considerable work on the volatile regions of the Caucasus and Central Asia, and to continue our collaboration with the Kissinger Chair and others at CSIS on the inter-relations between Turkey, Russia, and Iran.

I am also pleased to announce some important staff changes that have taken place this fall. Dr. Jeffrey Mankoff was named Deputy Director and Fellow of the REP, and in December, our former intern Sung In Marshall returned from Tajikistan to take over for the extremely able Aika Zikibayeva who has moved to the private sector. My thanks also go out to a terrific team of interns, Oliver Backes, Mark Simeone, and Keith Weber. And finally, I am extremely grateful to all those organizations and individuals who have supported the work of the Russia and Eurasia Program in 2012 and hope that we maintain your confidence and support in the year ahead.

Best wishes for the holidays and a happy, healthy, and productive 2013!

~ Andrew Kuchins
**EVENTS**

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On November 30, 2012, the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program and the CSIS Scholl Chair in International Business hosted a conference entitled "U.S.-Russia Relations after PNTR: the Long View." This conference was the culmination of the project "Russia and PNTR: Navigating the U.S.-Russia Relationship." The project aimed to inform Congressional consideration of legislation to grant Russia PNTR status, offering channels to share findings with foreign policy and trade policy makers in the United States and Russia. The conference featured prominent experts including Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski and Ambassador Carla Hills, as well as Congressional leaders Representative Adam Smith and Senator Richard Lugar. You may find audio and video of the event on our website.

On November 14, 2012, the CSIS Russia and Eurasia program invited Thane Gustafson, Senior Director, Russian & Caspian Energy, Cambridge Energy Research Associates, to discuss his new book, "Wheel of Fortune," on the oil industry in Russia. The Russian oil industry—which vies with Saudi Arabia as the world’s largest producer and exporter of oil—is facing mounting problems that could send shock waves through the Russian economy and worldwide. Gustafson’s book provides an authoritative account of this vital industry from the last years of communism to its uncertain future. Tracking the interdependence among Russia’s oil industry, politics, and economy, Gustafson showed how the stakes extend beyond international energy security to include the potential threat of a destabilized Russia. You may find the audio and video of the event on our website.

On November 14, 2012, the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted a seminar, "Russia’s New Asia Strategy: Assessing Russia’s Eastward Pivot," featuring Dr. Vitaly Kozyrev. The discussion, moderated by Russia and Eurasia Program Director and Senior Fellow Dr. Andrew Kuchins, elaborated on Russia’s strategic vision of Asia, focusing on the prospects of great power interaction, security cooperation, regional integration, and especially Russo-Chinese relations. The discussion also featured Dr. Michael Green, Senior Vice President for the CSIS Asia and Japan Chair.

On October 31, 2012, the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program invited Dr. Taras Kuzio, Non-Resident Fellow at the Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins SAIS, to discuss the parliamentary elections in Ukraine. Ukraine held its first parliamentary elections under President Viktor Yanukovych on October 28. In the face of growing international condemnation of democratic backsliding on his watch, the election proved to be a test of Yanukovych’s stated commitment to holding a democratic election and support for European integration. Doubts persisted ahead of the elections if they could be defined as democratic with opposition leaders jailed and the US Senate and European Union warning of negative consequences if the elections are not declared to be democratic. You may find the audio of the event on our website.

On September 13, 2012, the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program and PONARS Eurasia, GW Elliott School of International Affairs hosted a conference titled "The Caucasus: A Changing Security Landscape." The conference featured two panels; the first assessed regional security and the changing relations of the three states of the Caucasus – Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan – with each other and major neighbors, Russia and Iran, while the second panel explored the region’s frozen conflicts and innovative prospects for resolution in the continued conflicts over Abkhazia and South Ossetia and the possibility of renewed hostilities over Nagorno-Karabakh. You may find the video of the event on our website.

On August 2, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, Kissinger Chair in Diplomacy and National Security, Middle East Program, and the Turkey Project hosted an event titled "Turkey, Russia, Iran and the Syrian Crisis." The discussion featured Dr. Stephen Flanagan, Henry A. Kissinger Chair as the moderator and a panel of speakers: Dr. Bulent Aliriza, Director and Senior Associate, CSIS Turkey Project; Dr. Jon Alterman, Zbigniew Brzezinski Chair in Global Security and Gestrategy and Director, CSIS Middle East Program; and Dr. Andrew Kuchins. The CSIS scholars, who are currently engaged in a collaborative research project on "The Turkey, Russia, Iran Nexus," offered remarks on how differing interests and policies of these three governments are influencing diplomatic efforts to resolve the crisis in Syria and may impact future U.S. and international responses to unfolding developments.
On July 17, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted a book event "Russian Tide: Building a Leadership Business in the Midst of Unprecedented Change," with the author, John Pepper, Former Chairman of the Board, President, and CEO of Procter & Gamble. In this book, Mr. Pepper traces the development of P&G's business in Russia during the tumultuous 1990s as the company pioneered the bumpy road that was Russia's new economy and new free market. The event featured John Tanner, former U.S. Representative for Tennessee as the moderator and Dr. Andrew Kuchins as the discussant. You may find the audio of the event on our website.

On June 28, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted the Washington, DC book launch for “Great Games, Local Rules: The New Great Power Contest in Central Asia.” In this book, Alexander Cooley, Tow Professor for Distinguished Scholars and Practitioners in Political Science at Barnard College, Columbia University in New York, explores the dynamics of the competition over Central Asia between Russia, China, and the U.S. since 9/11. However, Central Asian governments have proven themselves powerful forces in their own right, establishing local rules that serve to fend off foreign demands and pare down external conditions, enrich themselves and reinforce their sovereign authority. The book launch featured Ambassador William Courtney, first U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, as a discussant and was moderated by Dr. Andrew Kuchins. You may find the summary and the audio of the event on our website.

On June 4 and 5, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted its final Russia Balance Sheet Project Speaker Series titled "Friends and Foes: Russian Views on Russia's Relations with Other Countries." The discussion featured Dr. Lev Gudkov, the Director of the Levada Analytical Center in Russia, and featured public opinion polling data collected and analyzed by Dr. Gudkov and the Levada Center staff over the past three decades. The discussion focused on the views of the Russian public on relations with Russia’s enemies and allies in the international system and how these public perceptions are produced and, in many cases, cultivated by the state-controlled media. Dr. Gudkov emphasized the significance of the stable positive perception of the United States in Russia over time and discussed the rationale for the Putin government’s promotion of the perception of enemies and encirclement. The event was moderated by Dr. Andrew Kuchins. You may find the summary and the audio of the event on our website.

On May 19, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an event titled "How Rosy Are the Prospects of Georgia’s Economy?" featuring David Onoprishvili, Chair of the Free Democrats Economic Council in Georgia. The discussion focused on questions such as how successful is the current Georgian government in conducting the so called “libertarian” economic policy? Will the existing economic growth benefit the poor and help create jobs? Mr. Onoprishvili also focused on the issues of the business environment and provided recommendations for a new economic policy from the opposition’s point of view. The event was moderated by Dr. Andrew Kuchins. You may find the summary and the audio of the event on our website.

On May 14, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program and the CSIS Simon Chair in Political Economy hosted an event titled "APEC 2012 in Vladivostok." The discussion featured Ambassador Gennady Ovechko, Senior Official of Russia for APEC, and Matthew P. Goodman, CSIS William E. Simon Chair for Political Economy and Former White House Coordinator for APEC. Ambassador Ovechko discussed Moscow's plans for the Vladivostok Summit, as Russia prepares to host its first summit of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders in early September of this year. The talk focused on Russia’s priorities for the APEC 2012 conference and how Russia would be engaging the APEC member countries in the future. Mr. Goodman emphasized the importance and relevance of the organization and discussed some of the institutional challenges it faces. The event was moderated by Dr. Andrew Kuchins. You may find the summary and the audio of the event on our website.

On May 10, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program and the CSIS Scholl Chair in International Business hosted an event titled "Assessing U.S.-Russia Relations on the Eve of the G-8 Summit: The Economic Dimension and Russia's WTO Accession." The discussion included prominent speakers like Ambassador John Beyrle, U.S. Department of State, Ambassador Sergey Kislyak, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the United States, Klaus Kleinfeld, Chairman and CEO of Alcoa Inc. and Chairman of the U.S.-Russia Business Council, and Ambassador Susan C. Schwab, Mayer Brown, LLP. The panel focused on the importance of improving U.S. economic relations in the context of the overall bilateral relationship with Russia and how the WTO process has prompted Russia to take measures to open its economy to more international trade and foreign investment. The event was moderated by Meredith Broadbent, Senior Adviser.
and William M. Scholl Chair in International Business, and Dr. Andrew Kuchins. You may find the summary and the audio of the event on our website.

On April 19, 2012, Alexey Kudrin, former Finance Minister of the Russian Federation, gave a talk entitled "Russia and the Global Economy" as part of the Russia Balance Sheet Speaker Series. Mr. Kudrin discussed the current and future economic situation in Russia, the policies undertaken by the government, and the strategies undertaken by the Russian opposition. Mr. Kudrin concluded that the government is misguided in its response to both the economic conditions and the emergence of the protest movement and that the government would eventually be forced to either accommodate the demands of the Russian opposition, or face rising tensions, and even possibly revolutionary activity.

On April 4, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an event as part of the Russia Balance Sheet Project Speaker Series titled "Changing Russia: the Politics of Economic and Energy Development." The discussion featured Mr. Vladimir Milov, Leader of the Democratic Choice movement and Former Deputy Minister of Energy of the Russian Federation. The discussion focused on the economic drives of recent shifts in Russian political consciousness, most notably the rise of the opposition movement. Dr. Milov emphasized that the recent economic decline, which has limited the economic prospects of the average Russian, has been the driving force behind political instability. He also discussed the causes of the economic malaise and the significance of energy development and export to Russia’s new economic and political dynamics. The event was moderated by Dr. Andrew Kuchins. You may find the summary, the video and audio of the event on our website.

On April 2, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted the launch of the report "The Big Caucasus: Between Fragmentation and Integration," authored by the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program Adjunct Fellow, Dr. Jeffrey Mankoff. The discussion also featured Ambassador John Evans, Former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, and Dr. Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program. The report examines a region in flux due to its geostrategic positioning and fragile territorial status quo. The report embarks on a new way of looking at the region, examining the interests and actions of the leading external powers, including Russia, Turkey and Iran, in the de jure states of Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, and the de facto states of South Ossetia and Abkhazia. The event was moderated by Dr. Andrew Kuchins. You may find the event summary and an electronic copy of the report on our website.

On March 19, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an event titled "Cybersecurity – Russia’s Paradox" which featured Leonid Todorov, Deputy Director for External Relations, Internet Registry of Russia. Mr. Todorov discussed the current state of affairs in internet governance and cybersecurity in Russia. In addressing Russia’s challenges and opportunities, he also reviewed past developments, such as the growth of Runet, the 2000 Information Security Concept, the Concept of a Convention on International Information Security, and touched on future Russian cybersecurity initiatives.

On March 6, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program and the Peterson Institute for International Economics an event as part of the Russia Balance Sheet Project Speaker Series titled "The Russian Presidential Election: What It Means for Politics, Economics and PNTR." The talk featured a presentation by Dr. Sergei Guriev, Morgan Stanley Professor of Economics and Rector of the New Economic School in Moscow. Dr. Guriev gave a presentation on what the Russian presidential elections may mean for Russia’s future and for the possible granting of Permanent Normal Trade Relations to Russia by the U.S. Congress. The event was moderated by C. Fred Bergsten, Director of the Peterson Institute for International Economics. You may find the summary, audio and video of the event on our website.

On March 2, 2012 the Russia and Eurasia Program hosted a talk titled "Use of Mobile Technologies to Promote Reproductive Health in the Russian Federation." The event featured a presentation by Dr. Elena Dmitrieva, Director, Health and Development Foundation, which recently launched Text4Baby, an innovative program designed to offer specific information mothers need to care for their own health and their babies, conveyed through clear and concise text messages sent to their mobile phones. Dr. Dmitrieva gave a talk about how the Foundation uses mobile communication technologies to promote public health. The event was moderated by Dr. Judyth Twigg, Director of the CSIS Eurasia Health Project.

On February 29, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an event as part of the Russia Balance Sheet Speaker
Series titled "The End of the Post-Soviet Period in Russian Foreign Policy: What is Next?" featuring Mr. Fyodor Lukyanov, Editor-in-Chief of the Russian journal Russia in Global Affairs. The discussion focused on the implications of Putin’s return to Presidency and how that may impact Russian foreign policy. Mr. Lukyanov shed light on the evolution of US-Russia relations and how they may be impacted by the recent Presidential elections and their outcome. The event was moderated by Dr. Andrew Kuchins. You may find the summary, audio and video of the event on our website.

On February 27, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program hosted an event as part of the Russia Balance Sheet Speaker Series titled "Psychology of Revolt In Russia Today and the Future" with Dr. Leonid Gozman, Director, Humanitarian Projects, RUSNANO, and President, Union of Right Forces movement (SPS). Dr. Gozman discussed the motivations of participants demonstrating in Moscow and other Russian cities after the December Parliamentary elections as well as how opposition leaders and government officials are thinking about strategies after the presidential elections. The event was moderated by Dr. Andrew Kuchins. You may find the event summary on our website.

PUBLICATIONS

Featured publications:

On March 26, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program published the report "The Big Caucasus: Between Fragmentation and Integration," authored by Dr. Jeffrey Mankoff, Deputy Director and Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program. The report examines a region in flux due to its geostrategic positioning and fragile territorial status quo. The report embarks on a new way of looking at the region, examining the interests and actions of the leading external powers, including Russia, Turkey and Iran, the de jure states of Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, and the de facto states such as South Ossetia and Abkhazia. A proliferation of stakeholders in the region has created opportunities for the region’s leaders to determine their own fate. However, they also remain constrained by the reality of the region’s fragility, as many borders remain closed and the risks of political disputes spiraling into military conflict remain high. While United States’ influence in the region is limited, its policies ought to focus on increasing the opportunities for the “Big Caucasus” to benefit from economic and political integration, while overcoming the political fragmentation that has kept the region divided.

On March 26, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program published the report "China and Afghanistan: China’s Interests, Stances and Perspectives," authored by Zhao Huasheng, Visiting Fellow, CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program and Professor and Director, Center for Russia and Central Asia Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai. The report addresses China’s desires to contain the security threat stemming from Afghanistan, but is not prepared to contribute to the military effort, including opening a transit corridor on its territory. China is prepared to participate in Afghanistan’s economic reconstruction, especially when it advances Chinese foreign economic interests. Zhao’s discussion of the interests of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Afghanistan is provocative in its speculation about an expanded future role for the SCO. Zhao suggests that the SCO may be well-suited to conduct political reconciliation talks between different national and political groups within Afghanistan. But economic development, particularly the promoting of Afghanistan’s regional economic connection with West, South, Central, and East Asia, is where Zhao sees the most significant role for the SCO.

On April 9, 2012 the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program and the CSIS Global Health Policy Center published the report "Russia's Emerging Global Health Leadership," authored by Alexei Bobrik, General Manager for Russia and the CIS, Becton, Dickinson and Company; Jenilee Guebert, Director of Research, Global Health Diplomacy Program, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto; Julia Komagaeva, Analyst, the World Bank Group; Denis V. Korepanov, Senior Adviser, USAID Mission in Russia; and Judyth Twigg, Senior Associate, CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program and Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University. The report is a compilation of papers that were written for the conference on Russia’s Global Health Leadership held in Moscow on May 19, 2011.

On October 3, 2012 Dr. Andrew Kuchins, Director and Senior Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was published in the book Worldviews of Aspiring Powers: Domestic Foreign Policy Debates in China, India, Iran, Japan, and Russia. This volume, a collection of essays from leading regional scholars for each country, identifies the most
important domestic schools of thought--Nationalists, Realists, Globalists, Idealists/Exceptionalists--and connects them to the historical and institutional sources that fuel each nation's foreign policy experience. The collection was edited by Dr. Henry R. Nau and Deepa M. Ollapally, both of the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University. Dr. Kuchins authored with Dr. Igor Zevelev the chapter on Russia, entitled “Russia’s Contested National Identity and Foreign Policy.” Dr. Kuchin’s chapter dissects the various schools of thought within the Russian foreign policy establishment and discusses their influence over state policy since 1990. In particular, the chapter addresses the views of the three primary groups (Pro-western Liberals, Great Power Balancers, and Nationalists) on the United States and their impact on the US-Russia relationship.

You can view the complete list of publications, including Russian-language publications, by going to the program's Publications Page and Delicious Page.

On December 12, 2012 Jeffrey Mankoff, Deputy Director and Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote a blog in the CSIS Asia Policy Blog entitled, "Putin’s Puzzling EAS Snub and Russian Ambitions in Asia."

On November 22, 2012 Jeffrey Mankoff, Deputy Director and Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in the Valdai Discussion Club entitled, "Complex political calculations after Serdyukov’s ouster."

On November 7, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in Russia Beyond the Headlines entitled, "What to expect from Georgia?"

On October 24, 2012 Gordon Hahn, Senior Associate (Non-Resident) with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in Russia: Other Points of View entitled, “More Russian Election Intrigue.”

On October 12, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in the National Interest entitled, “What’s Next for Georgia?”

On October 7, 2012 Gordon Hahn, Senior Associate (Non-Resident) with CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in Russia: Other Points of View entitled, “Tandemology 2.0: Putin’s Return, Medvedev’s Decline, and Tandem Spats.”

On October 4, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in Russia Beyond the Headlines entitled, “Russia needs to sort out the ‘Caucasian Issue’ before Sochi Olympics.”

On October 3, 2012 Jeffrey Mankoff, Deputy Director and Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in Russia in Global Affairs entitled, “What they mean when they talk about Russia.”

In October 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article in Current History entitled, “‘Reset’ Beset: The Kremlin’s Anti-West Turn.”

In October 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article in Strategic Studies Institute Monograph entitled, “The North Caucasus In Russia and Russia in the North Caucasus: State Approaches and Political Dynamics in the Turbulent Region.”

In October 2012, Gordon Hahn, Senior Associate (Non-Resident) with CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article in Strategic Studies Institute Monograph entitled, “The Caucasus Emirate Jihadists: The Security and Strategic Implications.”

In October 2012 Jeffrey Mankoff, Deputy Director and Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article in Current History entitled, “Russia’s Mideast Fears.”

On September 21, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in The National Interest entitled, "Election Intrigue in Georgia."
On September 20, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in Russia Beyond the Headlines entitled, “Russia needs to modernize its nationalities policy.”

On September 17, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in Common Space blog entitled, “The Caucasus and the Middle East.”

On August 22, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in The National Interest entitled, “Partitioning the Soviet Legacy.”

On August 14, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in Reflections on Reflections on Abkhazia entitled, “Abkhazia: difficult way from the Soviet Autonomy to partially recognized state.”

On August 1, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in The National Interest entitled, “A New Terrorist Battleground.”

On June 27, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in The National Interest entitled, “Russia in the Islamic World.”


On June 4, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an opinion piece for Common Space blog on Serbia’s possible recognition of Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

On May 29, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in The National Interest entitled, “Putin’s Eurasian Aspirations.”

On May 17, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article in The National Interest entitled, “NATO Looks to the Caucasus.”


On April 23, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an opinion piece in Common Space where he discusses on the current negotiations between Azerbaijan and Russia on the Gabala Radar Facility.

On April 19, 2012 Jeffrey Mankoff, Deputy Director and Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in the online magazine The National Interest entitled, “What a Eurasian Union Means for Washington.”

On April 18, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article for Russia Profile entitled, “A Dress Rehearsal.”

On April 17, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article for the news agency RIA Novosti entitled, “Although No Eurasian NATO, CSTO Can Benefit the Region.”

On April 16, 2012 Jeffrey Mankoff, Deputy Director and Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article for the Valdai Discussion Club entitled, “The North Caucasus in 2012.”

On April 12, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote a commentary for Russia Profile entitled, “Southern Challenges.”
On March 26, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote a piece for the Common Space blog entitled, “Israeli interests in the South Caucasus.”

On March 21, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote a commentary for Russia Profile entitled, “A Crush on Syria.”

On March 14, 2012 Jeffrey Mankoff, Deputy Director and Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article in the online magazine The National Interest entitled, “What Putin Means for Washington.”

On March 13, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an opinion piece in the online journal Russia Beyond the Headlines entitled, “Russia to stay the course in Eurasia.”

On March 2, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an article for the news agency RIA Novosti entitled, “No Winners in a War in Iran.”

On March 1, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article in the Foreign Affairs journal entitled, “The End of the ‘Reset’.”

On February 24, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, wrote an opinion piece in the online journal Russia Beyond the Headlines entitled, “An attempt on the life of Abkhazia.”

In the Winter 2012, Volume 1 issue of the Washington Quarterly, Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, published an article with Igor A. Zevelev entitled, “Russian Foreign Policy: Continuity in Change.”

MEDIA

You can view the complete list of associated media by going to the program’s Associated Media page.

On December 14, 2012 Jeffrey Mankoff, Deputy Director and Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was interviewed in "Is Russia Changing Its Stance on Syria?", Voice of America.

On November 12, 2012 Jeffrey Mankoff, Deputy Director and Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was interviewed in "Obama's second term: Relations with Russia," Valdai Discussion Club.

On November 7, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in "Obama And The Russians: Moving On To The 'Post-Reset'," Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty.

On November 1, 2012 Jeffrey Mankoff, Deputy Director and Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “Russia's Internet Censor Law Goes Into Effect,” Voice of America.


On October 12, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in "For Erdogan quarrel with Assad is one thing, Putin another," Reuters.

On October 8, 2012 Jeffrey Mankoff, Deputy Director and Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was interviewed in “Georgia Will Be A Model For The Region,” Strategic Outlook.

On October 8, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was interviewed in “Russia wants to have a voice in Asia,” Russian International Affairs Council.
On September 6, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “Ax murderer's pardon stirs fears of war,” CNN.

On August 15, 2012 Jeffrey Mankoff, Deputy Director and Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was interviewed in “How to bring peace to the South Caucasus?,” Contact.

On July 26, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in “Natsionalnoye Dvizheniye' vs 'Gruzinskaya Mecha,'” Echo Kavkaza.

On July 13, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “Cold War Amendment Means US Could Lose in Trade With Russia,” MNI.

On July 6, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “U.S. Businesses Favor Increasing Trade Ties,” The Moscow Times.

On July 1, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “Regional balances at stake after Syrian attack on Turkish jet,” Today’s Zaman.

On June 28, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “Does Russia’s Position on Syria Discredit Realism?,” the American Conservative.

On June 27, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was featured in “Kak obsuzhdalsya zakonoproyekt Pravosudie dlya Sergeya Magnitskogo v senatskom komitete po mezhdunarodnym delam SShA,” Radio Svoboda.

On June 27, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “Crime and Punishment: Is the Magnitsky Act a Serious Threat to Relations Between the United States and Russia?,” Russia Profile.

On June 27, 2012 Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “Assad declares Syria in a ‘state of war,'” Foreign Policy.

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On June 21, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “Dollar sevodya rastet po otnosheniyu k ryblyu i dostig omtetki 33 ryblya,” Radio Echo Moskvuy.

On June 19, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “UN’s Ban Presses Obama to Accept Iran Into Talks on Syria,” Bloomberg Businessweek.

On June 19, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “The Coming Oil Crash,” Foreign Policy.

On June 14, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “Chill Hits U.S.- Russia Ties As Obama, Putin Ready To Meet,” Bloomberg.

On June 14, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “SShA i Rossiya v poiskakh partnerstva,” Golos Ameriki.

On June 1, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “Rossiya smena epokh,” Golos Ameriki.

On June 1, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “The Weekly Wrap -- June 1, 2012,” Foreign Policy.
On June 1, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “Mirovye SMI Dikaya strana opolchilas' na MakFola,” Nezavisimaya Gazeta.

On May 29, 2012 Andrew Kuchins, Director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, was quoted in “Moscow Turns Up Pressure on U.S. Envoy,” the Wall Street Journal.

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