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The [January 16<sup>th</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup> Belarus BiWeekly News Digest](#) is now available on line. The digest provides a synopsis and analysis of current political developments and economic trends in the country.

### Publications

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

*Recent Commentary:* Cory Welt on the sabotage of Russian infrastructure in the North Caucasus and the continued efforts of Georgia to achieve energy security, "Energy Insecurity in Georgia"

Celeste A. Wallander's January 6, 2006 opinion piece in the *International Herald Tribune*, "[How not to convert gas to power](#)"

Celeste A. Wallander's recent article, "[Borderlands and the Value of Academic Research for Policy](#)" in the January 2006 issue of *Asia Policy*

Sarah E. Mendelson's recent article, "[Failing the Stalin Test](#)" in the January/February 2006 issue of *Foreign Affairs*

Sarah E. Mendelson's article, "[Soviet Nostalgia: An Impediment to Russian Democratization](#)" in the Winter 2005-2006 issue of *The Washington Quarterly*

PONARS Policy Memo No. 404, "[Alternative Interpretation of the Russian-Ukrainian Gas Crisis](#)" by Nikolai Sokov, Monterey Institute for International Studies

Cory Welt's article, "[Balancing the Balancer: Russia, the West, and Conflict Resolution in Georgia](#)" in the Summer/Autumn 2005 issue of *Global Dialogue*

### Media

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Senior Fellow Sarah E. Mendelson quoted in RFE/RL article "[Russia: 'Spy-Rock' Scandal Has NGOs Worried](#)" January 24, 2006, regarding recent statements by Russian security services accusing NGOs of involvement in Western backed espionage.

Program Director and Senior Fellow Celeste A. Wallander interviewed on E&E-TV's *OnPoint* program January 18, 2006, in a segment titled "[Oil and Gas](#)", regarding the recent Russia-Ukraine gas dispute and Russia's emergence as an energy Giant.

Sarah E. Mendelson on the BBC Worldservice program *Newshour*, January 16, 2006, titled "[Stalin's Legacy](#)" on Russian perceptions of the leader, also the subject of her recent article in *Foreign Affairs* ([audio file](#)).

Sarah E. Mendelson and Celeste A. Wallander quoted in "[Fighting the Blues and More: Belarusians to Wear Jeans in Silent Protest](#)", from ABC News on January 13, 2006 on the realities of Belarus' coming elections.

Celeste A. Wallander interviewed on the Russia-Ukraine gas dispute on [PRI's The World](#), January 2, 2006, and [NPR Morning Edition](#), January 3, 2006.

Sarah E. Mendelson quoted in "[U.S. Stalls on Human Trafficking](#)" from the *Chicago Tribune's* December 27th, 2005 edition concerning the proposed changes to the Defense Federal Acquisition (DFARS) addressing the role of contractors in human trafficking.

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