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Upcoming event: Who'll Vote for Freedom? Elections in Belarus and Ukraine

Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Fried will address the possibility of democratic progress in Belarus and Ukraine's upcoming elections on **Thursday, March 09, 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.** at CSIS, 1800 K Street NW.

[Invitation](#)

Program Director and Senior Fellow Celeste Wallander will provide testimony at the Helsinki Commission's March 9, 2006 hearing titled, "[Freedom Denied: Belarus on the Eve of the Elections](#)" [Helsinki Commission link](#)

Publications

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

[Recent Commentary](#): Celeste Wallander writes "Candles, Denim, and the 16th of February: Political Contestation Develops in Belarus with a Month to Go before the Presidential Elections"

Cory Welt's February 13, 2006 opinion piece in *The Moscow Times*, "[It's the Process that Counts](#)", discussing the recently "failed" negotiations between the presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh.

[Great Promise Unfulfilled](#), *PONARS Working Paper 26* which reviews the most important events in Russian history since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Written by Dmitry Gorenburg, published February 1, 2006.

Media

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Sarah E. Mendelson's and Theodore Gerber's survey of Russian youth's views of Stalin is quoted in "[The Russian Revolution](#)", *Los Angeles Times*, Sunday Edition, February 19, 2006.

Cory Welt quoted in *EurasiaNet* article, "[As Deadline Looms, Georgia Changes Tone on South Ossetian Peacekeepers](#)," February 10, 2006, On Georgia's decision whether or not to demand the withdrawal of Russian peacekeepers from South Ossetia.

Celeste A. Wallander quoted on *CNN's Lou Dobbs Tonight* February 10, 2006, in the segment, "[Russia's Presidency of the G8](#)" in which they discuss Russia's role in the looming G8 summit. ([transcript](#))

Sarah E. Mendelson was quoted on NPR's *Morning Edition*, February 7, 2006, in a story titled "[Examining Russia's Seat of Power](#)" a segment on Putin and his role as Russia's president.

Recent Events

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

February 14, 2006: [Belarus' Pre-Election Political Landscape](#) RFE/RL and CSIS hosted a briefing to discuss Belarus' political landscape prior to the March elections. Alexander Lukashuk, Robin Shepherd, and Jan Maksymiuk spoke. The RFE/RL summary can be viewed [here](#).

February 9, 2006: [The Last Dictatorship in Europe: The Impact of Upcoming Elections in Belarus](#) A briefing for congressional staffers on the developing political situation prior to the presidential elections in March, 2006. Stephen B. Nix, Iryna Viadanava, Svyatlana Zavadaskaya, and Walter Stankievich spoke.

February 7, 2006: [Belarus Before the Presidential Election](#) A briefing by Svetlana Zavadskaya, President of the Dmitry Zavadsky Foundation, Marina Rakhlei, Journalist for BelaPAN News Agency and Olga Stuzhinskaya, Coordinator of "Democratic Belarus" (Brussels, Belgium). Sponsored by RFE/RL, CSIS, and the International League for Human Rights. The RFE/RL summary can be viewed [here](#).

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