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Recent event: [Russia's New Role in the World](#)

On April 5 the Russia and Eurasia Program brought together policy experts, government representatives, and business leaders, for an all day conference to discuss relevant topics such as energy, regional security, as well as the economic and business climate in Russia. **Select transcripts and audio available**

Publications

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

Recent Commentary: Cory Welt on “Azerbaijan and U.S. Foreign Policy”

The visit of Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev raises issues of foreign policy from energy policy to conflict resolution and Iran. Cory Welt, deputy director of the Russia and Eurasia Program, writes about the implications of Aliyev's visit.

The **Recent Commentary Archive**, including Steve Pifer's commentary from April 6, [Viktor's Choice – Who Will Form Ukraine's Parliamentary Majority?](#), can be found [here](#).

PONARS member Mark Kramer contributes the latest PONARS Policy Memo, No. 406, ["Did the Russians Aid Saddam Hussein's War Effort?"](#).

Media

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Senior Fellow Sarah E. Mendelson's article, "Soviet Nostalgia: An Impediment to Russian Democratization" (*Washington Quarterly*, Winter 2005-2006), quoted in *New York Review of Books*, April 27, in an article titled, [Russia: The Persecution of Civil Society](#), on recent developments in Russian legislature and the political context of President Putin's second term.

Deputy Director and Fellow Cory Welt quoted by *Christian Science Monitor*, April 28, in a story titled, [Why White House Woos Azerbaijan](#), on the first official visit of Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev and the American interests in the region.

Cory Welt quoted by *AFP*, April 25, in a story titled, [Iran, Energy, Security Top Agenda of Azerbaijan President's US Visit](#), on the importance of Aliyev's visit for Azerbaijan's international image.

Program Director and Senior Fellow Celeste A. Wallander was interviewed by *CNN's* Kitty Pilgrim for [Lou Dobbs Tonight](#), April 25 on the Iranian nuclear challenge and Russia's role with regard to it.

Upcoming Events

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

On May 25, CSIS will host with RFE/RL, [Human Rights in Russia and the Upcoming G8 Summit](#). Tanya Lokshina, director of DEMOS, and Yuri Dzhibladze, director of the Center for Democracy and Human Rights, two young leaders from Russia's human rights movement, will discuss human rights in Russia and the upcoming G8 meeting. **CSIS, 1800 K Street NW, 10:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M., Lower Level Conference Room B1B**

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