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Deputy Director and Fellow Cory Welt had an article published in *Kommersant*, October 3, titled “[Georgia: A Needless Challenge](#),” commenting on the recent Russian-Georgian row that now is the time for dialogue, not brinksmanship. Also available in [Russian](#).

Recent Commentary: [Hoping on Kazakhstan: U.S. Engagement in Central Asia](#)

Cory Welt wrote a piece on September 27 on the evolving relationship between the United States and Kazakhstan, whose social and economic improvements have been capturing the attention of the United States over the past year. Read it in [.pdf](#).

Publications

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

Deputy Director and Fellow Cory Welt wrote “[Regime Vulnerability and Popular Mobilization in Georgia's Rose Revolution](#),” a working paper published by the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law at Stanford University.

“[The United States Between Russia and Georgia](#),” PONARS Policy Memo No. 407, written by PONARS member and Monterey Institute of International Studies Senior Research Associate Nikolai Sokov.

Senior Associate Celeste Wallander wrote “[Suspended Animation: The U.S. and Russia after the G-8](#),” published in the latest issue of *Current History*.

Media

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Senior Adviser Steven Pifer was quoted in the *Financial Times*, October 2, in an article titled “[View from the US: Black Sea politicking bodes ill for investors](#),” on energy deals in Ukraine and the depleting prospects for western investors.

Senior Associate Celeste Wallander had an article published in the *Moscow Times*, September 29, titled “[Sovereign Football: A Political Fable](#),” on applying the basics of soccer to political developments in Eurasia.

Deputy Director and Fellow Cory Welt was quoted in the *Agence France Presse*, September 28, in an article titled “[Bush to balance energy, rights to host Kazakh president](#),” about the United States' search for a stable energy partner in Central Asia.

Steven Pifer was mentioned in *forUM*, September 12, in an article “[Oleh Rybachuk meets US Ambassador to Ukraine Pifer](#),” about his meeting with Ukrainian President Victor Yushchenko's Chief of Staff. The two discussed Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic prospects and its dialogue with NATO.

Senior Fellow Sarah E. Mendelson was quoted by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, September 10, in an article titled “[Russia's ties to Iran a roadblock to U.S. Trade, geopolitical interests trump sanctions effort](#),” on the impact of Russia's relationship with Iran on U.S. foreign policy in the region.

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