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Recent Event: [Building Security and the Rule of Law in Georgia](#)



The Russia and Eurasia Program's Caucasus Initiative recently hosted a discussion on security issues and legal developments in Georgia in the wake of heightened tensions in Georgian-Russian relations and Georgia's local elections. David Bakradze, Giorgi Bokeria, and Nikoloz Rurua, members of parliament and leading members of the National Movement discussed Georgia's recent efforts to increase the country's security, its progress in building democratic and legal institutions, and challenges ahead. The discussion was moderated by Cory Welt, deputy director of the Russia and Eurasia Program. ([audio available](#))

Upcoming Events

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On December 8, 2006, CSIS will host the annual [Program on New Approaches to Russian Security \(PONARS\) Policy Conference](#). The daylong event is designed to promote greater interaction between members of the academic and policymaking communities working on Russia and Eurasia. This conference will mark the 10th anniversary of PONARS and the 15th anniversary of the dissolution of the Soviet Union, focusing on an overall assessment of changes in Russian politics, society, and security in the last 15 years. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

Publications

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

"[Hitler's Cause is Alive and Well in Former Stalingrad](#)," PONARS Policy Memo No. 408, written by PONARS member Sergey Golunov discusses the presence of radical national ideologies in former Stalingrad, now Volgograd, and the racial and ethnic tensions that have resulted.

Media

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Senior Fellow Sarah E. Mendelson was quoted in *United Press International*, October 11, in an article titled "[Analysis: Can justice come from Russia?](#)," on the aftermath of journalist Anna Politkovskaya's murder.

Sarah E. Mendelson was quoted on a *WTOP/WFED Radio* broadcast, October 17 in two segments on growing xenophobia in Russia, and the potential consequences for Americans traveling to the country. ([Segment One audio](#)) ([Segment Two audio](#))

Senior Adviser Steven Pifer was quoted in *Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty*, October 24, in an article titled "[Ukraine: Former U.S. Ambassador Says Kyiv Can Cope With Gas Price Rise](#)," on rising gas prices, the Orange Revolution and the proposed union between Russia and Belarus.

Steven Pifer was quoted in *Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty*, October 24, in an article titled "[Energy: Experts Ponder Future 'Gas Wars'](#)," on what conditions could bring about a new "gas war."

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