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Recent Events

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Director and Senior Fellow Andrew Kuchins participated in the Valdai International Discussion Club, September 10-14, in Kazan, Moscow, and Sochi, Russia. Participants included about 70 experts from Russia, the U.S., Europe, China, and Japan, and as part of the program they met with high-ranking Russian officials, including President Vladimir Putin and First Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov (seen with Andrew Kuchins in the picture to the left). This year's meeting focused on religion and identity in Russia, though participants also had the opportunity to discuss recent Russian political developments.

Recent Commentary

Cory Welt wrote a commentary on August 27 entitled, "Russia and Georgia: The Message Behind the Missile?" To read the commentary, please click [here](#).

Publications

Andrew Kuchins published a column entitled, "What is Putin's Plan?" on September 28 in "Think Tank Town" for the *Washington Post*. To read the article, please click [here](#).

The CSIS Human Rights and Security Initiative and the Robert Bosch Stiftung released a report, *49 Steps To Improve Human Rights and Security in the North Caucasus*, on September 18. The report is available [here](#) in English, Russian, and French.

Sarah Mendelson and Ted Gerber published an op-ed on August 3 in the *Washington Post* on Russian youth. To read the article, please click [here](#).

Andrew Kuchins published a book review of Robert Kagan's *Dangerous Nation* on August 29 in *The National Interest Online*. The review may be found [here](#). He also published a review of the same book in the May-June edition of *Pro et Contra* in Russian, available [here](#).

Media

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Senior Fellow Sarah E. Mendelson was featured on BBC Radio on September 19 to discuss a new report by the Human Rights and Security Initiative and the Robert Bosch Stiftung, *49 Steps to Improve Human Rights and Security in the North Caucasus*. To listen, [please click here](#).

Director and Senior Fellow Andrew Kuchins was quoted in a *Moscow Times* article on September 17 entitled, "Putin Talks of 5 Possible Successors."

Sarah E. Mendelson was quoted in a *Wall Street Journal* [article](#) on September 12 entitled, "Looking Post-Putin."

Andrew Kuchins was quoted in a *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* article on September 13 titled "Valdai in Sochi." The article is available [here](#) in Russian.

Sarah E. Mendelson discussed Russian politics on BBC Radio on August 17. To listen, [please click here](#).

Andrew Kuchins was quoted in a Bloomberg article on August 16 entitled, "[Ahmadinejad Denounces U.S. Missile Shield as Threat](#)."