

PROGRAM UPDATE

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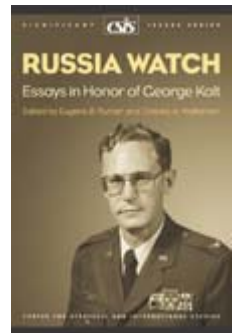
RECENT EVENTS

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The CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program held a report launch on December 13 for *Alternative Futures for Russia to 2017*. Over the past decade, Russia has undergone extraordinary changes and views in the West have never been so polarized as today. In order to put together a mosaic of possible Russian futures, in the spring of 2007 Dr. Andrew Kuchins organized a working group of leading experts with diverse perspectives and expertise, and their contributions helped to inform this report. *Alternative Futures for Russia to 2017* examines drivers for the future, potential scenarios, and key signposts for scenario trends. To read the report or to purchase a copy, please click [here](#). To listen to the audio of the event, please click [here](#).

Book Launch: *Russia Watch: Essays in Honor of George Kolt*

The CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program and Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University (INSS-NDU) held a book launch on December 14 for *Russia Watch: Essays in Honor of George Kolt*. The essays in this volume spotlight critical trends in Russian political and economic development and are dedicated to the memory of George Kolt, who for many years served in key U.S. intelligence positions dealing with Europe and the former Soviet Union. As a long-time distinguished senior intelligence official, Kolt left a lasting imprint on the intelligence community as a mentor to numerous younger analysts, many of whom have reached positions of prominence in their service. To read a synopsis of the book or to purchase a copy, please click [here](#).



PUBLICATIONS

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

Senior Adviser Steven Pifer published a commentary, "[It's Time for Ukraine to get Started](#)," in the *International Herald Tribune* on January 24.

Director and Senior Fellow Andrew Kuchins published an article, "[Putinism Without Putin](#)," in *SAISPHERE 2007*, December 2007.

Andrew Kuchins published an article, "[The Art of Reading Russia's Future](#)," in the *Moscow Times* on December 21.

Andrew Kuchins published an article, "[Unpredictable Russia](#)," in *Vedomosti*. The article is available in Russian.

Adjunct Fellow Alexandros Petersen published an article on December 13 titled, "EU Must Cut Out its Energy Middle Man," which was published by *EuropeanVoice.com* and is available [here](#).

Andrew Kuchins and Research Associate Amy Beavin published an article, “Economic Risk and the Prospects for Foreign Companies in Russia,” in *Russia Business Watch*, Vol. 15 No. 2.

Director and Senior Fellow Andrew Kuchins published an article in BBC Russia on November 30 titled, “Why Washington is Interested in the Elections in Russia.” The article is available [here](#) in Russian.

MEDIA

You can view the complete list of links by going to the program’s [Media](#) page.

Director and Senior Fellow Andrew Kuchins was quoted in a January 28 article, “[Russia Sidelined in U.S. Campaign](#),” in the *Moscow Times*.

Adjunct Fellow Alexandros Petersen was quoted in a January 25 article in the *Washington Times*, “[Serbian Deal to Give Gazprom Further Control](#).”

Senior Fellow Sarah E. Mendelson was quoted in a January 18 article in the *Washington Times*, “[Bush Meeting with Kissinger, Primakov](#).”

Senior Adviser Steven Pifer was quoted in a RFE/RL article, “[Russia: Cold War Lite](#),” on December 26.

Sarah E. Mendelson was quoted by the *Wall Street Journal Online* in a December 17 article, “[Premiere Event](#),” on the future of Russian politics.

Andrew Kuchins was quoted by *Forbes Magazine* in an article, “[Putin Names a Successor](#),” on December 11.

Sarah E. Mendelson was interviewed on BBC World Service on December 5 to discuss Russian foreign policy. To listen, please click [here](#).

Sarah E. Mendelson appeared on BBC’s *Newshour* on December 2 to discuss Russia’s parliamentary elections and what the Western reaction should be. To listen, please click [here](#).

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