

Annual report 2009

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Dear friends and colleagues,

In September, we celebrated our second anniversary. In its first two years, ISDP has grown and developed into a modern policy-oriented think tank that is bridging gaps between policy and research; it is offering fresh crossfield analysis of current events in East and Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Eastern European neighborhood. Our original two publication lines have been extended to the current six. These are Asia Papers, Silk Road Papers, Stockholm Papers, Policy Papers, Books, ISDP Policy Briefs. In addition to this our initiatives on China, Korea, and Turkey and have become an integral part of our organizational structure.

Our latest publication series, ISDP Policy Briefs, aims to provide information to policymakers and practitioners about key issues in a more concise, timely, and accessible manner; and add to debates about world regions that ISDP focuses on. ISDP Policy Briefs are a welcome and useful addition to our existing series of papers.

An important accomplishment in 2009 was the June release of the book The Guns of August 2008 (M.E. Sharpe), which provides coverage of the roots, course of events and implications of the Georgia-Russia war of August 2008. The book brings together a group of European, American, Russian and Georgian experts with particular expertise on the South Caucasus region and Russian foreign policy. ISDP and its Silk Road Studies Program is proud to have worked with such an experienced group of authors. The book has been quoted in outlets worldwide, including in the recently released EU-sponsored report on the conflict in Georgia.

Furthermore, we have continued to develop the China Initiative and cultivate relations with our local partners. On July 14th, 2009, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between ISDP and the PLA Academy of Military Sciences (AMS) in Beijing, further strengthening our existing longterm cooperation, and emphasizing both sides' commitment to further continuation of our joint projects and initiatives. ISDP receives four AMS scholars annually and ISDP scholars also have access to AMS researchers and premises.

The Asia Program has been also deepening its research on Myanmar. Three Asia papers on Myanmar were published in the second half of 2009, two by Winston Set Aung of the Asia Development Research Institute (ADRI) in Yangon, Myanmar, who also was a guest researcher at ISDP in fall 2009. In addition, three Policy Briefs on the latest devlopments in Myanmar were published at the end of the year.

Finally, the Asia Program has also launched two new initiatives revolving around the publication of a weekly Korean Newsletter and a weekly People's Liberation Army (PLA) Newsletter. Both of these summarize news briefs and also provide uptodate analysis of the situation on the Korean Peninsula and recent updates within the PLA.

ISDP acknowledges and appreciates all the supprort it received in 2009 and is looking forward to working together with its friends and partners in the upcoming year.



Conferences

ISDP organizes conferences and workshops that are well attended by policy makers, researchers, diplomats and members of the educated public.

May 5 - 6

International Conference on "Eastern Partnership: Towards Civil Society Forum" in Prague, an official sideevent of the Czech EU Presidency under the auspices of H. E. Mirek Topolánek, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic. The conference was organized by the Association for International Affairs (AMO), Czech Republic, in cooperation with ISDP.

May 6-7

Conference on "Sino-Russian Relations in Central Asia and Beyond" at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University. The conference was funded by the (Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation).

May 11

Seminar on "Strengthening National Minority Integration: The Baltic Experience," organized by ISDP in cooperation with the Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS) in Tbilisi, Georgia.

May 13

Seminar on "Strengthening National Integration in Georgia: Avenues for Competence and Confidence Building on Minority Issues", organized by ISDP in cooperation with GFSIS in Marneuli, Georgia.

May 18

Conference on "Drug Crime Related to the Economic Crisis in the Baltic Sea Region" with Jonas Hartelius, Andrejs Vilks, Hans Ihrman, and Torgny Pettersson at Stockholm City Hall. The conference was jointly organized by ISDP and the European Cities Against Drugs (ECAD).

JUNE 18

Seminar on "Ethnic Minorities in Georgia: Main Challenges", organized by ISDP in cooperation with GFSIS in Tbilisi, Georgia.

July 15 – 17

International Symposium on "Impact of the Economic Crisis on international Strategic Configuration" held in Beijing, China. This symposium was jointly organized by the PLA AMS and ISDP.





OCTOBER 15 – 16

Conference on "Energy, Environment and the Future of Security in Central Asia – Understanding the Security Implications of Critical Energy and Environment Issues". The conference was held in Rome, Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Strategic Intelligence and Security Studies of Link Campus University of Malta, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the U.S. Department of Energy.

November 5

Conference on "Still Headed West? Turkish Foreign Policy in Transition", organized by the Silk Road Studies Program, ISDP in Stockholm.

November 14 – 15

Conference on "Preparatory meeting for the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum" in Brussels. The meeting was co-organized by the Association for International Affairs (AMO), Prague, the European Partnership for Democracy, Brussels, the East European Democratic Centre, Warsaw, and ISDP.



DECEMBER 6

Conference on "Sino-Japanese Relations: Rival or Partner for Regional Cooperation" in Tokyo, Japan. The conference was organized jointly by ISDP and Keio University, Tokyo, and was funded by a grant from the Folke Bernadotte Academy.

Guest Researchers and Fellows

We regularly welcome distinguished academics and prominent practitioners in order to enrich our research environment.

JANUARY - APRIL

Dr. Xu Qiyu, a senior research fellow from the Institute for Strategic Studies of the National Defense University, Beijing, was a guest researcher at ISDP. During his stay, Dr. Xu worked on an Asia Paper entitled "Managing uncertainties – Sino-EU cooperation in international security".

JANUARY

Dr. Sébastian Peyrouse and Dr. Marlène Laruelle started a year stay at ISDP. Dr. Laruelle is a Senior Research Fellow at the Central Asia and Caucasus Institute at SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C. and a Tenured Associate Fellow at the Post-Soviet Studies Department at the Institute of Political Studies (IEP), Paris and at the Center for Russian, Caucasian and EastEuropean Studies at the School of Advanced Social Sciences Studies (EHESS), Paris. Dr. Peyrouse is a Senior Research Fellow at the Central Asia and Caucasus Institute at SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C. and an Associated Scholar, Institute for International and Strategic Relations (IRIS), Paris. At ISDP they are conducting research on Sino-Central Asian relations. Their stay is funded by a grant from the Swedish Foundation for Higher Education and International Cooperation (STINT).

February – March

Senior Colonel Zhao Xiaozhuo was a guest researcher at ISDP. He is a research fellow at the Department of World Military Studies of PLA AMS, Beijing. At ISDP his research focused on strategic management of armed forces in developed countries.



FEBRUARY - MARCH

Colonel Zhao Dexi was a guest researcher at ISDP. He is a research fellow at the Department of War Theories and Strategic Studies of the PLA AMS, Beijing. His fields of interest include national security strategy and military strategy. During his stay at ISDP he worked on his report on "Integrating Process and Collective Defense of the European Countries".

March 3-6

Dr. Plamen Pantev, the founder and director of the Institute for Security and International Studies (ISIS) and professor at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridsky" in Bulgaria, visited ISDP.

APRIL - MAY

Prof. George T. Yu, Professor Emeritus of Political Science from the Department of Political Science, University of Illinois was a guest researcher at ISDP. Prof. Yu's research focus is on China's involvement in developing countries, especially Africa.

August - October

Ms. Li Xin started a three-month fellowship at the ISDP this August as a guest researcher. She is currently Deputy Director for International Exchanges at the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR). Apart from conducting interviews and attending conferences on various topics, Ms. Li Xin is conducting research mainly focusing on the study of China's image, as well as the intertwined relationship between China's soft power and the perceptions of the outside world.

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

Mr. Winston Set Aung started a three-month research project with the ISDP in October as a guest researcher. He is a Founder and Director of ADRI and also a Founder and Executive Director of the Asia Language and Business Academy (ALBA) of Myanmar. He is also a faculty member for the MBA Programme at the Yangon Institute of Economics of Myanmar. Mr. Set Aung is taking part in the ongoing Myanmar project at ISDP and mainly focuses on research related to informal/illegal cross-border economy, including cross-border trade and migration (human trafficking) and their policy implications. His stay was funded with a grant awarded by STINT.

$November\ 2009-February\ 2010$

Major Lu Yin, a research fellow from the Institute for Strategic Studies of the National Defense University, Beijing was a guest researcher at ISDP. Her main research area focuses on arms control, disarmament, nonproliferation and regional security issues. During her stay, Major Lu Yin was working on her project "Challenges of non-proliferation in Northeast Asia and its way out".

November 2009 - November 2010

Ms. Lili Di Puppo started her one year stay at ISDP as a Black Sea Region Fellow. Lili Di Puppo is a PhD candidate at the European Viadrina University in Frankfurt/Oder, Germany. Her main research interests are in the fields of corruption and anti-corruption research, transformation in post-communist countries and the EU's foreign and security policy. At ISDP she is conducting research on Georgia and the European Union's policy towards the Black Sea region.

Events

ISDP regularly organizes Asia and Silk Road Forums: open seminars for policy-makers, researchers, foreign representatives, journalists, and students in Sweden.

JANUARY - APRIL

Delegations from China, Iran, Japan, DPRK, and South Korea visited the institute.

FEBRUARY 6

Asia Forum on "Hints of a Wider Global Financial Crisis in Northeast Asia: China, Japan, and South Korea: What are their responses?" with Mr. Takaoka Nozomu, Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in Sweden, Mr. Choi Hyungsuk, First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Sweden, and Mrs. Zhou Lu Lu, Second Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Sweden.

March 2

Silk Road Forum on "Where is Turkey Headed?" with Dr. Binnaz Toprak, Dr. Haluk Sahin, Mr. Gareth Jenkins and Dr. Svante E. Cornell.

March 10

Silk Road Forum on "EU-Russian energy relations: Can Europe free itself from Russian assertiveness?" with Mr. Fredrik Erixon, Director of the European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE).

March 12

Asia Forum in cooperation with the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, on "What About China in Africa? A debate revisited" with Dr. Henning Melber, Executive Director for the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, Uppsala.

March 17

Seminar in Javakheti, Georgia on "Strengthening National Integration in Georgia", in cooperation with the Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS).

March 27

Seminar on "U.S. Military Strategic Management and its Implications", and "Study on the European Defense Integration" with Sr. Col. Zhao Xiaozhuo and Col Zhao Dexi, PLA AMS.

APRIL 7

Asia Forum on "Luxury or Necessity? EU-China Cooperation in International Security" with Dr. Xu Qiyu from the Institute for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, China.

APRIL 14

ISDP Forum on "NATO Enlargement and the Strategic Future of the Alliance" with Dr. Kenneth Moss, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C. The Forum was organized in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy in Stockholm.

APRIL 20

Silk Road Forum on "Challenges and Prospects of Georgian Foreign Policy after the Russia-Georgia War" with H.E. Mr. Grigol Vashadze, Foreign Minister of Georgia.



May 4

Silk Road Forum on "Bulgaria: Foreign Policy Strategies and Soft Power Potential" with Professor Plamen Pantey, Director of ISIS, Sofia, Bulgaria.

May 8

Silk Road Forum on "Turkey's Neighborhood Policy since 2002" with Dr. Suat Kiniklioglu, Deputy Chairman of External Affairs of the ruling Justice and Development Party in Turkey.

May 12

Silk Road Forum on "Dealing with China: Central Asian Perceptions" with Dr. Marlène Laruelle and Dr. Sébastien Peyrouse.

May 13

Asia Forum on "In Touch with Myanmar in the Times of Uncertainty" with Dr. Xiaolin Guo, Senior Research Fellow, ISDP.

May 15

ISDP Forum on "The Opening of the North East Passage: Implications of A Dream Come True" with Staffan Helmfrid, Professor Emeritus of Human Geography, and former president, Stockholm University, Niklas Granholm, Senior Analyst, Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI) and Marlène Laruelle, Senior Research Fellow, ISDP.

May 20

Asia Forum on "China, Africa and Globalization: The China Alternative" with Prof. George T. Yu, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

May 28

Asia Forum on "Perspectives on Sino-African Relations" with Dr. Börje Ljunggren, former Swedish Ambassador to China, Professor Zeng Qiang, Institute of Asian and African Studies (IAAS), CICIR, Dr. Henning Melber, Executive Director, Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, Professor George T. Yu, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois.

June 10

Seminar on "Public Meeting with the New China" with Major General Zha Jinlu, PLA AMS, China. This event was organized in cooperation with Defence and Society in Stockholm.

June 22

Round Table Talk on "Contemporary Russian Corruption" with Professor Yakov Gilinsky, Department of Criminal Law at St Petersburg's Judicial Institute of the Academy, the General Prosecutor's Office of the Russian Federation.

June 30

Forum on "The Transnistrian Conflict and the Role of the European Union for its solution" with Dr. Kálmán Mizsei, EU Special Representative for Moldova.

July 14

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Signing Ceremony between the PLA AMS and the ISDP. The MOU was signed in Beijing, China.

SEPTEMBER 23

Asia Forum on "The EU Soft Power: Does it work in Asia?" with Mr. Alain Ruche, European Commission (EC), Asia Directorate, Brussels.





OCTOBER 7

Asia Forum on "EU-China Relations in Transition: Challenges and Opportunities" with Prof. Xinning Song, Senior Research Fellow at the United Nations University.

OCTOBER 23

Asia Forum on "The Mission of Sino-US Strategic Relations: Coping with the Era of Uncertainty" with Prof. Wang Yiwei, The Center for American Studies, Fudan University in Shanghai.

OCTOBER 26

Asia Forum on "China's Image in Europe: How does Europe see us and why?" with Li Xin, CICIR, Beijing.

November 5

Roundtable on "Security Issues in Central Asia and the Swedish EU Presidency", in cooperation with the EUCentral Asia Monitoring (EUCAM), the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) and Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior (FRIDE).

NOVEMBER 10

Asia Forum on "Hidden Aspects of the Global Recession and the Emerging Postcrisis Two Asia Divide" with Steven Rosefielde, Professor of Economics at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

November 13

Asia Forum on "What sanctions do in Myanmar/Burma? A view from different perspectives" with Winston Set Aung, Founder and the Director of ADRI & Founder and Executive Director of the ALBA in Myanmar/Burma.

DECEMBER 3

Asia Forum on "Rise of India: Strategies and Roles" with Prof. P.V. Rao, Director of the Centre for Indian Ocean Studies at Osmania University, India.

DECEMBER 18

Asia Forum on "Humanitarian assessment of Myanmar's agricultural economy: current conditions" with Debbie Taylor, Country Director at International Development Enterprises (Myanmar) and a consultant to the United Nations Development Program and the World Bank.



Activities

In addition to organizing events, staff at the Institute participate in events organized by other research and policy institutes and universities, such as workshops and conferences.

JANUARY

Anna Jonsson was appointed Associate Senior Lecturer at Örebro University.

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Anna Jonsson was appointed member of the International Academic Committee for the ICCEES VIII World Congress 2010.

JANUARY

Niklas Swanström visited China to discuss further cooperation between ISDP and its partners.

JANUARY 18

Johanna Popjanevski travelled to Tbilisi, Georgia to plan for ISDP's upcoming project activities in Georgia.

January 21 - April 25

Svante Cornell taught courses "Caucasus", "Turkey and the Turkic world" at John Hopkins University, The Central AsiaCaucasus Institute (CACI).

JANUARY 22

Major General Karlis Neretnieks gave a lecture on "Chinese security policy" at "Nya Sällskapet".

JANUARY 26 – 28

Svante Cornell visited Georgia together with a Swedish delegation.

JANUARY 29

Svante Cornell gave a speech at the Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies (SEIPS) in Stockholm on Foreign Policy of the New US Administration.

February 4

ISDP signed a MOU with the Center for EU Studies of the Republic of Korea. ISDP was represented by its Director, Dr. Niklas Swanström, and Prof. Woosik Moon represented the Center for EU Studies.

February 16 - 19

Niklas Swanström and Martina Klimesova taught an intensive course "Understanding Negotiation: skills and practices" at Trento University in Italy.

February 25 - 26

Svante Cornell took part in a steering committee meeting for the Eastern Partnership Initiative in Prague, Czech Republic.

February 27

Marlène Laruelle gave two lectures, one on "Russian Nationalism", one on "Current Central Asia", at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Department of PostSoviet Studies.

February 27

Svante Cornell was a part of a dissertation committee at Södertörn University College/Stockholm University.

February 27 - 28

Sébastien Peyrouse participated as an expert at the workshop of the European Union-Central Asia Monitoring Group, Brussels.

March

Niklas Swanström spent a month in Washington, D.C. discussing cooperation between ISDP and other institutes.

March 2

Svante Cornell moderated a Silk Road Forum "Where is Turkey Heading?".

March 2-3

Sébastien Peyrouse gave a lecture on "EU business relations with Central Asia" at the conference "Promoting Regional Cooperation and Development in Central Asia", organized by the Wolfensohn Centre for Development, Brookings Institution, the Carnegie Endowment, and CEPS and FRIDE, Brussels.

March 2-3

Walter Kegö gave a presentation "Present Condition of Organized Crime Connected with Illegal Drugs" at the conference "Global Crisis" in Riga, Latvia. The conference was organized by the Baltic Security Society, Society of Criminology Latvia, and the Baltic International Academy.

March 3

Xiaolin Guo held a presentation on "Political Development in Myanmar/Burma" at SIDA.

March 11 – 12

Nicklas Norling gave a talk at the a conference on "Regional Security for Afghanistan's Neighborhood: How Effective is the Struggle against Terrorism?" in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The conference was organized by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in cooperation with the Institute for World Economy and Policy under the First President of Kazakhstan Foundation.

March 17

Johanna Popjanevski supervised a seminar on "Georgian security and economics" in Akhalkalaki (Javakheti), Georgia. The seminar was part of the project "Strengthening National Integration in Georgia: Avenues for Competence and Confidence Building on Minority Issues", carried out in cooperation with the GFSIS and funded by the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

March 17 - 19

Marlène Laruelle gave a lecture on "Academia and the Rewriting of National Identity in Central Asia", at the International Conference on "Central Eurasian Studies: Past, Present and Future", Maltepe University, Istanbul.

March 17 - 19

Sébastien Peyrouse gave a lecture on "The Chinese Presence and its Social Reception in Central Asia", at the International Conference on "Central Eurasian Studies: Past, Present and Future", Maltepe University, Istanbul.



March 19

Ingolf Kiesow held a lecture at a colloquium memorial event on the occasion of establishing a PhD course at the National Defense Academy of Japan about "Threats to Korean Unification".

MARCH 23

Ingolf Kiesow held a lecture about "Aspects of Korean Unification" at the Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University.

March 24

Ingolf Kiesow held a lecture about "Structures Drifting Apart: Threats to Korean Unification" at the Institute for Unification Studies, Seoul National University.

March 24 - April 3

Xiaolin Guo visited Myanmar.

March 25

Ingolf Kiesow talked about "North-South Problems on the Korean Peninsula" at a seminar at the Graduate School of Area Studies, Yonsei University, Seoul.

March 25

Marlène Laruelle gave a lecture on "Central Asia between Russia and China: Local Strategies and Perspectives on the New 'Great Game', Department of South and Central Asian Studies, Stockholm University.

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Sébastien Peyrouse gave a lecture on "Central Asia between Russia and China: Local Strategies and Perspectives on the New 'Great Game', Department of South and Central Asian Studies, Stockholm University.

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Karlis Neretnieks gave a lecture on "Chinese Security Policy for Investors" at the annual meeting of the investment fund "Asia growth Investors".

March 26

Ingolf Kiesow visited the Institute for Far Eastern Studies, Kyungnam University, Seoul.

March 27

Svante Cornell held a speech at Heritage Foundation event Washington, D.C. on "Special Report by the Russian and Eurasian Policy Project: A Realistic Agenda for the Obama Presidency".

March 30

Niklas Nilsson spoke at the seminar "The Economics, Business, Politics and Great Wines of Georgia", at the Stockholm School of Economics. The seminar was organized by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics in collaboration with East Capital and the Georgian Embassy in Stockholm.

March 30

Karlis Neretnieks chaired a meeting on "Iranian security policy" at the Lennart Meri Conference on International Security, held in Tallinn.

APRIL 17

Marlène Laruelle gave a lecture on "The 'Patriotic' Brand: Politics and Social Consensus in Contemporary Russia", at the Aleksanteri Institute, Helsinki University.

April 20 - 22

Bert Edström participated in the conference "Present and Future Security Environment in North-East and Central Asia: Ulanbataar-New Helsinki" in Ulanbataar, Mongolia. The Conference was co-organized by the Institute for Strategic Studies of Mongolia, Ulanbataar, and the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies.

APRIL 28 - MAY 6

Niklas Swanström visited PLA AMS, CICIR, and other institutions in Beijing.

APRIL 28

Svante Cornell lectured on "Islam and democracy" at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala university.

APRIL 29, MAY 12

Sébastien Peyrouse and Marlène Laruelle held a presentation on "Central Asia Strategies for dealing with China" at CACI, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C., (April 29, 2009) and ISDP, Stockholm (May 12, 2009).

May 5 - 6

Svante Cornell and Károly Benes participated in the international conference. "Eastern Partnership: Towards Civil Society Forum" in Prague, organized by the AMO and co-organized – among others by ISDP. Dr. Cornell chaired Panel B on "Resolving Conflicts: Pre-Condition for Development in other Areas?".

May 6-7

Marlène Laruelle presented on "Eurasianism, China and the Imperial Issue in Russia: Looking toward the East?" at the conference "Sino-Russian Relations in Central Asia and Beyond," SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.

May 6 - 7

Sébastien Peyrouse presented on "Sinophobia and Sinophilia in Central Asia" at the conference "Sino-Russian Relations in Central Asia and Beyond," SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.

May 6 - 8

Niklas Swanström and Robert Bedeski organized a conference on "Sino-Russian Relations in Central Asia and Beyond" at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University. The conference was organized in cooperation with the China and Eurasia Forum and was financed by the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation.

May 7 - 8

Marlène Laruelle presented on "The Structure of the Chinese Involvement in Central Asia" at the conference "Strategic Assessment of the Caspian Sea Basin Region", Brookings Energy Security Initiative and National Committee on American Foreign Policy, Brookings Institute, Washington, D.C.



May 7 - 8

Sébastien Peyrouse presented on "Central Asian Perceptions of China" at the conference "Strategic Assessment of the Caspian Sea Basin Region", Brookings, Energy Security Initiative and National Committee On American Foreign Policy, Brookings Institute, Washington, D.C.

May 8

Major General Karlis Neretnieks participated in an Advisory Board Meeting, at the Geneva Institute for the Democratisation of Armed Forces (DCAF), Geneva.

May 8

Svante Cornell chaired the Silk Road Forum on Turkey with Dr. Suat Kiniklioglu, Deputy Chairman of External Affairs of the ruling Justice and Development Party in Turkey.

May 8 - 9

Niklas Swanström participated in the "Stockholm China Forum" organized by the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the German Marshall Fund of the US (GMF), STINT and the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation.

May 11

Svante Cornell spoke at a seminar on Georgia at the Olof Palme Center, Stockholm.

May 13

Xiaolin Guo gave a presentation at ISDP entitled "In Touch with Myanmar in the Times of Uncertainty".

May 14

Svante Cornell participated in a brainstorming session on the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict at the European Policy Center, Brussels.

May 15

Marlène Laruelle made a presentation on "The 'Ice Cold War': Russia's Arctic Dream And Its Geostrategic Implications" at the ISDP Forum "The Opening of the North East Passage: Implications of A Dream Come True".

May 28 - 31

Marlène Laruelle presented on "Working on Russian Nationalism: methodological issues, ideological stakes and personal experiences, Russian Field", at the international conference "Russian Field: A View from Abroad", organized by the Centre for Independent Social Research and Laboratorium. Russian Review of Social Research, St. Petersburg.

May 18

Svante Cornell spoke on the Azerbaijan-Armenia conflict at a seminar at the House of Commons, London.

May 23

Svante Cornell took part in a discussion on Azerbaijan at the World Bank, Washington, D.C.

May 25

Johanna Popjanevski co-organized (with the Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies) an ISDP seminar in Tbilisi, Georgia, on "Strengthening National Minority Integration: The Baltic Experience". Guest speaker at the seminar were Mr. Nils Muiznieks , former Minister of Social Integration of Latvia. The seminar was part of the project "Strengthening National Integration in Georgia : Avenues for Competence and Confidence Building on Minority Issues", funded by the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs Department for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EC).

May 26

Károly Benes participated in a conference on "European Neighbourhood Policy, Eastern Partnership – a tool for democratic and economic stability" in Stockholm, organized by the European Commission Representation.

May 27

Svante Cornell spoke on the Turkish policy toward the Caucasus at a conference on "Turkey and Turkish Foreign Policy" at Lund University.

JUNE - SEPTEMBER

Martina Klimesova was a Visiting Research Associate at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore. During her stay she conducted field research in Manila, Mindanao, Aceh, Jakarta, and Sri Lanka for her doctoral dissertation entitled Using Carrots to Bring Peace? Negotiation and Third Party Involvement. She met with policy makers, participants of the negotiation processes, researchers, and development specialists in the respected regions. The stay was funded by travel grants from the Swedish School for Advanced Asia Pacific StudiesSTINT (SSAPS-STINT) and the Helge Ax:son Johnsons Foundation.

June 4 – 5

Bert Edström participated in a workshop on "Japan-EU Action Plan" organized by the European Japan Advanced Research Network (EJARN), Stockholm School of Economics, and was a discussant of Patricia Nelson's paper "Asset Management in Japan compared to the EU and the Potential for Tokyo to be a Key Financial Hub in Asia."

June 5

Ambassador Ingolf Kiesow lectured at Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SEB) Merchant Banking about "Northeast Asia: New and Old Risks in Transformation.".

June 10

Major General Karlis Neretnieks chaired a seminar on "Chinese Security Policy" arranged by Defence and Society and the ISDP in Stockholm. Its main presenter was Major General Zha Jinlu, PLA AMS.

June 17

Johanna Popjanevski co-organized (with the GFSIS) an ISDP seminar in Tbilisi, Georgia, on "Ethnic Minorities in Georgia: Main Challenges". The guest speaker at the seminar was Mr. Mamuka Komakhia, expert on minority issues in Georgia. The seminar was part of the project "Strengthening National Integration in Georgia Avenues for Competence and Confidence Building on Minority Issues", funded by the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs EC.



June 18 - July 15

Johanna Popjanevski conducted research in Georgia for a report on Swedish development cooperation in Abkhazia and South Ossetia for the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. During her stay in Georgia, Ms. Popjanevski travelled to Abkhazia to meet with the secessionist leadership and local NGOs.

June 30 - July 5

Károly Benes participated in the 2nd International Black Sea Symposium in Kalymnos, Greece, organized by the International Centre for Black Sea Studies, Athens.

July 1

Svante Cornell presented The Guns of August 2008 and discussed the Russian-Georgian conflict at Maison d'Europe, Paris.

July 7

Svante Cornell presented The Guns of August 2008 and discussed the Russian-Georgian conflict at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, London.

July 9

Svante Cornell participated in a conference celebrating the 90th anniversary of Azerbaijan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and chaired a panel on regional security issues.

July 10 - 12

Marlène Laruelle gave a presention on "Kazakhstan, the new migration crossroads in Central Asia" at a conference on "National Identity in Eurasia II: Migrancy & Diaspora", Wolfson College, Oxford University.

July 10-12

Sébastien Peyrouse presented "The Repatriation Issue of Russians from Central Asia: Migratory Flows and the Russophonia Question" at a conference on "National Identity in Eurasia II: Migrancy & Diaspora," Wolfson College, Oxford University.

July 14 – 16

Niklas Swanström, Major General Karlis Neretnieks, and Klas Marklund organized an International Symposium entitled "Impact of the Economic Crisis on International Strategic Configuration" held in Beijing, China. Major General Neretnieks chaired some of the sessions. The symposium was jointly organized by the PLA AMS and the ISDP.

July 17-19

Marlène Laruelle gave a presentation on "The Afghan issue and the SCO: the Russian point of view" at the 9th Conference of Central Asian & Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Shanghai International Culture Association, Shanghai Center for International Studies and the Center of SCO Studies at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, China.

July 17 - 19

Sébastien Peyrouse presented "The European Union Policy In Central Asia: New Strategies And Old Complexities" at the 9th Conference of Central Asian & Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Shanghai International Culture Association, Shanghai Center for International Studies and the Center of SCO Studies at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, China.

July 17 – 19

Niklas Swanström participated in "The 9th Conference of Central Asian & Shanghai Cooperation" organized by the Center of Shanghai Cooperation Studies, Shanghai, China.

July 30

Martina Klimesova held a lecture on "Negotiating in Deadlock Situations" during a seminar on "Strategic Negotiation and Conflict Management" at the National Defense College of the Philippines in Manila.

August 5

Svante Cornell presented The Guns of August 2008 and discussed Georgia's security challenges at the GFSIS, Tbilisi, Georgia.

August 14 - 19

Alec Forss and Sangsoo Lee visited Eurocity Haparanda-Tornio and the Oulanka National Park in Finland as a part of a peace park project. During the visit, they interviewed Mr. Kari Lahti, Director of the Olanka National Park, and Ruka Palvelu, Executive Manager of the company, to discuss cross-boundary cooperation.

AUGUST 2

Ambassador Ingolf Kiesow lectured at the Swedish Defence College about "Nuclear weapons in Korea".

August 21 - 22

Bert Edström presented a draft version of his paper "Japan and 'the Burma Problem' at the International Workshop on "Dispute Settlement and Conflict Management in Pacific Asia", Department of Oriental Studies, Stockholm University.

August 21 – 22

Bert Edström was a discussant of the paper "Between Domestic Politics and National Interests: The Paradox of Japan's Foreign Policy on China and Korea" by Seung-won Suh and Chung-in Moon presented at the workshop "The Japanese–South Korean Relationship", Stockholm, Sweden, jointly sponsored by the Swedish Institute of International Affairs and the European Institute of Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics.

August 21 - 22

Niklas Swanström was a session discussant and the chair of a session at the Stockholm School of Business, Stockholm University. Additionally, he participated in a workshop on "Dispute Settlement and Conflict Management in Pacific Asia", Department of Oriental Studies, Stockholm University.

SEDTEMBED 3

Svante Cornell spoke on "Turkish Foreign Policy" at a conference organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Berlin.

September 7 – October 3

Xiaolin Guo travelled to China, and researched on cross border trade in Yunnan.

September 9-18

Niklas Swanström visited to Myanmar to initiate research cooperation with ADRI and capacity building and training cooperation with ALBA, Myanmar.



SEPTEMBER 15

Ambassador Ingolf Kiesow held a seminar at the Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul National University, about "Security and Confidence in Korea".

SEPTEMBER 15

Ambassador Ingolf Kiesow held a seminar at Korea Institute for Defence Analysis about "Confidence Building Measures".

SEPTEMBER 16

Ambassador Ingolf Kiesow held a lecture at the Hankuk University, Seoul, about "Is Confidence Possible in inter -Korean and Chinese-Taiwanese relations?".

September 16

Walter Kegö spoke at a conference on "Security Consolidation Problems under the Finance Crisis". The conference was organized by Riga University and the Faculty of Law in Riga, Latvia.

SEPTEMBER 18

Walter Kegö spoke at a seminar "The Eastern Partnership – Opportunities and Challenges for Enhanced Cooperation between the EU and the Eastern Neighbors". The seminar was organized by the Swedish embassy in Vilnius, Lithuania.

SEPTEMBER 24

Svante Cornell lectured to the Swedish Atlantic Committee on security issues in Georgia and the Caucasus.

SEPTEMBER 24

Johanna Popjanevski participated in a conference on "Czech Presidency in the Context of Cooperation of the French-Czech-Swedish Trio: Challenges and Opportunities" organized by AMO in Prague. Ms. Popjanevski spoke on the role of the Eastern Partnership initiative within the context of the European Neighborhood Policy.

September 29

Svante Cornell participated in a research workshop at the Center for European Studies, Brussels.

SEPTEMBER 30

Major General Karlis Neretnieks gave a presentation on "Chinese Security Policy – Today and Tomorrow" at the Rotary Club in Stockholm.

October 7

Marlène Laruelle gave a lecture on "Political and Geopolitical Stakes of the Sino-Central-Asian Relations" at the Center for Central Asia Studies at Kashmir University, Srinagar.

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Sebastian Peyrouse gave a lecture on "Political and Geopolitical Stakes of the Sino-Central-Asian Relations" at the Center for Central Asia Studies at Kashmir University, Srinagar.

OCTOBER 12

Marlène Laruelle gave a lecture on "The Chinese Economic Presence in Central Asia. Sinophobia and Sinophilia among Central Asian Elites" at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute for Asian Studies in Kolkata.

OCTOBER 12

Sebastian Peyrouse gave a lecture on "The Chinese Economic Presence in Central Asia. Sinophobia and Sinophilia among Central Asian Elites" at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute for Asian Studies in Kolkata.

OKTOBER 14

Walter Kegö participated and held a presentation at a conference "Missbruk och beroende" (Abuse and Addiction) at Uppsala University.

OCTOBER 14 - 15

Marlène Laruelle held a presentation on "The Indian Economic Presence in Central Asia" at the international conference "Central Asia, the New 'Great Game' between the Emerging Powers of China and India", Delhi, organized by the French Institute for Central Asian Studies (Tashkent), the French Center for the Study of Contemporary China (Hong-Kong), and the French Center for Human Sciences (Delhi).

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Sebastian Peyrouse held a presentation on "The Chinese Economic Presence in Central Asia" at the international conference on "Central Asia, the New 'Great Game' between the Emerging Powers of China and India", Delhi, organized by the French Institute for Central Asian Studies (Tashkent), the French Center for the Study of Contemporary China (Hong-Kong), and the French Center for Human Sciences (Delhi).

OCTOBER 17 - 18

Svante Cornell took part in the Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation's Roundtable Conference on the Eastern Partnership in Visby.

OCTOBER 21

Marlène Laruelle gave a lecture on "Central Asia between Russia and China: Local Strategies and Perspectives on the new 'Great Game" at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses in Delhi.

OCTOBER 21

Sebastian Peyrouse gave a lecture on "Central Asia between Russia and China: Local Strategies and Perspectives on the new 'Great Game'" at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses in Delhi.

Остовек 20 – 22

Svante Cornell conducted research in Ankara, Turkey, including meetings in the Turkish parliament.

OCTOBER 23

Svante Cornell took part in a workshop on Nontraditional security threats in the South Caucasus in Istanbul, Turkey.

OCTOBER 26 – 27

Svante Cornell met with think tanks in Tel Aviv, Israel.

October 27

Marlène Laruelle gave a lecture on "Central Asia Strategies for dealing with China" at the Center for Central Eurasian Studies at Mumbai University.



OCTOBER 27

Sebastian Peyrouse gave a lecture on "Central Asia Strategies for dealing with China" at the Center for Central Eurasian Studies at Mumbai University.

OCTOBER 28

Marlène Laruelle gave a lecture on "The Shanghai Cooperation Organization: Successes and Challenges" at the Nehru Center, Mumbai.

OCTOBER 28

Sebastian Peyrouse gave a lecture on "The Shanghai Cooperation Organization: Successes and Challenges" at the Nehru Center in Mumbai.

OCTOBER 28 - 30

Xiaolin Guo attended and delivered a paper entitled: "Boom on the Way from Ruili to Mandalay" at the Workshop and Forum (Washington D.C.): Myanmar/ Burma: Outside Interests, Inside Challenges sponsored by Konrad Adenauer Foundation USA, Henry Luce Foundation, CNA, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Relations at Johns Hopkins University, Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution.

November 1-2

Sangsoo Lee participated in a conference on "The 8th of Sun Tzu Art of War and Northeast Asia" in Beijing, China. The Conference was organized by the China Research Society of Sun Tzu's Art of War (CRSSTAW).

November 5

Svante Cornell chaired an ISDP conference on Turkish foreign policy "Still Headed West? Turkish Foreign Policy in Transition" in Stockholm

November 6

Niklas Swanström, Svante Cornell, Marlene Laruelle, Sebastien Peyrouse, and Frederick Starr participated in a conference on "Creating a knowledge platform on Central Asia, Turkey and the Caucasus" organized by the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT) in Stockholm.

November 6-7

Marlène Laruelle held a presentation on "Development in Central Asia and the Role of the International Actors" at a conference on "The Development and Security Nexus", the 2009 conference of the Swedish Network of Peace, Conflict and Development Research at Stockholm University.

November 6-7

Sebastian Peyrouse held a presentation on "Rural poverty and the state of the agricultural sector in Central Asia" at "The Development and Security Nexus", the 2009 Conference of the Swedish Network of Peace, Conflict and Development Research" at Stockholm University.

November 10 - 11

Svante Cornell, Niklas Swanström, and Karl Harbo visited Tehran, Iran to participate in a bilateral exchange on security matters.

November 12 - 15

Marlène Laruelle held presentations on "Reassessing Russian Nationalism: Marginality or Mainstream?" and "The Ideology Issue in United Russia: the Structuring of the Think Tank World" at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in Boston.

November 15

Johanna Popjanevski participated in a preparatory meeting for the Eastern Partnership Civil Society forum in Brussels, co-organized by ISDP, European Partnership for Democracy (Belgium), the Association for International Affairs (Czech Republic), and the East European Democratic Center (Poland), and chaired the first panel on Civil Society Forum: Structure and Functioning.

November 16 – 17

Károly Benes participated in a conference on "Eastern Partnership: Civil Society Forum" in Brussels. The Forum was organized by the European Commission, the Swedish EU Presidency and the European Economic and Social Committee.

November 18

Walter Kegö participated in a seminar organized by Society and Defence (Folk och Försvar).

November 23 - 25

Svante Cornell participated in a Wilton Park conference on the South Caucasus, and spoke on the subject of prospects for Euro-Atlantic integration.

November 26

Svante Cornell spoke at the Turkey Institute, The Hague, Netherlands, on Turkish foreign policy.

NOVEMBER 28

Johanna Popjanevski and Lili Di Puppo participated in a roundtable discussion with the Georgian Ministry for Reintegration, international organizations and NGOs, on the development of a Georgian national strategy on Georgia's occupied territories.

DECEMBER 3 – 5

Svante Cornell and Johanna Popjanevski hosted a Georgian delegation including Georgian Vice Prime Minister Temuri Yakobashvili and Deputy Minister for Reintegration David Rakviashvili, for a workshop in Stockholm on the Georgian national strategy on Georgia's occupied territories.

DECEMBER 6

Niklas Swanström and Martina Klimesova participated in a conference on "Sino-Japanese Relations: Rival or Partner for Regional Cooperation" in Tokyo, Japan. Niklas Swanström held a presentation on "Regional structures in NEA: Whiter and what?", Martina Klimesova's presentation was entitled "Moving from crisis management to regional cooperation: clarifying concepts". The conference was co-organized by ISDP and Keio University and was funded by a grant from the Folke Bernadotte Academy.



DECEMBER 7 – 11

Martina Klimesova conducted interviews at the Japanese Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo on Japan's development policy towards Sri Lanka, the Philippines, and Indonesia for her doctoral dissertation Using Carrots to Bring Peace? Negotiation and Third Party Involvement.

DECEMBER 7

Svante Cornell and Johanna Popjanevski held a workshop in Stockholm with legal professors Ove Bring and Per Bergling, as well as Deputy Minister for Reintegration David Rakviashvili and Ms. Tinatin Baum, on the legal aspects of engagement in Georgia's occupied territories.

DECEMBER 11

Johanna Popjanevski participated in a roundtable meeting in Tbilisi with representatives from the Georgian government and the international community regarding the Georgian draft Strategy on Occupied Territories – Engagement through Cooperation.

DECEMBER 12

Johanna Popjanevski participated in a working session with representatives from the Georgian Ministry for Reintegration on amendments to the Georgian draft

Strategy on Occupied Territories – Engagement through Cooperation.

DECEMBER 15 – 16

Walter Kegö participated in a conference "Crime, Police and Justice in the 21st Century", organized by the Swedish Presidency of the EU Council.

DECEMBER **15** – **16**

Károly Benes participated in a round table discussion on "Moving towards EU Integration: Uniting the Efforts of Moldovan and Ukrainian Civil Societies" in Kyiv, Ukraine, where Mr. Benes held a presentation on "Eastern Partnership: Civil Society Engagement" and participated in the following press conference. The round table discussion was organized by the Renaissance Foundation Ukraine, the Soros Foundation Moldova and the Pylyp Orlik Institute for Democracy, Ukraine.



PUBLICATIONS

Books, Silk Road, Asia, Stockholm, and Policy Papers are together with ISDP Policy Briefs the main written output of ISDP research. The Institute's researchers also contribute to the public debate through articles in journals and newspapers.

Books



THE GUNS OF AUGUST 2008

Svante E. Cornell S. Frederick Starr (eds.) New York M.E. Sharpe, June 2009

In the summer of 2008, a conflict that appeared to have begun in the breakaway Georgian territory of South Ossetia rapidly escalated to become the most significant crisis in European security in a decade. The implications of the Russian-Georgian

war will be understood differently depending on one's narrative of what transpired and perspective on the broader context. This book is designed to present the facts about the events of August 2008 along with comprehensive coverage of the background to those events. It brings together a wealth of expertise on the South Caucasus and Russian foreign policy, with contributions by Russian, Georgian, European, and American experts on the region.

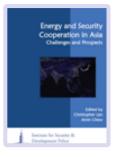


SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA: NEW THREATS AND CHALLENGES IN THE POST-POSTWAR ERA

Bert Edström (ed.) ISDP, June 2009

Since the end of the Cold War, threats to security have been many and varied. New threats coming into focus in the 1990s continued to linger on into the new millennium, overlapping and over layering

traditional threats. Asia is one part of the world where new security threats have risen dramatically in prominence. This book focuses on the increasingly complex security agenda countries are now facing, which has resulted in a new conflict environment in Asia.



ENERGY AND SECURITY COOPERATION IN ASIA: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS

Christopher Len Alvin Chew (eds.) ISDP, July 2009

Asia's remarkable economic growth has resulted in greater energy demand for countries in the region. This edited volume examines the impact of Asia's growing energy

demand and the resulting security implications for the region. The book is divided into three sections. Section one examines the energy and security profiles of the four Asian subregions, namely Southeast, Northeast, Central and South Asia. Section two focuses on the external dimensions of and linkages between the Asian countries energy

and security strategies. It covers the roles of the United States, Russia and Australia in addressing Asia's energy and security challenges, as well as the strategies of China and Japan in securing international energy supplies. Section three looks at multilateral energy and security cooperation in Asia from a number of angles. The topics here include the Energy Charter, nuclear cooperation, sustainable development, regional cooperation in East Asia, and the obstacles and prospects for multilateral energy cooperation in Asia. This publication will be of high relevance to academics, researchers, and policy-makers interested in how Asia's growing energy demand is impacting the region's security landscape.



IN THE NAME OF THE NATION. NATIONALISM AND POLITICS IN CONTEMPORARY RUSSIA

Marlene Laruelle New York: Palgravel MacMillan, 2009

This book deconstructs the equation of nationalism with the extreme right in Russia. Nationalism now extends throughout all of the country and can not be seen as a phenomenon confined to the margins

of society. This study rejects the interpretation that understands Kremlin-backed patriotism as simply part of a fascist trend in Russia and as a rapprochement between the political authorities and the extreme right. A simplistic analysis of such a paradoxical phenomenon addresses neither the basic issue of social consensus nor that of the inherent relationship between national identity and citizenship.



THE MILITARY AND THE STATE IN CENTRAL ASIA: FROM RED ARMY TO INDEPENDENCE

Erica Marat
Routledge, 2009

The military played a pivotal role in the political development, state functions, foreign policy and the daily lives of the people in the Central Asian states from the early twentieth century until the present.

This book is the first major, indepth study of the military institutions in Central Asian states. It examines their hidden story, the different stages of their development from the early twentieth century until the present, and the influence they have had on both state and society. It effectively combines history, sociology of the military and political science and provides deeper insights into how recently formed states function. By concentrating extensively on the military, this book is an important and a timely contribution to a wide range of disciplines including Central Asian, postcolonial state and nation-building studies.



Asia Papers

JAPAN AND THE MYANMAR CONUNDRUM

Bert Edström October, 2009

NO CONFIDENCE IN KOREA: A GLOBAL PROBLEM IN A REGIONAL CONTEXT

Ingolf Kiesow forthcoming

THE CHALLENGES OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN NORTHEAST ASIA: LESSONS FROM THE NORDIC EXPERIENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL

MANAGEMENT

Sangsoo Lee September 2009

TO MANAGE CONFLICT IN SOUTH ASIA: CHINA'S STAKES, PERCEPTIONS AND INPUTS

Zhang Li October, 2009

Indonesia: Development Scenarios 2020 - 2030

Klas Marklund et al. September 2009

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U Mvint December 2009

India and its Neighbors: Development Scenarios 2009–2029

Nicklas Norling September 2009

Managing Uncertainties:

CHINA-EU INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION

September, 2009

THE ROLE OF INFORMAL CROSS-BORDER TRADE IN MYANMAR

Winston Set Aung September, 2009

ILLEGAL HEROES AND VICTIMLESS CRIMES: IN THE COURSE OF Informal Cross-Border Migration from Myanmar

Winston Set Aung December 2009

CHINA, AFRICA, AND GLOBALIZATION: 'THE CHINA ALTERNATIVE'

George T. Yu June 2009

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BETWEEN FACT AND FANTASY: TURKEY'S ERGENEKON INVESTIGATION

Gareth Jenkins August 2009

LABOR MIGRATION IN CENTRAL ASIA: IMPLICATIONS OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS

Erica Marat May 2009

Stockholm Papers

RUSSIA IN A 10-20 YEAR PERSPECTIVE

Anna Jonsson, Fredrik Erixon, Marlene Laruelle October 2009

INSIDE AND AROUND THE KREMLIN'S BLACK BOX: THE NEW NATIONALIST THINK TANKS IN RUSSIA

Marlene Laruelle October 2009

CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION IN NORTHEAST ASIA:

LESSONS FROM THE NORDIC EXPERIENCE

Sangsoo Lee, Alec Forss forthcoming

Policy Papers

How to Strengthen Regional Cooperation?:

THE IMPACT OF ILLICIT DRUGS TRAFFICKING, CORRUPTION AND ORGA-NIZED CRIME AROUND THE BALTIC SEA

Robert Nilsson, Walter Kegö June 2009

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SMART U.S. POLICY' TOWARD MYANMAR/BURMA:

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Xiaolin Guo

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Karl Harbo, Klas Marklund May 2009, No. 4, May 11, 2009

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Ingolf Kiesow No. 6, May 25, 2009

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THE CASE OF SRI LANKA

Martina Klimesova No. 5, May 18, 2009

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Marlene Laruelle

No. 7, June 9, 2009

THE SWEDISH EU PRESIDENCY AND THE GREEN GROWTH STRATEGY: BOOSTING CLEAN ENERGY COOPERATION WITH CHINA

Sangsoo Lee, Yue Xiao No. 9, September 30, 2009

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Sébastien Peyrouse No. 8, September 23, 2009

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MOVING TOWARD WIN-WIN SOLUTIONS

Winston Set Aung No. 12, November 28, 2009



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with contributions by Vladimir Dvorkin, Niklas Granholm, Alexander Koltyukov, Edward N. Luttwak, Karlis Neretnieks, Pi Mingyong, Beomchul Shin, Walter B. Slocombe, Noboru Yamaguchi, Yang Guihua, forthcoming

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Marlene Laruelle

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Sebastien Peyrouse EUCAM Policy Papers, November 2009

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Sebastien Peyrouse EUCAM Policy Papers, October 2009

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Svante E. Cornell, Niklas Nilsson Demokratizatsiya, Vol. 17, No. 3, Summer 2009

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA

Ingolf Kiesov

Chapter 4 in Risk of War on the Korean Peninsula, FOI & ISDP Report, June 2009

THE MILITARIZATION OF THE CASPIAN SEA:

'GREAT GAMES' AND 'SMALL GAMES' OVER THE CASPIAN FLEETS

Marlène Laruelle, Sébastien Peyrouse The China and Eurasia Forum Quarterly, Vol. 7, No. 2 May/June 2009

BEYOND THE AFGHAN TRAUMA: RUSSIA'S RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN

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Niklas Swanström

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Niklas Swanström book review, East Asia, Volume 26, Issue 2, May 3, 2009

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Károly Benes Eastern Partnership Summit in Prague, CACI Analyst, Vol. 11, No. 11, June 3, 2009

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Svante E. Cornell

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Finishing the Job: Russia tightens its grip on Georgia's breakaway regions

Svante E. Cornell

Foreign Policy, July 2, 2009

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Svante E. Cornell

RealClearWorld, September 24, 2009

EU INQUIRY REJECTS RUSSIA'S JUSTIFICATIONS FOR GEORGIA WAR

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EUROPE EXPOSES RUSSIA'S GUILT IN GEORGIA

Svante Cornell

The Wall Street Journal, October 1, 2009

A DAMNING VERDICT ON RUSSIA

Svante Cornell

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Erica Mara

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BAKIYEV WINS NEW GEOPOLITICAL GAME OVER MANAS BASE

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MILITARY AND SECURITY INSTITUTIONS GAIN MORE MILITARY POWER UNDER BAKIEV REGIME

Erica Marat

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Sebastien Peyrouse

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Sebastien Peyrouse

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RUSSIAN PRESSURE AFFECTS UN STANCE ON GEORGIAN CONFLICTS

Johanna Popjanevski

CACI Analyst, Vol. 11 No. 11, June 3, 2009

ISDP in Media

The ISDP staff have been interviewed by and written extensively for both Swedish and international daily media, and have been published regularly in peerreviewed journals. They provide indepth knowledge as well as insightful analysis of contemporary issues affecting wider Asia.

March 1

Niklas Nilsson appeared in ADA Majlis, an Azerbaijani television program produced by the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy.

March 7

Louise Shelley talked about corruption issues on Svenges Radio [Swedish Radio], Program Conflict.

March 27

Svante Cornell was interviewed by a Marketplace for an article on "Solving Afghanistan's drug problem".

APRIL 13

Svante Cornell was interviewed by Trend News for an article "Turkish opposition, Azerbaijani government's tough position prevents opening of border with Armenia: John Hopkins University research director".

APRIL 18

Svante Cornell was interviewed on Karabakh, Turkey and Caucasus by a Turkish Forum.

May 8

Ambassador Ingolf Kiesow was interviewed by TV 4 (Sweden) on the security situation in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

May 26

Niklas Swanström was interviewed on Swedish Television (SVT) program "Gomorron Sverige" [Good Morning Sweden] on the current developments on the Korean Peninsula and the North Korean nuclear test.

June 26

Niklas Swanström was interviewed on Swedish Radio on the situation in Xinjiang, China. The interview was summarized in an Echolot article "Kina avvaktande till uiguriska separatister" [China Awaits Uighur Separatists].

July 6

Niklas Swanström was interviewed by Svenska Dagbladet on current unrest in Xinjiang, China, "Bottnar i rent och skärt missnöje."

JULY 8

Niklas Swanström was interviewed on (SVT) in the programmes "Gomorron Sverige", "Rapport" [Report], and "Aktuellt" on the situation in Xinjiang, China.

July 8

Niklas Swanström was interviewed on SR in "Konflikts Sommarserie" [Summer Series on Conflict] on the situation in Xinjiang, China.

OCTOBER 12

Svante Cornell was interviewed by Newsline – Radio Netherlands Worldwide on the recent developments in Turkish-Armenian relations.

NOVEMBER 1

Svante Cornell was interviewed by News.az: Svante Cornell: The maxim "one nation, two states" lost all practical relevance.

Quotations of the ISDP staff

January 8

Svante Cornell was quoted in a Narodni Obroda (Slovakia) article "Ruského plynu sa EÚ nezbaví. Ani sa veľmi nechce" [Europe will not void the Russian gas. Not that she would intend to do so.].



JANUARY 20

Svante Cornell was quoted in a Global Post article "Gaza strains vital Turkey-Israel relations."

February 21

Niklas Swanström was quoted in a Trend News article "Iran not to join SCO this year."

JANUARY 29

Svante Cornell was quoted in a New York Times Daily article "Putin's Grasp of Energy Drives Russian Agenda."

February 4

Halil M. Karaveli was quoted in a Global Post article "Trial or witch hunt? Ergenekon plot thickens."

March 6

Niklas Swanström was quoted in a Trend News article "Manas is a field for Russia-U.S. dialogue."

March 12

Svante Cornell was quoted in a Rzeczspospolita article (Poland) "Turcja bardzo wa'na dla Obamy" [Turkey very important for Obama].

March 17

Svante Cornell was quoted in a Transitions Online article "Brothers, Neighbors, Rivals."

March 30

Svante Cornell was quoted in Kommersant.

APRIL 6

Svante Cornell was quoted in an analysis "Stakes high in bid to unseat Georgia's Saakashvili" published by Reuters.

APRIL 9

Svante Cornell was quoted in an Asia Times article "The US puts Turkey on center stage."

APRIL 29

Svante Cornell was quoted in a Berlingske Tidende (Denmark) article "Putin's "Frankenstein-scenarie."

May

Niklas Swanström was quoted in David Fullbrook's article "Yes We Khan Ulan Bator" published in Monocle, Vol. 3, No. 24.

May 1

Niklas Swanström was quoted in a Brisbane Times article "Defence plan ruffles China."

May 11

Svante Cornell was quoted in a Reuters Alert Net analysis "Georgia's political stalemate could end in violence."

May 12

Svante Cornell was quoted in the Le Point article "Echec d'une réunion Saakachvili-opposition en Géorgie" [The failure of reunion of Saakachvili opposition in Georgia].

July 7

Niklas Swanström was quoted by TV 4 Nyhetskanal [TV 4 News Channel] (Sweden) on the situation in Xinjiang, China.

SEPTEMBER 22

Johanna Popjanevski was quoted in The Journal of Turkish Weekly article "Washington's Use Of Gabala Radar Station In Azerbaijan Is Not Question Of Near Future: Experts."

September 24

Svante Cornell was quoted in the Rzecz Pospolita (Poland) article "Bazy USA powstaną w Gruzji?" [The U.S. to build bases in Georgia?].

SEPTEMBER 29

Svante Cornell was quoted in a Today.Az (Azerbaijan) article "No progress in Turkish-Armenian relations without Nagorno-Karabakh conflict solution."

SEPTEMBER 30

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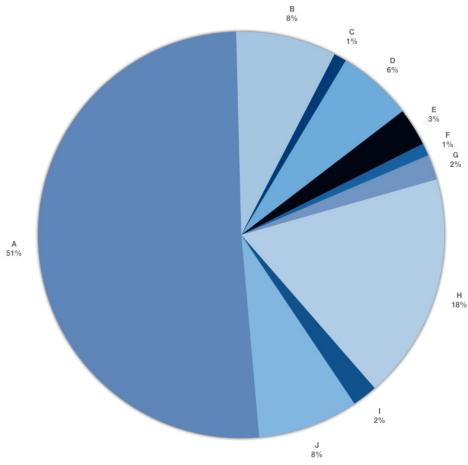
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ISDP is expanding its fields of research through working with distinguished experts as well as providing recent university graduates with the opportunity to gain valuable experience in our internship program.

Ms. Manolya Akin started an internship at ISDP at the beginning of November. She works with Dr. Svante Cornell on Turkey and Turkish politics. Ms. Akin is currently studying towards a MSc in Sustainable Development at Uppsala University. She holds a M.A in European Studies from Bogazici University. Her main interests are European Politics, EU-Turkish Relations, Sustainable Development, and Energy and Environmental Politics.

Mr. KAROLY BENES was appointed coordinator for the Eastern Partnership project.

Mr. OSCAR BERGMAN started a four-month internship at ISDP in September and will be editing a conference book as well as writing on China and the economic crisis. Mr. Bergman holds an MSc in International Economics from the Stockholm School of Economics. His main interests are international economics and Chinese foreign policy.

Mr. Kyle Heatherly worked as an intern at ISDP during the summer of 2009, editing publications and contributing to online content. He now provides research assistance to Dr. Svante Cornell on Turkish politics and is a student at the Department of Eurasian Studies at Uppsala University. Mr. Heatherly has been writing his master's thesis on developments in U.S.-Turkish strategic relations since the beginning of the Iraq War.

Ms. TINA KAVADZE started a five-month internship at ISDP in March 2009. She has a B.A. in International Relations and Politics from the University of Westminster, London. She is the News-Brief Editor of the China and Eurasia Forum. Ms. Kavadze's main interest is security issues in Eastern Europe and more specifically in Caucasus, collaborating with Ms. Johanna Popjanevski and Dr. Svante Cornell on issues related to the RussiaGeorgia relations.

Ms. Paola Lundén was working at ISDP in fall 2009 as an assistant to the Silk Road Program. Ms. Lundén was previously an intern at the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute (CACI) at Johns Hopkins University-SAIS and later worked at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems in Washington, D.C. Her main interests are Russian foreign policy, energy security and politics in Eurasia. In January 2010 Ms. Lundén left ISDP to pursue a Masters degree in Russian and Eurasian Studies at the European University at St. Petersburg.

Mr. Andreas Mälarstedt joined the Institute as a Project Coordinator, and is currently working on the Institute's new web site. Mr. Mälarstedt was previously an intern at Utrikesbloggen and holds an M.A. degree in Political Science from Gothenburg University.

Ms. Irma Nilsson has started working at ISDP as Institute's secretary. Prior to joining ISDP, Ms. Nilsson has worked at different Swedish companies and university institutions.

Mr. Christopher O' Hara started a six-month internship at ISDP this September as an assistant editor and in addition deals with issues concerning Southeast Asia. Mr. O'Hara is currently finishing an M.A. in Development Studies with a focus on Peace and Conflict at Uppsala University. His main interest is in conflict management, focusing specifically on China and Myanmar.

Ms. Sintija Smite was an intern at ISDP from January until June this year, assisting in the implementation of the project "Strengthening National Integration in Georgia." Currently Ms. Smite is finishing a MSc in Political science (Eurasian Studies) from Uppsala University. She holds a B.A. and a M.A. in Sociology from the University of Latvia. Ms. Smite's main research interests are related to the South Caucasus, security and development policy. She has six years experience working for Latvian government institutions and three years experience working for Latvian—Georgian cooperation and research projects.

Ms. Susanne Schaftenaar started an internship at ISDP in spring 2009. She is currently working towards a MSc in Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University. Ms. Schaftenaar holds a BA from Utrecht University, The Netherlands, and has studied at Malmö University, Sweden, and Flinders University, Australia. Her main research interests are conflict prevention, management and resolution, statebuilding, and regime change.

Mr. Anders Schön started a part-time internship at ISDP in February 2009. Mr. Schön is currently finishing a M.A. in Political Science, Södertörn University in Stockholm. At ISDP he assists the staff with different projects concerning security in greater Eurasia. Mr. Schön's main interest is national and international security policy, specifically security issues concerning Russia and its neighboring countries.

Ms. Anna von Wachenfelt started as an intern at ISDP in October as the News-Brief editor of the China Eurasia Forum. She holds an M.A. in International Relations from the University of St. Andrews. Her main interests are Chinese foreign policy, Central Asian Politics, and international economics.

Ms. YUE XIAO started a four-month internship at the ISDP in June. She is coordinating a conference on environmental issues which will be held in February 2010 in Singapore. Ms Xiao is currently finishing an M.A. degree in international relations at Renmin University of China, Beijing. Her main interest are international political economy and sovereign wealth funds.



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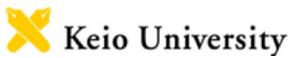


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