

**20 YEARS ON FROM THE END OF THE SOVIET UNION:  
PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE POST-SOVIET SPACE**

Locarno Suite, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH  
*Programme*

09.00 *Arrival and Registration*

09.30 Welcome

Rt Hon Lord David Howell, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
Mark Webber, Head of the School of Government and Society, University of Birmingham  
Brian Brivati, Director, John Smith Memorial Trust

10.00 Keynote Address / The Birmingham Conflict and Security Studies Lecture

*Out of the freezer: time for new approaches to conflict settlement in the post-Soviet region*  
Walter Kemp, Director, Europe and Central Asia, International Peace Institute

10.30 Panel 1: Post-Soviet Conflicts 20 years after the collapse of the Soviet Union: where do we stand?

Chair: Alan Parfitt, Eastern Research Group, FCO

Papers: *The South Caucasus: a new freeze?*

Nina Caspersen (University of Lancaster)

*Beyond the Chechen Independence Struggle: Evaluating the Regional Insurgency in the North Caucasus*

Cerwyn Moore (University of Birmingham)

*From Confidence Building to Conflict Settlement in Moldova?*

Claus Neukirch (OSCE Mission to Moldova)

11.45 *Coffee break*

12.00 Panel 2: Local and regional dynamics of conflict resolution

Chair: Josephine Gauld, Head of South Caucasus Section, Eastern Europe & Central Asia Directorate, FCO

Papers: *The Paradox of Autonomy: Explaining the Linkage between Democratisation and War in the Post-Soviet States*

James Hughes (London School of Economics)

*The 'Frozen Conflicts' in the Eastern Partnership: Russia versus EU or prospect of cooperation?*

Bogdana Depo (EXACT Marie Curie Fellow)

*Why Secession is not a Viable Tool for Conflict-Resolution: The Case of Georgia*

Nino Kemoklidze (NUPI and University of Birmingham)

13.15 *Lunch*

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- 14.15 Panel 3: Limits and prospects of international mediation: ways forward  
Chair: Peter Bateman, Her Majesty's Ambassador-designate to the Republic of Azerbaijan  
Papers: *Civil society and elites: (Mis)matching perspectives on conflict resolution in Nagorno Karabakh*  
Licinia Simao (University of Coimbra)  
*New Approaches to Mediation: Managing the Russian Factor*  
Dennis Sammut (Links-London)  
*The international community and Eurasia's de facto states*  
Nonna Gorilovskaya (University of Edinburgh)
- 15.30 *Coffee*
- 15.45 Panel 4: Opportunities for pan-European security cooperation and conflict resolution in Europe  
Chair: Laurie Bristow, Director, Eastern Europe & Central Asia Directorate, FCO  
Papers: *The EU and conflict resolution in the post-Soviet space*  
Sabine Fischer (EU Institute for Security Studies)  
*Protracted conflicts in the context of evolving Russian-Western relations in Eurasia*  
Oksana Antonenko (International Institute for Strategic Studies, London)  
*Frozen conflicts, frozen Europe? Russian approaches to European security governance*  
Derek Averre (University of Birmingham) & Oscar Pardo (University of Birmingham)
- 17.00 Concluding remarks  
Stefan Wolff, University of Birmingham
- 17.15 *Close*

