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Latest news

[South Sudan's viability requires an honest answer to avert further disaster \(http://theconversation.com/south-sudans-viability-requires-an-honest-answer-to-avert-further-disaster-44368\)](http://theconversation.com/south-sudans-viability-requires-an-honest-answer-to-avert-further-disaster-44368)



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff. South Sudan's independence in 2011, which ended half a century of deadly conflict, was met with much praise. But a descent into civil war has led to dismay and suggests fresh thinking is required.

Friday 10th July 2015

[The dangerous gamble that could spark full-scale conflict in Ukraine \(http://theconversation.com/the-dangerous-gamble-that-could-spark-full-scale-conflict-in-ukraine-44115\)](http://theconversation.com/the-dangerous-gamble-that-could-spark-full-scale-conflict-in-ukraine-44115)



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff and Professor Tatyana Malyarenko (Professor of Public Administration at Donetsk State Management University). Ukraine is giving Russia two options – and neither is likely to end well.

Friday 3rd July 2015

[Day of terror reminds us that extremism must be a problem shared \(https://theconversation.com/day-of-terror-reminds-us-that-extremism-must-be-a-problem-shared-43964\)](https://theconversation.com/day-of-terror-reminds-us-that-extremism-must-be-a-problem-shared-43964)



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff. Attacks in France, Kuwait and Tunisia come against a backdrop of increasing extremist violence across the world.

Monday 29th June 2015

[Blog: The Wedding of the Century: More Evidence of a Soft Exit for Chechnya? \(http://creesbham.blogspot.co.uk/2015/05/the-wedding-of-century-more-evidence-of.html\)](http://creesbham.blogspot.co.uk/2015/05/the-wedding-of-century-more-evidence-of.html)



By Karena Avedissian. In Chechnya, the wedding of a 17-year old girl and a middle-aged policeman has put centre-periphery relations and the growing divergence of regional arrangements in Chechnya and the rest of the Russian Federation in the spotlight.

Friday 22nd May 2015

[Undergraduate Open Days - 26-27 June 2015 \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/events/visit-open-day.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/events/visit-open-day.aspx)



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[Burundi teeters on the brink of civil war following coup attempt \(http://theconversation.com/burundi-teeters-on-the-brink-of-civil-war-following-coup-attempt-41869\)](http://theconversation.com/burundi-teeters-on-the-brink-of-civil-war-following-coup-attempt-41869)



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff. An attempt by the incumbent president to change the constitution and run for a third term has exposed deep and dangerous divisions.

Monday 18th May 2015

[Blog: The Ties that Bind: War, History and Power in and around Today's Russia \(http://creesbham.blogspot.co.uk/2015/05/the-ties-that-bind-war-history-and.html\)](http://creesbham.blogspot.co.uk/2015/05/the-ties-that-bind-war-history-and.html)



By Dr. Kevork Oskanian. It is difficult indeed to overstate the importance of victory day in Russia. In its solemnity, it is as close to a religious festival as any secular event could be. The Soviet Union was adept at filling the void left by its Marxist atheism with ritual and symbolism, and, more than on other days of the contemporary calendar, its imprint was still palpable on May 9th, 2015.

Tuesday 12th May 2015

[Kenya attack: al-Shabaab's violent radicalism can't be tackled by force alone \(http://theconversation.com/kenya-attack-al-shabaabs-violent-radicalism-cant-be-tackled-by-force-alone-39714\)](http://theconversation.com/kenya-attack-al-shabaabs-violent-radicalism-cant-be-tackled-by-force-alone-39714)



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff. The terrorist group al-Shabaab has claimed an attack on Garissa University College in eastern Kenya, in which an unclear number have been killed and many others taken hostage.

Friday 10th April 2015

[He's back – but the power struggle around Vladimir Putin continues behind the scenes \(http://theconversation.com/hes-back-but-the-power-struggle-around-vladimir-putin-continues-behind-the-scenes-38868\)](http://theconversation.com/hes-back-but-the-power-struggle-around-vladimir-putin-continues-behind-the-scenes-38868)



Written by Dr Adrian Campbell. The apparent disappearance of Russian president Vladimir Putin between March 5 and 16 provoked a festival of Kremlinological speculation on a scale not seen since the temporary ousting of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in the abortive coup of 1991.

Thursday 19th March 2015

[Blog: In Crimea, Time for Pressure \(http://creesbham.blogspot.co.uk/2015/03/in-crimea-time-for-pressure.html\)](http://creesbham.blogspot.co.uk/2015/03/in-crimea-time-for-pressure.html)



By Liana Fix - Associate Fellow at the German Council on Foreign Relations and Visiting PhD Researcher at the University of Birmingham. Forgetting about Crimea and the fate of the Crimean Tatars means implicitly acknowledging Russia's claim to the region. Instead, the international community must demonstrate to Russia that its arbitrary interpretation of international law regarding Crimea has long-term consequences. We are not yet in a post-Crimea phase.

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