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Latest research

[The Western Framing of the Armenia-Azerbaijan, Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict: A Factor in Resolving the Conflict, or in its Perpetuation? \(Jan 2014 - Jan 2015\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/crees/2014/western-framing-armenia-azerbaijan-nagorno-karabakh-conflict.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/research/projects/crees/2014/western-framing-armenia-azerbaijan-nagorno-karabakh-conflict.aspx)

The project seeks to provide new first-hand data and insightful analysis into the process by which the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict has been framed through a comparative study of major existing British, American and EU political documents, English-language academic and journalistic works on the conflict, as well as through interviewing relevant EU and other Western policy-makers, British and other Western academics and journalists.

[Security-Democracy Nexus in the Caucasus \(CASCADE\) \(2014-2016\) \(/schools/government-society/research/projects/crees/2014/cascade.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/research/projects/crees/2014/cascade.aspx)

The CASCADE project will: 1. scrutinise Caucasian states and societies for the root causes of conflict and insecurity, 2. conduct synergetic research on democracy and security in the Caucasus, 3. analyse the links between the region and its wider neighbourhood, 4. provide forward-looking analysis on regional security and democratisation processes, and 5. develop a set of proposals on how the EU could enhance its role in the region.

[Rising Powers and Interdependent Futures \(2013-2015\) \(/research/activity/government-society/rising-powers/index.aspx\)](/research/activity/government-society/rising-powers/index.aspx)

This interdisciplinary project aims to map Russia's governance-related influences in the post-Soviet states in the 'common neighbourhood' with the EU.

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