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RUSSIA

Russia's Doing Great. Or Is It?

By Eugene Rumer

As Vladimir Putin approaches the end of his two presidential terms and contemplates the next stage in his career he no doubt takes pride in his accomplishments. These include domestic stability, economic prosperity and enhanced recognition abroad. But a closer look suggests that all is not well in his kingdom.

<http://www.iht.com/>

Russia, Realism and EU Unity

By Katinka Barysch

The Litvinenko murder case is only one of a growing number of disputes between the Kremlin and EU countries. But the EU has been slow to reassess its relations with a more autocratic and assertive Russia. Divisions within the EU have not helped. This CER policy brief suggests that the EU should focus on finding common ground on pressing issues, such as Kosovo, missiles and pipelines.

<http://www.cer.org.uk/>

Putin Has Few Answers For Important Questions

By Pavel K. Baev

Putin dodges succession questions.

<http://jamestown.org/>

EUROPE

The Intersection Between Justice and Home Affairs and the European Neighbourhood Policy: Taking Stock of the Logic, Objectives and Practices

By Nicole Wichmann

This paper deals with the justice and home affairs (JHA) elements of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP).

<http://shop.ceps.eu/>

Nicolas Sarkozy: The Hyperpresident

By Philip H. Gordon

It would be easy to predict the coming implosion of Nicolas Sarkozy's still-new presidency. The French, after all, are notoriously averse to change and have a proven track record of stopping reforms in their tracks...

<http://www.brookings.edu/>

CHINA AND ASIA

Maintaining Communist Rule in China

By Dan Blumenthal

Westerners should not be fooled by talk of the party's talk of democracy. This rhetoric means democracy of, for and by the party.

<http://www.aei.org/>

UNITED STATES

U.S. Floats "Zero Opinion" on Missile Defense in Europe

By Pavel Felgenhauer

Iran key to U.S. missile defense activation.

http://www.jamestown.org/

One Strike, Iran Could Be Out

By Niall Ferguson

Of all the columns I've written for this newspaper over the last couple of years, none has elicited a more heated response than the one published in January 2006 about the Great War of 2007. Indeed, it still gets quoted back at me more than a year and a half later.

http://www.latimes.com/

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