

The Russian-Molokan community in Tbilisi (2008)

Georgia — positive developments despite instability

Despite the problems Georgia faced in 2008, activities to enhance good governance on minorities through support to government institutions as well as the activities in the minority regions of Georgia in the Samtskhe-Javakheti and Kvemo Kartli were continued.

The “Denmark’s Caucasus Programme 2005-07”, extended until June 2008, and dealing with government structures was successfully concluded.

Also the programme entitled “Enhancing Minority Governance and Enhancing Civil Society in Minority Regions of Georgia 2007” funded by the Royal Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs (also extended until June 2008) was concluded. This programme has been supporting capacity building of regional national minority organizations, in the predominantly Armenian region of Javakheti (part of the Samtskhe-Javakheti province) and the multiethnic region of Kvemo Kartli, with emphasis on the Tsalka district inhabited by Armenians, Georgians, Azeris and Greeks. A follow-on project in 2009, aiming at making sustainable the two established networks of civil society stakeholders, the

Javakheti Citizens’ Forum (JCF) and the Tsalka Citizens’ Forum (TCF) will aim at phasing out ECMI’s direct engagement with JCF. ECMI will continue to support JCF financially, but without the active involvement as in previous years, while it is envisaged that JCF — with its developed organizational structures and administrative capacity — will be able to secure funding from other donors from 2010 and beyond. TCF, which started its consolidation later, is also on its way towards sustainability. It is envisaged that TCF can become partially sustainable in 2009, while direct financial support to elementary activities, such as the running of a resource centre, core staff etc. will still be required beyond that point.

The new “Denmark’s Caucasus Programme 2008 – 2009, Enhancing good governance, human rights and the rule of law in Georgia” implemented by the Council of Europe and funded by the Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is supporting democratization in Georgia with a focus on the judiciary, the Public Defender’s Office and institutions responsible for minority issues. Within this programme ECMI acts as a

sub-implementing partner, responsible for the component on minority issues (see also ECMI newsletter Vol.6/issue 2).

A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed in June between the Council of National Minorities, set up by the Public Defender of Georgia and ECMI in December 2005, and the Council of Tolerance and Integration under the President’s Administration in order to further develop and institutionalize interactions between the government and national minority representatives.

Commitments to the Council of Europe

In 2008, the political turbulence significantly impacted on the implementation of the sensitive issues related to programming on national minorities. While the government priorities shifted to crisis management, a few positive developments were still seen.

In April, the former head of board of the Georgian State TV channel, Mrs. Tamar Kintsurashvili, was appointed as Advisor to the President on Minority and Civil Integration Issues. After the parliamentary elections Mrs. Elena Tevdoradze, who formerly had held the post as Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee for Human Rights and Civil Integration was appointed as Deputy Minister for Reintegration with the mandate of establishing a Department for Minority

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Issues. The appointment of two senior officials with previous experience in the field of minorities is a positive sign that the government increasingly pays attention to this policy area. The minority department in the Reintegration Ministry was eventually formed in October, with three regional representations in minority regions. ECMI envisages a number of new activities to be conducted in 2009 to support the functioning and development of the minority department.

Minority legislation

Georgia has yet to fulfil two missing commitments to the Council of Europe, namely the signing and ratification of the *European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ECRML)* and the *Law on Minorities*. Both are considered highly controversial by the government. However, the central authorities seem now to be close to commit to the Language Charter; at least a specific reference to the Charter has been incorporated into the Government's Strategy for Protection and Integration of Minorities.

On the Law on Minorities, the Government is of the opinion that there is no need for a separate law, as minority related legislation is or should be covered by the general legislative framework, including in the fields of education, culture, economic activities, penalty codes, etc. There are also concerns that a separate law risks being in contradiction with other legislation. It has been discussed recently whether this commitment could be modified, so as to ensure minority protection rather by a review of and amendments to already existing legislation. Such considerations are likely to result in policy action in 2009.

Repatriation of the Meskhetian Turks

According to the provisions of the law, deported persons or their descendants, who wish to repatriate to Georgia, can apply for repatriation status only in 2008. Perhaps due to government priorities related to the political turbulence and the outbreak of war in 2008, the political climate in Georgia did not accommodate a process that could clarify and streamline policies with regard to the repatriation process. The year saw hardly any progress in clarifying the ambiguous provisions of the law. As a result, the Meskhetians were left with little clarity as to their rights and duties in relation to submission of applications. At the same time, the responsible Georgian authorities, i.e. the Ministry for Refugees and Accommodation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs did not ensure that application material was available in the English language (as required by the law) in consulates abroad until sometime in early

March, and Meskhetians in several countries were complaining that they were unable to find properly informed staff there. Moreover, it was not until July that some details with regard to health certificates had been clarified by the Georgian authorities, hence impacting negatively on the possibility for Meskhetians to submit their documents.

To provide potential applicants with proper information about their possibilities for applying, and the practicalities related to the application process, ECMI in a separate intervention implemented an awareness raising project for Meskhetian applicants in Azerbaijan in the final months of 2008. Carried out in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) through funding from the Council of Europe, a training-of-trainers workshop took place in Baku in November, followed by a sequence of information meetings.

On 29 December, just a few days before the expiration of the originally set deadline for submission of applications, the parliament of Georgia passed an amendment to the law on repatriation that extended the deadline for submission of applications until 1 July 2009. The extension will give involved actors a much needed possibility to enhance work on informing and supporting potential applicants in submitting their applications. ECMI will seek to continue activities to this end in this period.

Council of Europe conventions

Having ratified the Council of Europe Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities in 2005, the convention entered into force in Georgia on 1 April 2006. A state report was submitted to the Council of Europe in July 2007, and was according to the established monitoring practice to be followed by a visit of the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention soon after. Due to the political turbulence at the domestic scene, the state visit was postponed several times. However, the mission finally took place on 8-13 December with the participation of three members of the Advisory Committee. Along with the Government of Georgia, ECMI played a key role in organizing the visit. It included a thorough round of consultations with most minority organizations and relevant community structures in the country and regions of Javakheti, Kvemo Kartli and Shida Kartli. The findings of the Advisory Committee will lead to an Opinion on Georgia to be published in spring 2009. Following the visit of the Advisory Committee, it is envisaged that ECMI in 2009 can conduct a number of trainings and other activities to support the

implementation of the FCNM.

ECMI will also support the implementation of the ECRML, the Law on Repatriation and the yet unfulfilled commitments and obligations as part of the minority component of Denmark's Caucasus Programme 2008-09. A number of trainings, seminars, conferences and workshops are planned to this end.

Research and Documentation

In past interventions, research and documentation on groups or issues have been instrumental in directing governmental and/or international attention to specific problems. A comprehensive field research among the small but disadvantaged Romani communities in Georgia (http://www.ecmi.de/download/working_paper_39.pdf) has provided basic insight in the plight of the community, and is hoped to lead to policy action by government and NGO actors.

ECMI also continued research on the effect of educational reform on national minorities, and a study on the development of institutions responsible for minority issues since the Rose Revolution in 2003. Both reports are expected for publication in early 2009.

In addition, two studies are in progress in relation to the expected signing and ratification of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages; a paper on language issues in Javakheti and Kvemo Kartli and a paper on regional languages (Megrelian, Svan and Laz). These papers will be presented to inform the debate between government and minority/regional stakeholders, envisaged for 2009.

Moreover, field studies in the Georgian breakaway region of Abkhazia has led to the compilation of a book on the inter-ethnic situation in that territory. The book with the title "*Under Siege: Inter-Ethnic Relations in Abkhazia*" by Tom Trier, Hedvig Lohm and David Szakonyi will be published by Hurst & Co. (Publishers) LTD in Spring 2009.

Finally, ECMI continued its work on a larger research project that will lead to the publication of a handbook on Georgia's ethnic groups under the title: *Georgia – An Ethno-Political Handbook*, by Tom Trier & George Tarkhan-Mouravi, expected for publication in 2009 by the British publisher Bennett & Bloom. Georgian and Russian versions of the book are being prepared in parallel, thanks to a grant from the Swiss Embassy in Georgia. The eventful year of 2008 necessitated a significant number of revisions, which affected the completion of the manuscript.

Creating an Ethnopolitical Map of Kosovo

BY LARS BUREMA AND DANA LANDAU

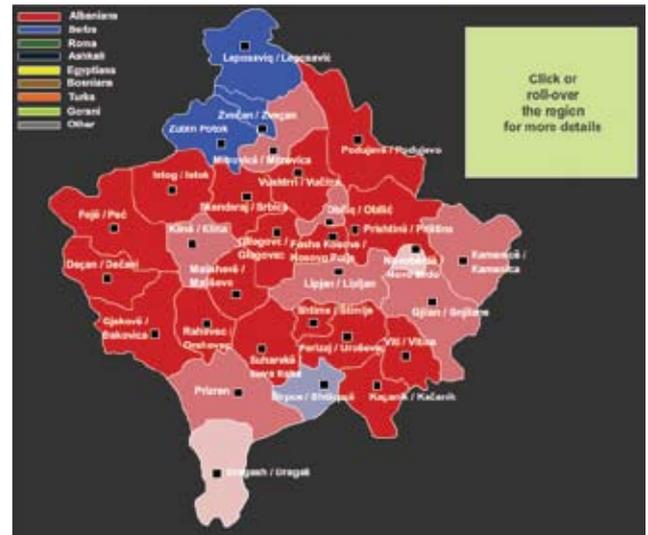
The issues surrounding communities in Kosovo are highly complex and can be very confusing to both outsiders and those more familiar with the local situation. At the same time, accommodating communities in Kosovo's socio-political system is vital to creating a workable society. Unfortunately, information on the different communities is often incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable, making it difficult for those engaged in government, international organisations or civil society to have a clear idea of the situation of communities in Kosovo today.

ECMI Kosovo has aimed to redress this situation, by creating an Ethnopolitical Map of Kosovo, providing the first comprehensive and easily accessible overview of the communities living in Kosovo and the issues they face. The Map is a dynamic project that can be updated at any time with external input always welcome. ECMI Kosovo will be responsible for keeping the map up to date, and any comments or additional relevant information can be sent to ECMI Kosovo and will be included in the map after a quality check.

In creating the Ethnopolitical Map ECMI Kosovo used its extensive expertise, contacts and experience with communities

in Kosovo to compile all available information into one comprehensive database.

The main feature of the project is an interactive map of Kosovo which, through colour schemes, provides a general idea of where the different communities in Kosovo live. This interactive map is linked to information on the issues communities face both on the national and local level. With regard to the national level, the project covers areas such as: the system of political representation of communities in Kosovo, the legislative framework for the protection of communities, all important institutions for the protection of communities, the main issues facing communities in Kosovo today and short overviews of all communities in Kosovo. Moreover, it provides links to relevant documents and websites and the contact details of relevant organisations. On the local level, each municipality includes a short overview of the current situation facing communities in that particular region. These overviews include information on a variety of topics such as demographics, health care, security, economics, political representation,



security and the contact details of relevant organisations and government officials. To acquire this information ECMI Kosovo hired a team of field researchers who have consulted multiple sources, both governmental and non-governmental, within each municipality.

Thus, the Ethnopolitical Map covers community issues from the local and national perspective and includes the views of civil society, the international community and the Kosovo government to offer a comprehensive and easily accessible database on communities in Kosovo. This project thus addresses the current lack of information on communities and by publicising the issues faced by Kosovo's many communities also makes a real contribution to the tackling these problems.

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

OLEH PROTSYK

The activities of the political participation program focused on the research of minority representation in state institutions. The emphasis has been on the representational effects of different electoral systems. Alternative formulas for proportional representation, single member districts rules, and minority reserved seats provisions lead to different outcomes in terms of identity of minority representatives and their responsiveness and accountability to minority constituencies. ECMI engaged in efforts to collect detailed data on background characteristics and legislative behaviour of minority representatives across a number of national parliaments. Large datasets have already been con-

structed and updated for the Romanian and Moldovan parliaments. These datasets include detailed information on minority deputies' draft law initiatives, sponsorship of parliamentary resolutions, and other types of legislative output. Similar data sets have also been developed for Bulgaria and Ukraine.

Minority representation in the executive government has also been of interest to ECMI. Cabinet level representation is an important indicator of minority inclusion in the national level executive politics. The information on which ethnic minority members are included in the highest ranks of executive government and what policy jurisdictions (cabinet portfolios) they control when in government has been collected for Moldova. This data provides a basis for examining the feasibility of using

cabinet representation as an indicator for minority inclusion in executive government on a cross-national level.

The findings of this ongoing research have been published in the ECMI working paper series (www.ecmi.de/rubrik/58/working+papers). These results and anticipated new findings will allow to better understand what the implications of adopting different electoral formulas for guaranteeing minorities' descriptive representation (whether minorities are actually represented by members of their communities) and substantive representation (whether policy concerns of minorities are addressed by their representatives) are.

An extensive resource database on the issue of political participation can be found on the programme website (www.ecmiserver.de/polpart).

TIM DERTWINKEL

Two issue briefs and a cumulative working paper as well as an extensive resource database on the issue were the concrete outputs of the desk research (www.ecmiserver.de/eeo/).

The publications are shedding light on the concept of economic exclusion, as well as on the most relevant legal frameworks that try to tackle economic exclusion related to ethnic minorities. The relationship to the more codified principle of non-discrimination related to minority questions are taken into account as a way to address the question of exclusion.

The necessity to apply the concept of social/economic exclusion to old minorities and to new migrant ones is stressed. However, this shift in group emphasis does not mean that the concept of economic exclusion, as originally developed in research on labour migration into western European welfare states, has to

News from the ECMI Board

The ECMI Board was reconstituted with 2 new members – Ms Maude de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe, replacing Mr Marc Scheurer and Mr Ingbert Liebing MP, German Bundestag, replacing Mr Wolfgang Wodarg.

ECMI would like to welcome new Board members and to thank the departing members for their engagement and keen interest in the work of ECMI.

be abandoned or re-formulated.

The measurement of the level of exclusion to verify its existence and its forms through establishing of viable indicators proceeds from two perspective – the constant economic growth (EU) and sustainable development (UNDP). Although not mutually exclusive, they apply different set of variables and end with different results.

Bringing together the conceptual frame and the indicators frame, the cumulative working paper proposes an integrated approach to minority economic inclusion,

becoming a separate focus of attention for democratic minority governance, particularly at local, decentralized levels.

Finally, a separate programme website (www.ecmiserver.de/eeo/) that includes an extensive annotated bibliography on the topic of economic exclusion was created.

Language and Culture Diversity Programme

ULRIKE SCHMIDT

The recently published Issue Brief “Language Loss and the Ethnic Identity of Minorities” (www.ecmi.de/download/brief_18.pdf) presents various entry points to the discussion of the relation between language and culture diversity. Although the European legislative framework provides for the protection of linguistic minorities with increasing efficiency, the protection of their language rights remains a matter for individual member states.

Despite a growing awareness of the need to protect the cultural rights of ethnic minorities that can be observed in the academic discourse as well as in legal aspects, many states are still reluctant to recognize minorities that do not speak a native minority language. Therefore, legal definitions need to consider the fact that many ethnic minorities have lost their language, often as a consequence of assimilative state policies and thus need protection on the basis of other identity markers.

Such a legal framework would discourage the states from offering incentives that will make minorities to abandon

their language and not to regard minorities and their visibility as an asset. Instead it could encourage the states to implement policies towards European standards of cultural and linguistic diversity.

This research supports the hypothesis that after a minority has lost its distinctive language, it is still eligible for legal protection of its culture on the basis of its self-assignment, and the will to maintain an identity that distinguishes it from the majority population and other ethnic or regional groups living in a state.

The research on language loss and its effect on ethnic identity, was put into practice at the Annual Meeting of the Working Group of German Minorities of FUEN (Federal Union of European Nationalities) in **Kosice**, Slovakia. The German minorities are the largest national minorities in Europe after the Russians. The main theme of the meeting was language maintenance and transmission as well as problems concerning the relation between state language and minority languages.

Introduced by Dr Christoph Bergner, Parliamentary State Secretary, the topic was vividly discussed among German

minority representatives from Central and Eastern Europe. The ECMI presenter, Ulrike Schmidt, proposed a number of different issues and questions to be taken up in the discussion on the situation of the German language in the areas of education and media in the participants’ respective countries. The presentation materials are published on the FUEN website (www.fuen.org)

An extensive resource database on the issue of Language and Cultural Diversity is available on the programme website (www.ecmiserver.de/lcd/).

New Network Co-operation

Language and Culture Diversity Programme has joined a new network: Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity, established by several European minority language boards. The network is working towards improved policy and language planning for minority languages in Europe.

Regional activities

In 2008 ECMI concluded two regional cooperation agreements, one with the University of Flensburg and one with the University of South Denmark (SDU), Faculty of Social Sciences and in particular with the Department of Border Region Studies, a former Institute of Border Region Studies (IFG). The cooperation agreements were immediately effectuated through teaching seminars, conference participation and joint publication to appear in 2009.

“*Crossing National Boundaries – Regional University cooperation in Europe*” was a conference organized by the University of Flensburg. ECMI chaired and contributed to the session on “Border Region Universities and European Studies”.

A conference organized by SDU-IFG on “The Roots of Civil War and Conflicts and their Influence on Transformations of State- and Civil Society Institutions” at the SDU in Sønderborg included two ECMI contributions, one by Tim Dertwinkel on “Ethnic Cleansing During Civil War: A Disaggregated Study of Bosnia 1992-1995” and one by Tom Trier on “Ethnic Conflict in Georgia: Perspectives



Conference “Crossing the Borders” Flensburg Oct. 2008

on the Reintegration of a Disintegrated State”. The full conference programme can be found here (www.sdu.dk/ifg/ conflict).

ECMI participates in an on-going review of the Recommendations from the regional assessment of minority presence in the Danish-German border region as added value, conducted by the European Academy Bolzano (EURAC)

Kompetenzanalyse: Minderheiten als Standortfaktor in der deutsch-dänischen Grenzregion – Miteinander, Füreinander and commissioned by the Parliament of the Land Schleswig-Holstein. This publication can be found in German, English and Danish on the website of the Schleswig-Holstein Landtag (www.landtag.ltsh.de/parlament/minderheitenpolitik/minderheitenpolitik_.html).

Internal and External Research Meetings, 2008-2009

24 JANUARY 2008

External research meeting
Dr. Irina Morozova, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Alexander von Humboldt Fellow, GIGA Institute of Middle East Studies; Hamburg International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden University Institute of Asian and African Studies
“*Ethnicity and the question of minorities in Soviet and present Kyrgyzstan, with special focus on the German minority*”

30 JANUARY

Internal research meeting
Martina Bielawski, PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge, Centre of International Studies
“*Places that don't exist' – Human Rights protection in de facto and transitional entities*”

23 APRIL

External research meeting
Sven C. Singhofen, Dr. phil., M.A., Freelance publisher, freelance assistant and lecturer (Hermann Ehlers Academy, Kiel; European Academy Schleswig-Holstein, Sankelmark)
“*Russia and the frozen conflicts in the South Caucasus — Part of the solution?*”

20 JUNE

Internal research meeting
Monica Caluser, Ethnocultural Diversity Resource Centre, Cluj
“*Minority Issues in Romania*”

13 NOVEMBER

Internal research meeting
Tim Dertwinkel, ECMI
“*Concept and Measurement of Economic Exclusion*”

19 NOVEMBER

Internal research meeting
Ondrej Klipa, PhD Candidate, Prague University
“*Europeanisation of the minority policies in Poland and Ukraine in the context of the typology of democracy*”

27 NOVEMBER

External research meeting
Marius Matichescu, PhD Candidate, University of Montpellier,
“*Developing a questionnaire for minority deputies in the Romanian parliament*”

29 JANUARY, 2009

Internal research meeting
Bilge Yabanci
“*Representation of minorities in the executive*”

External research meeting
Prof Dr Robert Millar, Aberdeen
“*Dialectalised languages – the state perception of regional languages: case studies of Scots, Occitan and Low German*”

19 FEBRUARY

External research meeting
Prof. Dr Holger Jahnke, University of Flensburg,
“*Cultural geography and minority studies*”

MARCH

External research meeting
Mindaugas Kuklys, PhD candidate, University of Jena,
“*Ethnic and gender representation in the Baltic states*”

20 APRIL

External research meeting
Swedish/Saami Parliament, MP Lars Lasko
“*Saami political representation in Nordic countries*”

MAY 2009

External research meeting
Andrea Volkens, Senior Research Associate, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB)
“*Analyzing party positions on minority issues*”

●●● Conference contributions

ECMI Director Dr Marc Weller

- University of Frankfurt, Conference "Human and Minority Rights in the Life Cycle of Ethnic Conflicts" Panel Chair "Kosovo and the Consequences for the Right to Self-Determination, 24-25 October 2008.
 - Key-note, *The Kosovo Settlement and its Impact on the Doctrine of Self-determination*
 - Council of Europe, Strasbourg, Rapporteur, *Thematic Comments of the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities*, 10 October 2008.
 - University of Leeds, Conference Lecture "*The Final Status of Kosovo. Implication for Self-Determination*" 25 February 2009
 - The Royal College of Defense Studies, London, Conference Lecture "*The Role of International Law and Human Rights in Conflict Settlement*" 27 February 2009
 - Lancaster University Law School, Conference "*The Kosovo Precedent: One Year On*" Lecture "*Kosovo and Remedial Secession*" 28 March 2009
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Slovakia: Presenting legal provisions for community rights in Kosovo



Slovakia: Discussing minority political participation

Dr Oleh Protsyk

- Forum Minority Research Institute in Samorin, Slovakia, workshop "*Ethnic Stability – Ethnic Changes*" 29-30 September 2008, sponsored by the International Visegrad Fund and the OSI East/East Program.
 - Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Skopje, Macedonia. Conference "*Protecting Human Rights and Minority Rights in the Balkans: Functions and powers of Ombudsman institutions in the Balkan*" in September 2008.
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In April 2009, there will be two contributions from ECMI in the frame of the Association for the Study of Nationalities Convention 2009, held in New York at Columbia University:

- Dr Oleh Protsyk: with a panel on "Ethnic and Multi-Ethnic Parties: Strategies of Political Recruitment" including 4 papers: Oleh Protsyk *Why not Ethnic Minority Parties in Moldova and Ukraine?*; Konstantin Sachariew (U Rostock, Germany) "Recruitment of Party Elites in Bulgaria";
 - Marius Matichescu (University of Montpellier, France) "Party Strategies of Ethnic Recruitment in Romania";
 - Monica Caluser (Babes-Bolyai University, Romania) "Recruitment for Minority Reserved Seats in Romania"
 - Ewa Chylinski, Deputy Director: with an introductory presentation on "Models of Minority Governance in Europe"
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Bi-annual ICML XII (International Conference on Minority Languages) will be taking place in Tartu, Estonia, in May 2009.

Ewa Chylinski, will be contributing with a paper on "Model of minority language enhancement in Europe – a universal model?"

Junior Research Associate Ulrike Schmidt

FUEN 18th Annual Meeting of the Working Group of German Minorities "*Language Maintenance and Language Transmission Among German Minorities*", Kosice, Slovakia, 11-13 October 2008

External Publications by ECMI Staff

Weller, Marc, *Negotiating Independence for Kosovo*. Oxford University Press, 2009.

Weller, Marc, *Twenty Years of Crisis. The Violent Dissolution of Yugoslavia in International Law*. Oxford University Press, 2009.

Weller, Marc, and Barbara Metzger (eds.) *Settling Self-determination Disputes: Complex Power-sharing in Theory and Practice*. Martinus Nijhoff, 2008.

Weller, Marc, Denika Blacklock and Katherine Nobbs (eds.), *The Protection of Minorities in the Wider Europe*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2008.

Weller, Marc, *Peace Lost: The Failure of Conflict Prevention in Kosovo*. Martinus Nijhoff, 2008.

Weller, Marc, *Escaping the Self-determination Trap*, Martinus Nijhoff, 2008.

Weller, Marc and Stefan Wolff (eds.) *International State-Building after Violent Conflict. Bosnia Ten Years after Dayton*, London: Routledge, 2008.

Wolff, Stefan and Marc Weller (eds.), *Institutions for the Management of Ethnopolitical Conflicts in Central and Eastern Europe*, Council of Europe, 2008.

Weller, Marc, *The Future of International Law*. Polity Press, forthcoming 2009.

Weller, Marc and Farimah Daftary (eds.) *Full and Effective Participation of Minorities in Public Life in Accession States*. Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative, Open Society Institute, forthcoming 2009.

Weller, Marc, "The Vienna Negotiations on the Final Status for Kosovo", *International Affairs* 84(4) (July 2008): 659-681.

Weller, Marc, "Kosovo's Final Status", *International Affairs* 84(6) (November 2008): 1223-1243.

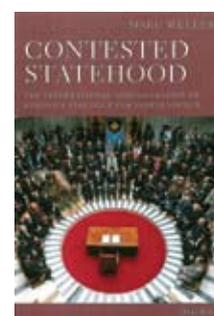
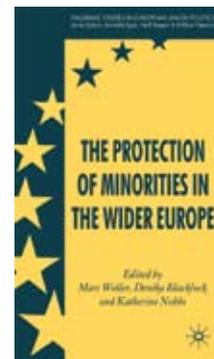
Weller, Marc, "Negotiating the final status of Kosovo", *Chaillot Paper* No. 114, December 2008. Paris: European Union Institute for Security Studies. Available at: <http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/cp114.pdf>

Protsyk, Oleh, Igor Bucataru, and Andrei Volentir, *Party Competition in Moldova: Ideology, Organization, and Approaches to Ethno-Territorial Conflicts*. Moldova State University, 2008. Note: available in Romanian and Russian

Protsyk, Oleh "Legislative Representation" Marc Weller, ed., *Political Participation of Minorities: A Commentary on International Standards and Practice* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

Protsyk, Oleh "Gagauz Autonomy in Moldova: the Real and the Virtual in Post-Soviet State Design," (Forthcoming in Marc Weller, ed., *Asymmetrical State Design* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, forthcoming).

Protsyk, Oleh, Igor Bucataru, and Andrei Volentir, "Otnoshenie moldavskikh partij k probleme resheniya pridnestrovskogo konflikta"/Positions of Moldovan Political Parties on the Issue of Conflict Settlement in Transnistria (with Igor Bucataru and Andrei Volentir) in Kimitaka Matzusato, ed., *Pridnestrov'ye v macroregional'nom kontekste/Transnistria in Macro-regional Context* (Hokkaido University: Slavic Research Center, 2008)



Issue Briefs, Working Papers and Monographs

Oleh Protsyk "Majority-Minority Relations in Ukraine," *Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe*, Vol. 7, Issue 1 (2008)

ECMI Issue Brief #18
Ulrike Schmidt
Language Loss and the Ethnic Identity of Minorities
November 2008, 15 pp.

ECMI Issue Brief #17
Oleh Protsyk and Konstantin Sachariew
Ethnic Data Collection: The Case of the Civil Service in Eastern Europe
February 2008, 11 pp.

ECMI Issue Brief #16
David Szakonyi
Reciprocity or the Higher Ground? The Treatment of Ethnic Russians in Georgia
After the "Spy Scandal" of 2006
February 2008, 11 pp.

ECMI Working Paper #41
Oleh Protsyk, Marius Maticescu, Baptiste Chatre
Representational Consequences of Special Mechanisms for Ethnic Minority Inclusion: Evidence from Romania
September 2008, 27 pp., appendix (ISSN 1435-9812).

ECMI Working Paper #40
Oleh Protsyk
Representation and Democracy in Eurasia's Unrecognized States: The Case of Transnistria
June 2008, 26 pp., appendix (ISSN 1435-9812).

ECMI Working Paper #39
David Szakonyi
No Way Out: An Assessment of the Romani Community in Georgia
February 2008, 19 pp., appendix (ISSN 1435-9812).
Note: Working Paper #39 is also available in Georgian.

ECMI Events 2009

Additional events are in preparation and will be announced as soon as possible

January

15 January

Annual Meeting of the Bund Deutscher Nordschleswiger (BDN), Sankelmark

29 January

Internal Research Meeting: Presentation by Ms Bilge Yabanci, University of Lund on "Representation of Minorities in the Executive..."

29 January

External Research Meeting: Presentation by Professor Dr. Robert Millar, University of Aberdeen on "Dialectalised Languages – the State Perception of Regional Languages: Case Studies of Scots, Occitan and Low German"

February

3 February

Meeting of the DialogForumNorden, Flensburg

11 February

Reception at the Foreign and Commonwealth office, London

25 February

Conference Lecture on "The Final Status of Kosovo: Implication for Self-Determination", University of Leeds

27 February

Conference Lecture on "The Role of International Law and Human Rights in Conflict Settlement", The Royal College of Defense Studies, London

March

TBA

External Research Meeting: Presentation by Mindaugas Kuklys, PhD candidate, University of Jena, "Ethnic and Gender Representation in the Baltic States"

13 March

Nordic History Teachers Annual Meeting on "Changing Perceptions of Ethnic and National Minorities in Europe", ECMI, Flensburg

24 March

Conference on "Minorities in Europe – Cultural Survival Strategies and Strengths", Peoples University, Flensburg

28 March

Conference on "The Kosovo Precedent: One Year on", Lecture on "Kosovo and Remedial Secession" at the Lancaster University Law School, UK

April

22 – 25 April

ECMI panel on "Ethnic and Multi-Ethnic Parties: Strategies of Political Recruitment" including 4 papers: Oleh Protsyk (ECMI) "*Why not Ethnic Minority Parties in Moldova and Ukraine?*"; Konstantin Sachariw (U Rostock, Germany) "*Recruitment of Party Elites in Bulgaria*"; Marius Matichescu (University of Montpellier, France) "*Party Strategies of Ethnic Recruitment in Romania*"; Monica Caluser (Babes-Bolyai University, Romania) "*Recruitment for Minority Reserved Seats in Romania*", at ASN Conference, Columbia University, New York

22 – 25 April

ECMI presentation (Ewa Chylinski) on "Models of Minority Governance in Europe", ASN Conference, Columbia University, New York

May

TBA

External Research Meeting: Presentation by Andrea Volkens, Senior Research Associate, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin fuer Sozialforschung (WZB), "Analyzing Party Positions on Minority Issues"

28 – 30 May

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