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Dr Neil Melvin has extensive experience both as a researcher and as a policy practitioner. Prior to joining SIPRI he held Senior Adviser positions in the Energy Charter Secretariat and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe. He has also worked at a variety of leading policy institutes in Europe.

Dr Melvin has published widely on issues of conflict, with a particular focus on ethno-religious issues. In recent years he has broadened his research interests to consider the impact of resources on conflict, notably the issue of energy and conflict. Dr Melvin joined SIPRI as Director of the Programme on Armed Conflict and Conflict Management in May 2010.

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Developing SIPRI's work on Eurasia and the future of peace interventions

### FORMER POSITIONS

Senior Adviser to the Secretary General,  
Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels, 2008-2010

Reader in International Conflict Analysis,  
Brussels School of International Studies at the University of Kent, Brussels, 2007-2008

Associate Senior Research Fellow,  
The Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels, 2006-2008

Project Leader and Senior Researcher, SIPRI, Stockholm, 2005-2006

Senior Adviser, High Commissioner on National Minorities (OSCE), The Hague, 2001-2005

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Melvin, N., 'Preventing and managing energy conflicts: is there a role for cooperative security?', *Security and Human Rights*, vol. 21, no. 1 (Mar. 2010)

Melvin, N., 'The European Union, Kazakhstan and the 2010 OSCE chairmanship', *Security and Human Rights*, vol. 20, no. 1 (Mar. 2009)

Melvin, N. and Boonstra, J., 'The EU strategy for Central Asia @ year one', *EUCAM Policy Brief no. 1* (Oct. 2008)

Melvin, N., *Conflict in Southern Thailand: Islamism, Violence and the State in the Patani Insurgency*, SIPRI Policy Paper no. 20 (Sep. 2007)

Melvin, N., 'The European Union's strategic role in Central Asia', *Centre for European Policy Studies Policy Brief no. 128*, (Mar. 2007)