

Security and an Independent Scotland International Lecture Series



THURSDAY 23RD MAY 2013

SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE ?

LESSONS LEARNED BY A RECENTLY INDEPENDENT STATE IN EUROPE

Professor Ivo Samson
(Slovak Foreign Policy Association)
TO BE HELD IN THE SENATE ROOM
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Ivo Samson is currently the Director of the Slovak Ministry of Defense affiliated "Institute of Security and Defense Studies". Previous to this post he was the Head of the International Security Programme at the Research Center of the Slovak Policy Association. His research focus is primarily on the security and defense of Central Europe with special attention given to the role and place of the European Union, OSCE and NATO. He has published extensively on the geopolitical position of Central Europe in English, Slovak and German. One of his main works was the Security and Foreign Policy of Slovakia in the First Years of Independence (2000). It is in this line of thought that Ivo Samson seeks to draw some analogies for Scotland about Slovakia's experience of the Velvet Divorce and challenges it faced as a newly independent state in Europe. He will examine some of the specific features of Slovakia's independence after the division of Czechoslovakia including the technical problems and details with special focus on security aspects. Recognizing that the cases of Scotland and Slovakia are not identical, a lot of analogies do still exist and can help us better understand the possible implications of independence and a Tartan Divorce between Scotland and the rest of the UK.

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Doors open 5.00PM refreshments will be served - Lecture commences 5.30PM

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