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# Post-Electoral Debriefing

## Lessons Learned for the Azerbaijani Opposition

**ON OCTOBER 9, 2013** presidential elections were held in Azerbaijan with Ilham Aliyev winning a landslide victory in an election that the OSCE/ODHIR monitoring mission described as “seriously flawed”. Still the election illustrated interesting new currents in Azerbaijan’s political life. The “National Council of Democratic Forces in Azerbaijan” appeared on the scene as an

election coalition uniting traditional opposition parties, academics, representatives of civil society, youth activists as well as religious organizations. The fact that they promoted one joint opposition candidate was applauded and this merging of “old” and “new” opposition figures generates a dynamic largely absent during previous elections and in Azerbaijani politics at large.

**AT THIS MODERATED** academic seminar regional and theoretical experts will discuss these new dynamics and issues like if and how the “new opposition” influenced the electoral process and the impact of social media. The seminar will also cater to the topic of opposition and democratization on a more general level, making it applicable to other contexts as well.

An international workshop organized by Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies (UCRS), Uppsala University **7 November 2013**

**WHEN:** 7 November, 2013, at 09.15–16.30

**WHERE:** The Gyllenhiemska Library (Skytteanum), Valvgatan 4, Uppsala

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