

***Mapping the future of the EU-US Strategic Partnership:
Policy and research perspectives***

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Brussels, Berlaymont Building, European Commission

The relations between the European Union and the USA have been a vital component of the foreign policies of both partners and have played a key role in shaping global developments. Heightened cooperation as well as instances of tension and competition have characterised this close relationship, and now both partners are facing great change in their domestic and international environments.

Are such relations still important and strategic in a changing and increasingly multipolar - or even 'interpolar' world?

How do the EU and the US deal with each other's expectations, values and interests in addressing issues such as sustainable recovery from the financial crisis, climate change, and the protection of fundamental rights while ensuring security ?

How do they see and interact with other countries and actors in the European neighbourhood as well as in other regions of the world and in institutions responsible for international law and global governance issues?

What are the prospects for the upcoming years?

These are among the questions that will be addressed by this conference, which is intended to provide a forum for dialogue between research and policy across the Atlantic in a time where the European Union is defining its new roles and modes of operation following the entry into force of the Lisbon treaty and President Obama's Administration entered its second year facing complex and difficult choices and challenges.

Registration to the conference (compulsory to have access to the conference room):
https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fmi/scic/EU_US_10/start.php

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Preliminary Agenda²

25 January 2010

8h30-9h30: Registration on site (prior registration on line necessary)

9h30-11h00: Opening Session (open to media)

Welcome by Commissioner (TBC) or co-chairs: DG RTD, DG RELEX

Keynote speakers: William E. Kennard, US Ambassador to the EU; speaker from Spanish Presidency (TBC)

11h00-11h30: Coffee/Tea Break

11h30-13:00: 1st Plenary Session

<i>The Way Forward: (Re-)Building a EU-US Strategic Partnership</i>
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Moderator: Alvaro Vasconcelos, EU-ISS EU Institute for Security Studies

Keynote: DDG Karel Kovanda, DG RELEX

Panel:

Daniel Hamilton, SAIS, John Hopkins

Christopher Hill, Cambridge University, MERCURY and FORNET projects

Jolyon Howorth, Yale University

Parag Khanna, New America Foundation

Constanze Stelzenmuller, GMF, Berlin

Discussion

13:00-14h00 Buffet Lunch

14h00-15h30: 2nd Plenary Session

<i>EU/US Policy Complementarity in the European Neighborhood</i>

Moderator: Marcin Zaborowski, EU-ISS, Paris

Keynote: (TBC)

Panel:

Fraser Cameron, EU-Russia Centre, Brussels

Bassma Kodmani, Arab Reform Initiative, Paris

Marina Ottaway, Carnegie Endowment

Elzbieta Stadtmuller, Wroclaw University, GARNET NoE

Jordi Vaquer, CIDOB Barcelona, EU4SEAS project

² Projects mentioned in the agenda are supported by the EU Framework Research Programme, Socio-economic sciences and Humanities research.

15h30-16h00: Coffee/Tea Break

16h00-17h30: 3rd Plenary Session

<i>Towards Sustainable Recovery</i>
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Moderator: Maria Joao Rodrigues, IEEI, Lisbon

Keynote: (TBC)

Panel:

Laurent Cohen-Tanugi, "Europe and Globalisation" Task Force, Paris

Pierre Defraigne, Madariaga Foundation

Richard Higgott, Warwick University, GARNET Network of Excellence

Michael Mehling, Ecologic Institute Washington

Federico Steinberg, Royal Institute Alcano, Madrid

18h00-19h30: Reception hosted by DG RTD

Keynote speeches: TBC

26 January 2010

09h00-10h15: 4nd Plenary Session

<i>Climate Change after Copenhagen</i>

Moderator: Nick Mabey, E3G, London

Keynote: Artur Runge-Metzger, Director, DG ENV (EC Chief Negotiator at COPS-15) and Cindy Tuck, Undersecretary of California EPA

Panel:

Peter Gleditsch, PRIO, Oslo, CLICO Project

Lars Kluwers, Danish Board of Technology

Sebastian Oberthür, VUB, GARNET NoE

Miranda Schreurs, Free University Berlin

Discussion

10h15-10h45: Coffee/Tea Break

10h45-12h00: 5th Plenary Session

Fundamental Rights, Justice and Security

Moderator: Monique Pariat, Director DG JLS

Keynote: (TBC)

Panel:

Doug Cassel, Notre Dame University

Francesco Francioni, European University Institute, Florence, PRIV-WAR project

Elsbeth Guild, University of Nijmegen, CHALLENGE research project

Jan Wouters, Leuven University, EU-GRASP project

Discussion

12h00-13h15: Final Plenary Session

Strategies for a World Re-Ordered: 'Multipolarity', 'Interpolarity' and Effective Multilateralism

Moderator: Giovanni Grevi, EU ISS

Keynote: (TBC)

Panel:

Fran Burwell, Atlantic Council

Tod Lindberg, Hoover Institution Washington Office

Vicente Palacio, Fundacio Alternativa, Madrid

Mario Telo, ULB, GARNET project

Luk Van Langehove, UNU-CRIS, EU-GRASP project

13h15-13h30: Concluding remarks: Jean-Michel Baer, Director DG RTD,
Gerhard Sabathil, Director DG RELEX

Conference Rapporteur: Erik Jones, Johns Hopkins University, Bologna, Italy

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