



2006 Transatlantic conference  
The EU-US Partnership: Delivering Results?

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- 8:30-8:45**      **Opening remarks:**  
Nicole GNESOTTO, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris  
Daniel HAMILTON, Director, CTR, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC
- 8:45-9:05**      **Keynote address:**  
Pertti TORSTILA, Secretary of State, Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, EU  
Presidency, Helsinki
- 9:05-10:45**      **Session 1: Transatlantic Relations after the Congressional Elections**
- Keynote Address:**  
Congressman Chris VAN HOLLEN (D-MD), US House of Representatives,  
Washington DC
- Chair:**  
Esther BRIMMER, Deputy Director and Director of Research, CTR-SAIS,  
Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC
- a) The Impact of Foreign Policy on the Election Results**  
- Karlyn BOWMAN, Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute,  
Washington DC  
- Dan BALZ, National Political Correspondent, Washington Post, Washington  
DC
- b) The Elections and Transatlantic Relations**  
- David FRUM, Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute, Washington  
DC  
- Marcin ZABOROWSKI, Research Fellow, EU Institute for Security Studies,  
Paris
- 10:45-11:00**      **Coffee break**
- 11:00-1:00**      **Session 2: The Middle East and Iran**
- Chair:**  
Robert LITWAK, Director, International Security Studies, Woodrow Wilson  
International Center for Scholars, Washington DC
- Speakers:**  
- James JEFFREY, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near  
Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington DC  
- Walter POSCH, Senior Research Fellow, EU Institute for Security Studies,  
Paris

- Aapo PÖLHÖ, Director General for the Department for Africa and the Middle East, Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Helsinki
- Tamara COFMAN WITTES, Research Fellow, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Foreign Policy Studies, Brookings Institution, Washington DC
- Helga SCHMID, Director of the Policy Unit, EU Council, Brussels

**1:00-2:00 Luncheon**

**2:00-3:15 Session 3: Energy Security**

**Chair:**

Giovanni GREVI, Research Fellow, EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris

**Speakers:**

- Helga SCHMID, Director of the Policy Unit, EU Council, Brussels
- Gal LUFT, Co-director, Institute for the Analysis of Global Security, Washington DC

**3:15-3:30 Coffee break**

**3:30-5:00 Session 4: Roundtable: The EU-US Partnership: Delivering Results?**

**Chair:** Quentin PEEL, International Affairs Editor, Financial Times, London

**Speakers:**

- Kurt VOLKER, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington DC
- Nicole GNESOTTO, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris
- Marek GRELA, Director for Transatlantic Relations, EU Council, Brussels
- Tracy B. MCKIBBEN, Director, European Economic Affairs and EU Relations, National Security Council, Washington DC
- John BRUTON, EU Ambassador to the United States, Delegation of the European Commission to the United States, Washington DC