



Programme for the Tenth Interstate Annual Seminar

Hotel Renaissance, 19 Rue du Parnasse, Brussels. June 1-4 2009

<p>Monday June 1 Arrive during afternoon <i>19.30 Welcome reception and dinner at the Hotel</i></p>		
<p>Tuesday June 2</p>		
<p>8.45 hrs – 9.30</p>	<p>Welcome from Keith Dobson (Interstate Director) Discussion of Seminar objectives led by John Wyles (Director of Interstate Programmes)</p>	<p>Quentin Peel , Foreign Affairs Columnist Financial Times Christopher Murray (dA US Mission) Antonio Missiroli, Director of Studies, European Policy Centre.</p> <p>Rolf Welberts, NATO Political Affairs and Security Policy Amb. Dmitry Rogozin, Russian Permanent Representative to NATO Thomas Lauritzen, Correspondent, Politiken</p>
<p>9.30 hrs – 11.00</p>	<p>Session 1: Overview – The Transatlantic Relationship 1999-2009. <i>How is the relationship changing. How important is it to each side?</i></p>	
<p>11.00 hrs – 11.30</p>	<p><i>Coffee</i></p>	
<p>11.30 hrs – 13.00</p>	<p>Session 2: NATO, the Transatlantic Relationship and relations with Russia <i>How important is NATO to the relationship. What do the allies want to do with NATO? Is it helping or damaging relations with Russia?</i></p>	
<p>13.00 hrs -14.30 <i>Lunch hosted by NATO. Guest Speaker: Jamie Shea (Director of Policy Planning) NATO</i></p>		
<p>14.30 hrs – 15.45</p>	<p>Session 3 Workshops: 1. Relations between Europe and the US are bound to improve because Obama is not Bush. 2. The US is a superpower in relative decline. Does Europe still need the US as a partner? 3. The world has been plunged into economic depression because of Anglo-Saxon capitalism. It will recover thanks to Anglo-Saxon economics.</p>	<p>Lionel Barber, Editor Financial Times</p>
<p>15.45 hrs – 16.15</p>	<p><i>Coffee</i></p>	
<p>16.15 hrs – 17.15</p>	<p>Workshop reports and discussion</p>	
<p>17.30 hrs – 18.30</p>	<p>Session 4: Credit Crunch & Economic Recession: did the financial media fail to see the crisis coming?</p>	
<p>Dinner</p>		

Wednesday June 3		
9.00 hrs – 9.15	Wrap-up on yesterday's sessions and discussion of today's objectives	
9.15 hrs – 10.45	Session 5: The global economic crisis – how will the world have changed after it is over?	Gerassimos Thomas, head of cabinet of Commissioner Almunia
10.45 hrs – 11.15	<i>Coffee</i>	Peter Chase, Economics Counsellor, US Mission to EU Hans Martens, Director, the European Policy Centre
11.15 hrs – 12.30	Session 6: The global economic crisis – how is it changing the nature of capitalism?	Nicholas Veron, Brueghel David Gow, EU Correspondent, The Guardian
13.00 hrs – 14.30 <i>Lunch hosted by Transatlantic Policy Network</i>		
14.30 hrs - 16.15	Visit to the European Parliament	
16.15 hrs – 16.45	<i>Coffee</i>	
16.45 hrs – 17.45	Session 7: The Commissioner's Hour:	Commissioner Margot Wallstrom, Commissioner for Institutional Relations and Communications Strategy
17.45 hrs - 18.45	Session 8: Can the European social model survive this recession?	Klaus van Der Pas, Director General, Employment & Social Affairs, European Commission John Monks, General Secretary European Trade Union Congress

Free time

Thursday June 4

<p>9.00 hrs – 9.30</p> <p>9.30 hrs – 11.00</p> <p>11.00 hrs – 11.30</p> <p>11.30 hrs - 12.45</p>	<p>Discussion of objectives of today's sessions</p> <p>Session 9: Climate change and energy policies. <i>Are European and American policies converging? What else is needed to reach a global climate change agreement?</i></p> <p><i>Coffee</i></p> <p>Session10: Trade and Protectionism <i>Is a new protectionism being borne out of economic crisis and suffering? Or is the open trading system holding up well enough to drive the global economy towards recovery?</i></p>	<p>Nancy Kontou, Head of cabinet, Commissioner Dimas Stephen Boucher , Programme Director, European Climate Foundation</p> <p>David O'Sullivan, Director General for Trade, European Commission Selen Geurin, Head Trade Policy Unit, Centre for European Policy Studies Philip Whyte, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European reform</p>
<p>12.45 hrs – 14.15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lunch</i></p>	

<p>14.15 hrs – 15.15</p> <p>15.15 hrs - 15.45</p> <p>15.45 hrs – 16.15</p> <p>15.45 hrs – 16.00</p>	<p>Session 11: On Being an MBA: Open discussion</p> <p>Why are MBA's being blamed for the origins of the recession? How is demand for MBAs changing in the current climate? Will the qualification always be a key to success?</p> <p><i>Coffee</i></p> <p>Completion of the Advocacy Forum</p> <p>Auld Lang Syne</p>	
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