



CSIS-PISM Conference

**THE UNITED STATES AND CENTRAL EUROPE:
CONVERGING OR DIVERGING STRATEGIC INTERESTS?**

Washington D.C., November 4, 2009

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming conference “**The United States and Central Europe: Converging or Diverging Strategic Interests?**” co-hosted by CSIS and the Warsaw-based Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM). The event will take place in the **B1 conference level** of CSIS (1800 K Street, NW) on **Wednesday, November 4, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

We very much hope that you can join us for this important event on the trans-Atlantic relationship. The agenda is attached below and please contact Besian Bocka to indicate your participation via email at Bbocka@csis.org. In case you have previously RSVP-ed, no confirmation is necessary.

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8.30-9.00am: Registration

9.00 - 9.15am: Introductions

Janusz Bugajski, *CSIS*

Slawomir Debski, *Polish Institute of International Affairs*

9.15-11.30am: Panel 1:

U.S.-Central European Relations: Avoiding Strategic Drift

Moderator: Janusz Bugajski, *CSIS*

Radek Sikorski, *Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland*

Tomasz Pojar, *First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic*

Kurt Volker, *Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs*

Heather Conley, *Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs*

11.30-12.00noon: Strategic Overview

Zbigniew Brzezinski, *CSIS*

12.00-1.00pm: Lunch and Keynote Address:

U.S. Perspectives on Central Europe

Philip Gordon, *Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Eurasian Affairs*

1.15- 3.15pm: Panel 2:

Shaping an Agenda for Renewed Partnership:

Common Interests in Europe and Beyond

Moderator: Slawomir Debski, *Polish Institute of International Affairs*

Adam Rotfeld, *Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland*

Andrzej Olechowski, *Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland*

Kadri Liik, *Director, International Center for Defense Studies, Estonia*

Stephen Flanagan, *Former Special Assistant to the U.S. President*

3.15-3.30pm: Concluding Comments

Janusz Bugajski, *CSIS*

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