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Welcome to E-Watch, the CSIS Europe Program monthly E-Bulletin. Under the direction of CSIS executive vice president and Europe program director Robin Niblett, this bulletin includes notices about upcoming and recent Europe Program events, relevant transatlantic news and information, and other Europe-related activities and publications. Simon Serfaty, holder of the CSIS Zbigniew Brzezinski Chair in Global Security and Geostrategy, is senior advisor to the Europe Program.

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UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL – MAY 2006

April 28-30th – Second Annual Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Initiative for a Renewed Transatlantic Partnership, Berchtesgaden, Germany

The members of the Steering Committee of the Initiative for a Renewed Transatlantic Partnership will take part in a three-day meeting in Berchtesgaden, outside of Munich, Germany. Topics of discussion will include *Facing a Rising China and Changing Asia; Transatlantic Approaches to Economic Diplomacy; Russia and the Implications for Wider Europe; and Dealing with the Spread of Political Islam*. For more information about the Initiative for a Renewed Transatlantic Partnership, please visit <http://www.csis.org/europe/initiative/>.

RECENT EVENTS MARCH – APRIL 2006

April 3rd – U.S.-Spain Bilateral Dialogue, 8:30am – 4:15pm, CSIS

The Europe Program hosted a delegation of experts from the Madrid-based Real Instituto Elcano for a day-long conference regarding U.S.-Spanish relations. Topics of discussion included joint military efforts in Afghanistan, democratization in the Middle East, the geopolitics of energy security, international terrorism, and the transatlantic impact of political change in Latin America. A summary of the event is forthcoming and will be available at <http://www.csis.org/europe/>.

April 4th – Atlantic Treaty Association Briefing, 11:00am – 12:00pm, CSIS

Simon Serfaty met with a visiting delegation from the Atlantic Treaty Association to discuss transatlantic relations and U.S.-European cooperation on major global issues. Visit the Brzezinski Chair website at <http://www.csis.org/zbc/>.

April 5th – Testimony of Robin Niblett, CSIS Executive Vice President and Europe Program Director, before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Subcommittee on European Affairs, 2:30 - 4pm, Capitol Hill

Robin Niblett, CSIS Executive Vice President and Europe Program Director, testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Islamic extremism in Europe. A copy of Dr. Niblett's remarks can be found at http://www.csis.org/component/option,com_csis_congress/task,view/id,189/

April 7th – Senior European Dialogue with Christine Lagarde, Trade Minister of France, 11am – 12:30pm, CSIS
The Honorable Christine Lagarde, Trade Minister of France, delivered a speech entitled *France: A Paradise for Investment?* as part of the Europe Program's Senior European Dialogue series. Opening remarks were provided by Senator William E. Brock, CSIS Trustee and Former U.S. Secretary of Labor, Former U.S. Trade Representative, and Former Senator of Tennessee. For more information about the French Trade Ministry, please visit <http://www.exporter.gouv.fr/exporter/default.aspx>

April 10th – Congressional Staff Forum, 12:30m – 1:45pm, Capitol Hill
Thomas Sanderson, Deputy Director and Fellow in the CSIS Transnational Threats Project, led a discussion on "Countering Transnational Threats." For more information on the TNT Project's recent report "The Missing Dimension of Intelligence" visit http://www.csis.org/component/option,com_csis_events/task,view/id,933/

MARCH – APRIL NEWS & ANALYSIS ABOUT THE EUROPEAN UNION

MARCH – APRIL RECAP

- On March 22, the militant Basque separatist group **ETA announced a permanent ceasefire.**
- The **EU's new Energy Policy for Europe (EPE) was approved** by the European Commission on March 24.
- **Coalition talks continue between former Orange Revolution allies**, Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko and former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, after the former's last place finish in the March 26 parliamentary elections.
- On March 28, an estimated **one million people took part in mass protests** throughout France against proposed changes to the youth employment law.
- **Over one million British public sector service workers went on strike** on March 28 to protest proposed reforms to pension schemes.
- On April 6, the EU agreed to impose **visa restrictions on 31 Belarusian diplomats** following the arrests of activists protesting the results of the March 19 elections.
- In an effort to prepare the government for impending negotiations with ETA, Spanish Prime Minister José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero announced the appointment of **Alfredo Pérez Rubalcaba as Spain's new interior minister** on April 7.
- **Hungary's governing Socialist party won the first round of the parliamentary elections** on April 9, with a second and final round scheduled for April 23.
- The center-left coalition led by former EU Commission President **Romano Prodi won** the Italian general elections held on April 9 and 10.
- The EU foreign ministers voted to **suspended aid to the Hamas-led Palestinian Authority** on April 10.
- French President Jacques Chirac announced the **withdrawal of the controversial First Employment Contract (CPE)** on April 10, following weeks of student and labor union protests.
- On April 10, **Matthias Platzeck stepped down as Chairman of Germany's Social Democratic Party (SPD)** after only five months in the position.

Europe and the European Union

Integration

- *"EU disunity keeps defense costs up," James Kanter, International Herald Tribune, April 7, 2006. Faced with a lack of coordination and rising costs, the EU is taking steps to open national defense markets.*
- *"Energy at heart of EU bid to open markets," Tobias Buck, Thomas Catan, Carola Hoyos, Sarah Laitner, and Raphael Minder, Financial Times, April 5, 2006. In an effort to create a competitive internal energy market, the European Commission ordered energy companies to cease protectionist control of domestic markets.*
- *"EU's new energy policy born," Andrew Rettman, Euobserver, March 24, 2006. The European Commission approved the new Energy Policy for Europe (EPE), although negotiations over protectionism and sovereignty issues will continue.*

Counterterrorism

- *"Madrid Bombings Suspect Charged," BBC News, April 11, 2006. Twenty-nine people, mostly Moroccan nationals, have been charged in connection with the March 11, 2004 Madrid train bombings, with the trial expected to begin in early 2007. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4899042.stm>*

- “EU Six go it alone against smuggling and terrorists,” Teresa Küchler, *Euobserver*, March 24, 2006. *The interior ministers of the EU G6 group approved measures to create common anti-smuggling investigation teams and a European rapid reaction anti-terrorist police force.*

Enlargement

- “EU still playing tug-of-war with Balkan states,” Bernd Riegert, *Deutsche Welle*, April, 6, 2006. *The renewal of EU negotiations on closer ties with Serbia has called its enlargement strategy regarding the Balkans back into question.* <http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,2144,1955352,00.html>
- “UK may block Romanian and Bulgarian workers,” Charlotte Moore, *The Guardian*, April 6, 2006. *British Home Secretary Charles Clarke announced the UK will consider extending entry rights to Romanian and Bulgarian workers following next year’s EU accession, although the automatic access previously granted to Eastern European workers may not be available.* <http://politics.guardian.co.uk/eu/story/0,,1748457,00.html>

Economics & the Euro

- “Euro interest rate stays at 2.5%,” *BBC News*, April 6, 2006. *The European Central Bank has declared that interest rates will remain at 2.5 percent in the eurozone.* <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/4882802.stm>

Member States

Britain

- “UK interest rates remain at 4.5%,” *BBC News*, April 6, 2006. *The Bank of England announced on April 6 that interest rates would remain at 4.5 percent, despite rising housing and fuel costs.* <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/4882452.stm>
- “Blair and Ahern warn Ulster: End the Standoff by Fall Deadline,” Brian Lavery, *New York Times*, April 7, 2006. *British Prime Ministers Tony Blair and Irish Taoiseach Bertie Ahern declared an 8-month deadline for the power-sharing government of Northern Ireland, the Stormont assembly, to come together and function smoothly.* <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/04/07/world/europe/07irish.html>
- “Unions announce more strikes,” Helene Muholland, *The Guardian*, March 31, 2006. *Unions announced three more days of strikes in late April to protest reforms in public sector pensions schemes.* http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,,1744084,00.html

France

- “France to replace job law,” *BBC News*, April 10, 2006. *In a blow to Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin, President Jacques Chirac has announced the replacement of the controversial Youth Employment Law.* <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/4895164.stm>
- “Thales to buy Alcatel satellite and security units,” James Kanter, *International Herald Tribune*, April 6, 2006. *In a protectionist move, French company Thales, Europe’s largest military electronics maker, is seeking to buy satellite and security businesses from telecommunications company Alcatel, thereby maintaining French control over French military technologies* <http://www.ihf.com/articles/2006/04/05/business/defense.php>
- “Le gouvernement optimiste pour la croissance économique,” *Reuters.fr*, April 6, 2006. *Despite the CPE crisis, Prime Minister de Villepin and his finance minister are optimistic about the growth of the French economy, which increased by 1.4 percent last year.* http://today.reuters.fr/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=businessNews&storyID=2006-04-06T113606Z_01_MAL641682_RTRIDST_0_OFRBS-FRANCE-VILLEPIN-CROISSANCE-20060406.XML

Germany

- “German trade balance gets boost,” *BBC News*, April 7, 2006. *The German trade surplus rose to €13.1 billion in February, mostly due to growth in exports to areas outside of Europe.* <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/4887234.stm>
- “German State Reaches Deal with Striking Public Servants,” *Deutsche Welle*, April 6, 2006. *A deal between unions and employers was reached on April 6 in Baden-Wurttemberg, ending a two-month-long strike of public sector workers.* <http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,2144,1956179,00.html>
- “USA rüffeln Europa,” *Der Spiegel*, April 6, 2006. *U.S. Undersecretary of State for European Affairs Daniel Fried warned Germany that a failure to integrate its Muslim communities into mainstream society could cause*

an increase of domestic and international terrorism, which poses a direct threat to U.S. security.
<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,410024,00.html>

Italy

- *“Prodi: tempi lunghi per il governo,” Corriere della Sera, April 11, 2006. Opposition leader Romano Prodi claimed a narrow electoral victory over Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi in both the upper and lower houses.*
http://www.corriere.it/Primo_Piano/Politica/2006/Notizie/Politiche2006/articoli/04_Aprile/11/governo.shtml
- *“High turnout as contest divides families and friends,” Barbara McMahon and John Hooper, The Guardian, April 10, 2006. A higher-than-predicted number of Italians voted on Sunday in an election that remains too close to call.*
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/italy/story/0,,1750663,00.html>

Spain

- *“Basque Nationalists See an Opening for Autonomy,” Renwick McLean, The New York Times, March 24, 2006. Following the declaration of a cease-fire, Basque nationalists vow to pursue autonomy through peaceful means.*
- *“Endesa gains reprieve over Gas Natural Antitrust,” Mark Mulligan, Financial Times, March 22, 2006. A Spanish court offered to temporarily suspend the proposed and government-sponsored merger of Spanish electric utility Endesa and Spanish gas company Gas Natural, largely seen as an effort to thwart a competing bid for Endesa from German utility E.ON.*

Poland

- *“Poland Averts Clash With Europe Over Italian Bank Deal,” Mark Landler, The New York Times, April 6, 2006. After much controversy and accusations of protectionist policies, the Polish government reached an agreement with Italy’s UniCredito Bank, allowing for the joining of two Polish banks under Italian ownership.*
- *“Prosecutors charge Poland’s last communist leader for imposing martial law,” Vanessa Gera, The Associated Press, March 31, 2006. Charges filed against Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, Poland’s last communist leader, could leave him facing up to eleven years in prison.*

Europe and the United States

Transatlantic Relations

- *“How to go global,” The Economist, March 25, 2006. A shift in Washington’s foreign policy places strengthening the transatlantic partnership and fortifying ties with European allies at its core.*
- *“Europe fails to adjust to U.S. shift of focus; Its drift to protectionism is blamed,” Judy Dempsey, International Herald Tribune, March 17, 2006. As the U.S. shifts its focus to the Middle East and Asia, Europe’s global role depends on its ability to exist as a strong and unified transatlantic partner.*

NATO and Defense

- *“NATO looks to create a global partnership,” Daniel Dombey, Financial Times, April 3, 2006. Washington’s proposal to strengthen ties with Nordic, Asian, and Australasian partners faces French opposition.*

Transatlantic Trade & Economics

- *“Nasdaq withdraws London bid,” Newsday, March 31, 2006. Nasdaq withdrew its \$4.2 billion bid for the purchase of London Stock Exchange Plc on March 31, bringing to an end what would have been the first transatlantic stock exchange.*
- *“EU eyes sanctions on US again,” The Associated Press, March 15, 2006. The EU has declared that sanctions on U.S. imports will be renewed in mid-May if Washington does not cease giving tax breaks to big firms found illegal by the WTO.*

VISIONS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE: THE UNITED STATES, THE EUROPEAN UNION, AND NATO, (ED. SIMON SERFATY, CSIS PRESS, DECEMBER 2005). Based on papers commissioned for the CSIS Think Tank Summit held in April 2005, this volume brings together the perspectives of leading U.S. and European scholars on key institutional, economic and security issues facing the transatlantic partnership now and in years to come. With a foreword by EU Ambassador to the United States **John Bruton**, **Visions of the Atlantic Alliance** features contributions by **Graham Allison, Ronald D. Asmus, Alyson J.K. Bailes, Christoph Bertram, Hans Binnendijk, James Dobbins, James Elles, C. Randall Henning, Robert E. Hunter, Charles A. Kupchan, Emilio Lamo de Espinosa, Tod Lindberg, George Perkovich, Clyde Prestowitz, and Simon Serfaty**. **Visions of the Atlantic Alliance** is available through the CSIS Press at http://www.csis.org/component?option=com_csis_pubs/task/view/id.2584/

THE UNITED STATES, THE EUROPEAN UNION, AND NATO: AFTER THE COLD WAR AND BEYOND IRAQ, Report and Conclusions of the Think Tank Summit on “The Future of U.S.-EU-NATO Relations” convened by CSIS at the Wye Plantation, April 15-17, 2005, under the auspices of the **Zbigniew Brzezinski Chair in Global Security and Geostrategy with support from the Europe Program**. This paper, written by project director Simon Serfaty, builds on the participant contributions and extensive discussions of the Think Tank Summit held in April, at which senior representatives from approximately 40 think tanks on both sides of the Atlantic conducted an intensive review of many of the highest priority issues faced by the United States, the states of Europe, and the main institutions to which they belong. Download the report at: www.csis.org/zbc

TEST OF WILL, TESTS OF EFFICACY, the 2005 report of the CSIS Initiative for a Renewed Transatlantic Partnership. The CSIS Initiative for a Renewed Transatlantic Partnership, led by a steering committee of twenty-four senior current and former U.S. and European officials and business leaders, is proposing a near-term six-point agenda that would renew and strengthen the transatlantic partnership by providing an opportunity for successful joint action in a targeted set of areas. Each area is characterized by urgency and the potential for success:

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EURO-FOCUS

A quarterly brief analyzing of events and trends shaping Europe. <http://www.csis.org/europe/eurofocus/index.htm>

“2006 Will Provide Clues to Europe’s Future,” by **Reginald Dale and Robin Niblett**. Three months into 2006, Europeans are entering a period in which they are no longer able to evade hard but vital decisions about their future. Choices made this year will indicate whether European Institutions are serious about economic reform, whether they can recover their sense of institutional direction and ease growing levels of social insecurity, and whether they can live up to the EU’s growing geopolitical ambitions. In each area, EU members are taking important steps forward, but in each case, the outcome remains highly uncertain.

“Germany Stalled,” by **Simon Serfaty with Derek Mix**. The German election of 2005 punctuates the erosion of the national consensus that produced the centrist coalitions of the postwar decades and confirms the rise of a more fragmented multiparty system. While U.S. expectations of changes in Germany foreign policy with the departure of Schröder have been exaggerated, the election also does little to help unfreeze the daunting agenda of institutional renewal Europe faces. <http://www.csis.org/europe/eurofocus/v11n3.pdf>

“Shock Therapy,” by **Robin Niblett**. Emblematic of a popular frustration with the EU across the continent, the “no” votes in the French and Dutch referenda on the EU Constitutional Treaty were driven by concerns about the economy, EU enlargement, loss of national sovereignty, and national leadership. The defeat of the treaty, however, may provoke the debate over Europe’s future that the constitutional convention failed to deliver. <http://www.csis.org/europe/eurofocus/v11n2.pdf>

EUROPE PROGRAM DIRECTOR DR. ROBIN NIBLETT: RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND OUTREACH

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- “Diverging paths hurt U.S. and Europe,” Bates Gill and Robin Niblett, *International Herald Tribune*, September 6, 2005.

Outreach

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- “US sounds alarm about Islamic extremism in Europe,” quoted, *Agence France Presse*, April 7, 2006.
- “US Concerned with Islamic Extremism in Europe,” quoted, *VOA News*, April 6, 2006.
- “*Islamic Extremism in Europe*,” testimony, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Subcommittee on European Affairs, April 5, 2006.
- “How Are Political and Security Considerations Affecting Transatlantic Economic Relations?” panelist, *The European Union, United States, and the World Economy: Enhancing Co-Operation and Competitiveness*, organized by Wilton Park and CSIS, Paris, March 29-31, 2006.
- “*Energy and Transportation Conference*,” panelist, Ford Motor Company, March 9, 2006.
- “*Challenges to Transatlantic Relations*,” featured lecturer, Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning, February 17, 2006.
- “*The future of the EU after the failure of the EU constitution*,” featured lecturer, Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning, February 16, 2006.
- “*The rise of radical Islamic terrorism in Europe*,” featured lecturer, Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning, February 15, 2006.
- “Transatlantic ties on mend, albeit timidly, one year into Bush's second term,” quoted, *Agence France Presse*, January 19, 2006.
- “Secretary of state's credibility on line in terrorism debate,” quoted, Anne Gearan, *The Associated Press*, December 10, 2005.
- “Long View of the West, the Islamic World, and the Fight Against Terrorism,” participant, *American-Russian-European Dialogue*, organized by The Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, November 28, 2005.
- “La Belle France: A country of equality and exclusion,” quoted, Steven Komarow and Rick Hampson, *USA Today*, November 10, 2005.
- “Paris Riots,” Robin Niblett interviewed, *BBC World News*, November 8, 2005.
- “Bush backs EU efforts to cut agricultural subsidies,” quoted, Brian Knowlton, *The International Herald Tribune*, October 19, 2005.
- “Agricultural subsidies still unsettled as Bush, European leader meet,” quoted, Harry Dunphy, *The Associated Press*, October 18, 2005.

EUROPE PROGRAM SENIOR ADVISER DR. SIMON SERFATY: RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND OUTREACH

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- “A Europe of Weak Leaders,” op-ed in *International Herald Tribune*, October 1, 2005.
- “Deadlocked Destiny,” op-ed in *The Washington Times*, September 20, 2005.
- “Terms of Estrangement: French-American Relations in Perspective,” commentary in *Survival*, Autumn 2005.

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- “Italy: What Determined Berlusconi’s Fate?” quoted, *Radio Free Europe*, April 10, 2006.
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- “EU Enlargement and its Transatlantic Implications,” featured lecturer, *University Club*, Washington, DC, March 21, 2006.
- “France, the U.S., and Europe,” featured lecturer, *World Affairs Council Lecture Series*, Richmond, VA, March 14, 2006.
- “A diplomat’s illness,” quoted, *Polityka*, February 18, 2006.
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- “Bush, Merkel addresses Iran and Guantanamo prison,” quoted, *All Things Considered*, NPR, January 13, 2006.
- “Un Moment Charniere,” featured lecturer, *Institut des Hautes Etudes de Défense Nationale (IHEDN)*, Paris, France, January 6, 2006.
- “Garantir le respect du TNP: Options possibles,” panelist, *Les activités de l’Iran et le TNP: état des lieux et options*, Seminar by Centre Thucydide—Université Panthéon-Assas in association with IHEDN and CAP, Paris, France, January 6, 2006.
- “Crowded Foreign Policy Calendar Will Test Bush’s Management Skills,” quoted, Fred Kempe, *Wall Street Journal Europe*, January 4, 2006.
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- “The Vital Partnership at Half Past Bush: Europe Stalled and America Challenged,” featured speaker, *World Affairs Council Lecture Series*, Naples, FL, December 13, 2005.
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- “A Stalled Europe? Implications for the United States,” featured speaker, *Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired (DACOR) Lecture Series*, December 9, 2005.
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- “L’Europe devrait cesser de se définir par rapport aux Etats-Unis,” interview, *L’Echo*, December 6, 2005.
- “Pour Washington, l’urgence justifie les moyens,” Simon Serfaty featured, *La Libre Belgique*, December 6, 2005.
- “The Vital Partnership at Half Past Bush: Europe Stalled, America Challenged,” featured lecturer, *Royal Institute for International Relations*, Brussels, Belgium, December 5, 2005.
- “CIA Scandal highlights split between Europeans/Americans on war on terror,” quoted, Jocelyne Zablit, *Agence France Presse*, December 4, 2005.
- “The Challenges of European Integration and their Impact on NATO-EU Relations,” panelist, *Towards a Renewed Transatlantic Partnership: NATO’s Transformation and ESDP*, organized by Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome, Italy, November 21, 2005.
- “The Transatlantic and Multilateral Frameworks: Encouraging Reform,” rapporteur, *Transatlantic Policy Network*, Autumn Meeting, November 3, 2005.
- “Transatlantic Relations at a Crossroads: Is the Partnership at Risk?” featured speaker, *European American Business Council*, October 19, 2005.

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New European Democracies Project: *Janusz Bugajski, Director*

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