

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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RECENT EVENTS NOVEMBER 2005 – DECEMBER 2005

December 7th - Transatlantic Briefing with the Rt. Hon. Barry Gardiner, MP, British Minister for Competitiveness – 10:30-11:30 a.m., CSIS

CSIS hosted the Rt. Hon. Barry Gardiner, British Minister for Competitiveness, who met with a group of CSIS and external scholars to discuss the UK experience in using Public Private Partnerships (PPP) to help with infrastructure upgrades and maintenance. For more information about the British Department of Trade and Industry, please visit <http://www.dti.gov.uk/>

December 2nd-4th – Brzezinski Scholars Forum, Kiev, Ukraine

Thirty-five Central and East European scholars joined Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski and several senior scholars from CSIS at the third annual conference of the Brzezinski Scholars Forum. The conference focused on political and security issues facing the states that continue to make the difficult transformation from communism and centralized economies to free-market democracies. For more information on the event, please see http://www.csis.org/component/option.com_csis_events/task.view/id.816/

November 20th-22nd - U.S.-German Bilateral Dialogue, Berlin, Germany

The CSIS Europe Program and the Politisch Militärische Gesellschaft e.V. (pmg) co-organized a two-day meeting of U.S. and German scholars and officials in Berlin, Germany. Discussions centered on security topics of mutual interest, including the Greater Middle East, China, Russia, defense transformation, and NATO-European relations. A conference report will be released in early 2006 and will be available at www.csis.org/europe

November 17th - Transatlantic Briefing with members of the Finnish National Defense College, 8:30-10:30a.m., CSIS

Members of the Finnish National Defense College were briefed by several senior CSIS scholars on security issues related to the Middle East, NATO-EU relations, and Russia. Introductory remarks were provided by Dr. Robin Niblett, CSIS Executive Vice President and Europe Program Director. For further information on the Finnish National Defense College, please see <http://www.mpkk.fi/en/>

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER NEWS & ANALYSIS ABOUT THE EUROPEAN UNION

AT-A-GLANCE

Important Dates on the European Agenda

December 15-16: EU Summit, Brussels

January 1: Beginning of Austrian EU Presidency

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER RECAP

- The European Defense Agency (EDA) established a Code of Conduct on November 21 for the creation of a **single European defense market**.

- The first female German chancellor, and first chancellor from the former East Germany, **Angela Merkel** was sworn into office on November 22.
- On November 22, an article alleging the existence of **secret CIA prisons in several European countries** was published by *The Washington Post*, sparking debate over transatlantic counter-terrorism methods.
- The EU and its Mediterranean neighbors (EUROMED) agreed to a **counter-terrorism Code of Conduct** on November 28 at a two-day summit celebrating the ten-year anniversary of the Barcelona Process.
- On December 1, the **European Central Bank increased its benchmark interest rate** for the first time in five years, by a quarter of a percentage point to 2.25%.
- French President Jacques Chirac and more than 50 African heads of state attended the two-yearly **France-Africa summit** on December 3 to discuss poverty and illegal immigration.
- On December 5, **U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice** began a five-day European tour to discuss transatlantic counter-terrorism and security efforts.
- British MP **David Cameron** was elected the new leader of the Conservative Party on December 6, with a shadow cabinet that includes William Hague as Shadow Foreign Secretary, David Davis as Shadow Home Secretary, Liam Fox as Shadow Defense Secretary, and George Osborne as Shadow Chancellor.
- Croatian **Gen. Ante Gotovina**, the third most-wanted suspect from the 1990's Balkan wars, was arrested in Spain on December 7.
- Countries to the east of the EU launched the **Network of Eastern External Border Regions (NEEBOR)** on December 8, linking the regions of the EU's 5,500 km eastern border.

Europe and the European Union

Integration

- *"Blair sets EU budget bottom line," BBC News, December 9, 2005. Negotiations over the 2007-2013 EU budget framework continue, with Britain pushing for full review of EU farm subsidies.* http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/4513570.stm
- *"EU Tears Down Protectionist Walls; But New Rules Only Help European Companies," Brooks Tigner, Defense News, November 21, 2005. The EU approved a new defense policy aimed at creating a single defense market for the 25 member states.*

Counterterrorism

- *"Spain Arrests 7 Suspected of Terror Links," The Associated Press, The New York Times, December 9, 2005. Seven suspected terrorists with alleged links to al-Qaeda were arrested in Spain's Costa del Sol region.*
- *"EU anti-terror scheme approved by justice ministers," Teresa Kuchler, EUObserver, December 1, 2005. The European Council has adopted a new counterterrorism strategy aimed at countering radicalization and recruitment into terrorist cells.* <http://euobserver.com/22/20461>

Enlargement

- *"Ukraine takes step toward EU free trade," Andrew Rettman, EU Observer, November 30, 2005. Ukraine's new market economy status could put it on par with Norway and Switzerland, in terms of EU market access, by 2009.* <http://euobserver.com/15/20447>
- *"EU/Bosnia: Negotiations on New Euro-Accord Launched," Europe Information Service, November 26, 2005. Bosnia and Herzegovina took an important step towards EU membership by launching talks on a new Euro-integration accord.*

Economics & the Euro

- *"In Guarded Tones, European Bank Raises Rates for First Time in 5 Years," Mark Landler, New York Times, December 2, 2005. Despite nervousness among business leaders, the ECB raised its benchmark interest rate up to 2.25%.*
- *"EU: Development a priority in trade talks," Donna Borak, United Press International, November 30, 2005. Looking towards the Doha talks in Hong Kong, the EU wants to shift discussion away from its CAP towards the concerns of least-developed countries.*

Member States

Britain

- “Cameron chosen as new Tory leader”, *BBC News*, December 6, 2005. *Following his election as the new leader of the Conservative Party, David Cameron advocates “modern compassionate conservatism.”* http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/4502652.stm
- “More for military as cost of Iraq war nears Pounds 4bn,” Jimmy Burns and Peter Spiegel, *Financial Times*, December 6, 2005. *The British Treasury designated an additional £580 million for overseas military operations.*
- “U.K. official downgrades growth forecast,” Jane Wardell, *Associated Press*, December 5, 2005. *British Treasury chief Gordon Brown lowered his growth forecast for domestic economic expansion.* <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/12/05/AR2005120501237.html>

France

- “Des sénateurs veulent inclure la CSG et la CRDS dans le “bouclier fiscal”, *Le Monde*, December 8, 2005. *The Commission of Finance of the French Senate met on December 7 to amend the fiscal reform of the 2006 budget.* <http://www.lemonde.fr/web/article/0,1-0@2-3224,36-718851@51-633528,0.html>
- “Sarkozy Makes early Play for Presidency,” John Lichfield, *The Independent*, December 6, 2005. *Nicolas Sarkozy, Interior Minister of France, is pushing for the creation of a democratic ‘primary’ for the presidential candidacy, which may ensure Mr. Sarkozy an easy victory.* <http://news.independent.co.uk/europe/article331421.ece>
- “African, French leaders target immigration, fairer trade,” Bamako, *Agent France Presse*, December 3, 2005. *French President Jacques Chirac met with leaders from 23 African states at the Africa-France Summit to discuss means of combating and preventing illegal immigration.*

Germany

- “Ad campaign targets German torpor,” Richard Bernstein, *International Herald Tribune*, December 6, 2005. *A new ad campaign aims to change German public opinion about current domestic situation.*
- “Germany’s Defense Chief Vows to Stay the Course,” Martin Aguera, *Defense News*, December 5, 2005. *German Defense Minister Franz-Josef Jung promised to adhere to current military reform plans and to protect Germany’s defense budget against cuts.* <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?F=1379750&C=europe>
- “Merkel’s tour designed to put Germany back on map” Roger Boyes, *The Times*, November 22, 2005. *German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s European trip signaled the end of Germany’s political paralysis and pointed towards clearer German foreign policy.* <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,13509-1882483,00.html>

Italy

- “Berlusconi under fire as he pushes more election reforms,” Tony Barber, *Financial Times*, December 11, 2005. *Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi continues to push for electoral reforms, including amending media access laws and re-establishing full proportional representation in national elections.*
- “Why Italy lost the Bra Wars,” Peter Popham, *The Independent*, December 6, 2005. *The tradition of small family owned companies might be coming to an end in Italy due to global market pressures and competition from China.* <http://news.independent.co.uk/europe/article331424.ece>

Spain

- “Zapatero and Berlusconi acuerdan combater a los traficantes de inmigrantes,” Peru Egurbide, *El País*, December 2, 2005. *Spain and Italy announced a three-way accord with France aimed at curbing illegal immigration into the European Union.*
- “Spain defies U.S., seals arms deal with Venezuela,” *Agence France Presse*, November 29, 2005. *Spain and Venezuela signed a \$2 billion arms sale agreement, providing Venezuela with eight Spanish-made navy patrol boats and twelve military transport planes.*

Poland

- “*Conservative Poland Roils European Union*,” Graham Bowley, *The New York Times*, December 4, 2005. *Brussels remains weary of Poland’s new socially conservative government.*
- “*Poland’s opening of Cold War military files risks further souring ties with Russia*,” Ryan Lucas, *The Associated Press*, November 29, 2005. *Poland’s decision to make public Cold War-era military files describing plans of Soviet retaliation to a NATO nuclear attack could further strain already tense relations between Warsaw and Moscow.*

Europe and the United States

Transatlantic Relations

- “*Rice Wins Over E.U. Counterparts, Capping Months of Groundwork*,” Glenn Kessler, *The Washington Post*, December 10, 2005. *European leaders voice satisfaction with explanations provided by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice regarding counter-terrorism methods employed by the United States.*
- “*Security a ‘two-way’ street’, says Rice European Visit*,” Guy Dinmore and Daniel Domby, *Financial Times*, December 6, 2005. *U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice stated European lives have been saved due to U.S. counter-terrorism efforts.*

NATO and Defense

- “*NATO ministers back Afghanistan plans*,” Daniel Dombey, *Financial Times*, December 9, 2005. *The foreign ministers of NATO member countries agreed to increase the alliance’s military presence in Afghanistan within the coming year.*

Transatlantic Trade & Economics

- “*U.S.-EU join to fight piracy*,” Huw Jones and William Schomberg, *National Post*, December 1, 2005. *During the first informal U.S.-EU meeting on economic integration, Brussels and Washington joined forces in combating piracy and counterfeiting.*
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CSIS EUROPE PROGRAM- NEW AND RECENT PUBLICATIONS

FORTHCOMING: VISIONS OF THE 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 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 Alliance** will be available through the CSIS Press at <http://csis.zoovy.com/>*

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>

“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

- “Secretary of state's credibility on line in terrorism debate,” Robin Niblett 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.
- “Paris Riots,” Robin Niblett interviewed, *BBC World News*, November 8, 2005.
- “La Belle France: A country of equality and exclusion,” Robin Niblett quoted, Steven Komarow and Rick Hampson, *USA Today*, November 10, 2005.
- “Bush backs EU efforts to cut agricultural subsidies,” Robin Niblett quoted, Brian Knowlton, *The International Herald Tribune*, October 19, 2005.

- “Agricultural subsidies still unsettled as Bush, European leader meet,” Robin Niblett quoted, Harry Dunphy, *The Associated Press*, October 18, 2005.
- “Challenges and Obstacles; What Is There to Say That’s New?” panelist, *Europe at a Crossroads?* U.S. State Department conference, September 7, 2005.
- “U.S. and European Perspectives on Conflict Resolution in the Middle East: Where does the debate end and the cooperation begin?” panelist, *The Future of Western-Muslim Relations*, organized by Americans for Informed Democracy and The Atlantic Council of the United States, July 22, 2005.
- “China’s Growing Global Influence: Objectives and Strategies,” panelist, *US-China Economic and Security Review Commission*, July 22, 2005.
- “Bombs Hit London Transit System As World Leaders Meet For G-8 Summit,” Robin Niblett quoted, Shelley Emling, *Cox News Service*, July 7, 2005.
- “French-U.S. relations may be improving,” Robin Niblett quoted, Renee Williams, *UPI*, July 6, 2005.

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

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- “A Europe of Weak Leaders,” Simon Serfaty, *International Herald Tribune*, October 1, 2005.
- “Deadlocked Destiny,” Simon Serfaty, *The Washington Times*, September 20, 2005.
- “Terms of Estrangement: French-American Relations in Perspective,” Simon Serfaty, *Survival*, Autumn 2005.
- “Handle Europe With Care,” Simon Serfaty, *Wall Street Journal Europe*, June 8, 2005.
- “Addio all’Occidente? Un America imperiale e un Europe in ascesa,” in *Quale Occidente, Occidente Perche?* Tiziano Bonazzi, ed., (Rubbettino, 2005) pp. 136-155.
- “The U.S., the EU, and NATO: After the Cold War and Beyond Iraq,” *Insight Turkey*, vol. 7, no. 2 (June 2005) pp. 66-83.

Outreach

- “The Vital Partnership at Half Past Bush: Europe Stalled and America Challenged,” featured speaker, *World Affairs Council Lecture Series*, Naples, FL, December 13, 2005.
- “La France, les Etats-Unis et l’Islam: confrontation, assimilation et integration,” featured speaker, *Alliance Française Naples*, December 13, 2005.
- “Ce n’est pas acceptable,” Simon Serfaty quoted, *Le Soir*, December 6, 2005.
- “Europe and America split on war on terror,” Simon Serfaty quoted, *Dispatch Online*, December 6, 2005.
- “EU moet meer doen in Irak,” Simon Serfaty quoted, *De Standard*, December 6, 2005.

- “L’Europe devrait cesser de se définir par rapport aux Etats-Unis,” interview with Simon Serfaty, *L’Echo*, December 6, 2005.
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- Simon Serfaty featured, *De Standaard*, December 6, 2005.
- “CIA Scandal highlights split between Europeans/Americans on war on terror,” Simon Serfaty 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.
- “‘Italienisierung’ Deutschlands; Amerikanische Erwartungen und Befürchtungen angesichts der Situations in Berlin,” Simon Serfaty quoted, Matthias Rüb, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, September 23, 2005.
- “Villepin à l’Onu, sous le regard mi-figue, mi-raisin des Américains,” Simon Serfaty quoted, Christophe de Roquefeuil, *Agence France Presse*, September 14, 2005.
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New European Democracies Project: Janusz Bugajski, Director

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