

**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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## **CSIS EUROPE PROGRAM E-WATCH**

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#### ***RECENT EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2005 – OCTOBER 2005***

##### **October 9-11 – Transatlantic Legislative Dialogue, Brussels, Belgium**

*As part of the Initiative for a Renewed Transatlantic Partnership, the CSIS Europe Program, in cooperation with the Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN), brought a group of ten U.S. congressional staffers to Brussels to meet with their counterparts from the European Parliament for a series of informal discussions on key security and economic issues. The U.S. staffers also met with officials from the European Commission and the European Council. A summary of the dialogues' conclusions will be posted on [www.csis.org/europe](http://www.csis.org/europe)*

##### **October 3 – U.S.-Norway Dialogue — Future Transatlantic Challenges, 9:00am-3:30pm, CSIS**

*A delegation of Norwegian scholars and private sector officials met with their U.S. counterparts to discuss trade, investment, and energy, among other topics. This event was co-hosted by CSIS and Civita. For more information on Civita's work see [www.civita.no](http://www.civita.no)*

##### **September 20 – Transatlantic Relations during the British EU Presidency, 8:00am-5:00pm, St. Regis Hotel**

*Led by high-level panels focusing on defense, economics, counterterrorism and the Middle East, this all-day conference discussed major issues faced by the UK Presidency of the European Union, currently taking place for the second half of 2005. An event summary will be posted on [www.csis.org/europe](http://www.csis.org/europe)*

#### ***SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER NEWS & ANALYSIS ABOUT THE EUROPEAN UNION***

##### ***AT-A-GLANCE***

##### ***Important Dates on the European Agenda***

**October 25: Second round of Polish presidential elections**

**October 27: Informal summit of EU leaders, Hampton Court palace, UK**

- **Angela Merkel** was announced as Germany's new chancellor on October 10. She will lead a 'grand coalition' government consisting of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU/CSU) and the Social Democratic Party (SPD), the specifics of which will be negotiated over the coming weeks.
- On October 8, **Spain deported a group of about 100 migrants** from its Melilla enclave in northern Morocco, following a series of attempts to enter the Spanish territory by groups of African nationals, during which at least 11 people have died.
- The European Union and Turkey agreed on October 4 to officially begin Turkey's membership negotiations.
- Following the United Nations announcement that Croatia is fully cooperating with the Hague war crimes tribunal, the European Union agreed on October 3 to begin **accession talks with Croatia**.
- The **Permanent Partnership Council (PPC) on Energy** held its first ever meeting on October 3 in London, aiming to give additional political impetus to EU-Russia energy cooperation.
- An independent commission announced on September 26 that the **Irish Republican Army has disarmed** and disposed of all its weapons.
- The right-leaning **Law & Justice party** won the **Polish parliamentary elections** on September 25 with 27 percent of the vote, followed by the center-right **Civic Platform party** (24 percent). Two days later, Law &

Justice leader Jaroslaw Kaczynski nominated economist and physicist **Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz** as the new prime minister.

- In a **referendum** on September 25, **Swiss voters** elected to open the country's borders to workers from the EU's eastern and central states.
- After failing to gain Russian support, the **EU** backed away on September 23 from a proposal to refer Iran's nuclear program to the **UN Security Council** for possible sanctions.
- On September 18, the CDU/CSU won a smaller than anticipated majority in the German election on September 18, with 35.2 percent of the vote versus the SPD's 34.2 percent.

## Europe and the European Union

### **Integration**

- "UK Presidency Shelves Services Directive," Lucia Kubosova, *EUObserver*, October 10, 2005. *The United Kingdom decides to postpone its push for passage of the services directive, a proposal designed to liberalize the EU's services sector.* <http://euobserver.com/9/20020>

### **Counterterrorism**

- "9 Held in France Planned to Attack, Official Says," Craig S. Smith and Helene Fouquet, *The New York Times*, September 28, 2005. *French authorities detain nine people suspected of planning terrorist attacks in Paris.*
- "Madrid Court Sentences al-Qaeda Suspect to 27 Years in Jail," Leslie Crawford, *Financial Times*, September 27, 2005. *A Spanish court sentences the alleged leader of a Spanish al-Qaeda cell to 27 years in prison for involvement in the attacks of September 11, 2001.*
- "Italians turn over suspect in failed London attack," Kevin Sullivan, *The Washington Post*, September 23, 2005. *Italy extradites a suspect in the failed July 21 bomb attack on the London transit system.* <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/09/22/AR2005092201322.html>

### **Enlargement**

- "Brussels sees 'new dawn' for Balkans," Eric Jansson and Daniel Dombey, *Financial Times*, October 5, 2005. *The EU begins membership talks with Croatia and association negotiations with Serbia-Montenegro.*
- "Europe embraces Turkey as diplomatic deadlock is broken," Nicholas Watt, *The Guardian*, October 4, 2005. *Austria drops its objections to Turkish accession talks, allowing negotiations on Turkey's membership in the European Union to officially begin.* <http://politics.guardian.co.uk/eu/story/0,9061,1584373,00.html>

### **Economics & the Euro**

- "Pickup in eurozone economic activity broadens," Ralph Atkins, *Financial Times*, October 3, 2005. *Eurozone purchasing figures may indicate an upturn with growth broadening beyond that driven by exports.*
- "EU's biggest economies becoming less competitive," Honor Mahony, *EUObserver*, September 29, 2005. *France and Germany slip in the World Economic Forum report on European economies.* <http://euobserver.com/9/19968>

## Member States

### **Britain**

- "The line-up; Conservative leadership election," *The Economist*, October 8, 2005. *The Conservative Party gathers to elect new leadership during a week-long conference.*
- "Blair tells his party he will keep troops in Iraq," Alan Cowell, *The New York Times*, September 28, 2005. *In a keynote speech to the Labor Party, Blair pledges to remain the strongest ally of the United States.* <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/09/28/international/europe/28britain.html>

## France

- “Chirac and Blair look at ways to boost economy,” Christopher Adams, Martin Arnold, and James Blitz, *Financial Times*, October 8, 2005. *British Prime Minister Tony Blair and French President Jacques Chirac meet to discuss disagreements over the EU budget and means of boosting Europe’s economy prior to a general EU meeting scheduled for October 27.*
- “French strike hits transport system,” *The Guardian*, October 4, 2005. *A 24-hour strike by French workers causes disruption to the transport and school systems.* <http://www.guardian.co.uk/france/story/0,11882,1584759,00.html>

## Germany

- “Merkel to succeed Germany’s Schroeder,” Craig Whitlock, *Washington Post*, October 11, 2005. *Angela Merkel will lead a CDU-SDP “Grand Coalition” in Germany.* <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/10/10/AR2005101000199.html>
- “Kanzleramt ade,” Peter Dausend und Martin Lutz, *Die Welt*, October 11, 2005. *Although a chancellor has been named and a coalition formed, much negotiation remains in order to form a government in Germany.* <http://www.welt.de/data/2005/10/11/787308.html?s=1>

## Italy

- “Berlusconi’s allies present controversial electoral reform in parliament,” Alessandra Rizzo, *Associated Press*, October 11, 2005. *The Italian parliament begins debate regarding proposed electoral law reforms aimed at restoring full proportional representation.*
- “Italy plans hostile takeover shield for state assets,” Tony Barber, *Financial Times*, October 4, 2005. *Italy’s government is preparing to block takeovers of large state-owned companies by introducing new categories of shares and financial instruments allowing for state participation in capital increases.* <http://news.ft.com/cms/s/54991d54-34fe-11da-9e12-00000e2511c8.html>

## Spain

- “Migrant clashes expose EU shortcomings,” Teresa Kuchler, *EUObserver*, October 4, 2005. *Attempts to storm the Spanish-Moroccan border by North African immigrants force the Spanish government and the European Commission to rethink EU border controls.* <http://euobserver.com/9/20002>
- “El Parlamento catalan aprueba un Estatuto que el Gobierno reformara en las Cortes,” *El Pais*, October 1, 2005. *The Catalan parliament approved a new version of its autonomy statute, calling for increased regional independence from the central government in Madrid.*

## Poland

- “Surprise as economist named to lead Poland,” Mark Beunderman, *The EUObserver*, September 28, 2005. *The victorious Law and Justice party unexpectedly nominates Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz to the post of prime minister.* <http://euobserver.com/843/19956>
- “Poles shift to right in voting for Parliament,” Graham Bowley, *The International Herald Tribune*, September 26, 2005. *Poland’s political scene took a shift to the right with the victory of the conservative Law and Justice party and the second place finish of its coalition partner, the liberal-conservative Civic Platform.* <http://www.iht.com/articles/2005/09/25/news/poland.php>

## Europe and the United States

### Transatlantic Relations

- “U.N. to Launch Talks on Kosovo,” Colum Lynch, *Washington Post*, October 8, 2005. *Kofi Annan’s intentions to discuss the political future of Kosovo may prove divisive to transatlantic and inter-European relations.* <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/10/07/AR2005100701877.html>
- “Analysis: EU, US beef up security ties,” Gareth Harding and Shaun Waterman, *United Press International*, October 5, 2005. *U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez met with EU Justice Commissioner Franco Frattini in order to discuss growing transatlantic cooperation on security, Turkish EU membership, and visa regulations.*

## **NATO and Defense**

- ♦ “NATO Reports All 26 Nations Are Aiding Iraq With Training,” Warren Hodge, *The New York Times*, September 22, 2005. All European members of NATO are providing equipment or training to Iraqi troops.

## **Transatlantic Trade & Economics**

- ♦ “WTO rules that US has failed to dismantle tax subsidy,” Raphael Minder and Edward Alden, *Financial Times*, October 1, 2005. Following a ruling that the US has failed to dismantle corporate tax subsidies the WTO has declared illegal, the EU could reintroduce punitive tariffs.

## **CSIS EUROPE PROGRAM- NEW AND RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

**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](http://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:

- ♦ Preventing Iran’s acquisition of a nuclear weapons capability
- ♦ Securing Ukraine’s democratic future
- ♦ Fighting international terrorism
- ♦ Controlling weapons of mass destruction proliferation
- ♦ Facilitating trade and promoting global economic growth
- ♦ Strengthening European defense capability

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## **U.S.-GERMAN BILATERAL DIALOGUE CONFERENCE REPORT; RENEWING THE TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP. ORGANIZED IN COOPERATION WITH THE POLITISCH-MILITÄRISCHE GESELLSCHAFT (PMG)**

Released in February 2005, this report is based on the adapted comments of the lead discussants at the latest U.S.-German Bilateral Dialogue, held at CSIS in October. Download it at [http://www.csis.org/europe/rtp\\_report.pdf](http://www.csis.org/europe/rtp_report.pdf)

## **VITAL PARTNERSHIP: HALF AFTER BUSH, MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT, BY SIMON SERFATY, NOVEMBER 3, 2004.**

Setting the election of 2004 in a historical context, yet focusing specifically on the crucial months ahead, this piece sets out some benchmarks for the foreign policy of the second Bush administration. Download it at <http://www.csis.org/europe/initiative/vitalpartnership.pdf>

## **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 in 2005: A Distracted Partner,” by Robin Niblett and Derek Mix.** Amid strong hopes for more positive and constructive transatlantic relations, the year 2005 begins with the European Union and the United States facing a growing list of foreign policy challenges. Nevertheless, Europe looks to be greatly preoccupied with its own massive internal agenda and the sensitivities of national domestic politics. <http://www.csis.org/europe/eurofocus/v11n1.pdf>

**UPDATE: “Lifting the Arms Embargo – Next Steps,” feature essay by Robin Niblett for the CSIS Freeman Chair in China Studies Freeman Report, February 2005.** U.S. concerns spelled out in three points about the arms embargo and possible reforms to the EU Code of Conduct. <http://www.csis.org/china/FRN/FRv03v02.pdf>

**“The United States, The European Union, and Lifting the Arms Embargo on China,” by Robin Niblett.** The eventual repeal of the EU arms embargo on China is inevitable. European leaders are driven fundamentally by the desire to build a strategic partnership with China over the long-term. The decision to lift the embargo could have dire consequences for the transatlantic relationship. <http://www.csis.org/europe/eurofocus/v10n3.pdf>

**“Purpose and Commitment,” by Simon Serfaty.** The United States and the states of Europe stand at a defining moment. In the context of approaching finality of the European Union, questions of power and weakness in U.S.—EU—NATO relations, the future of Iraq, and a new security normalcy, there are decisions to be made that will shape the capabilities and purpose of the Atlantic Alliance. <http://www.csis.org/europe/eurofocus/v10n2.pdf>

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

### **Publications**

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

### **Outreach**

- ◆ “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 G8 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.
- ◆ “EU strife hurts U.S.,” Robin Niblett quoted, Mark Matthews, *The Baltimore Sun*, June 29, 2005.
- ◆ “Bush critics call memo evidence of lying on Iraq,” Robin Niblett quoted, *Austin-American Statesman*, June 16, 2005.
- ◆ “Morning Edition,” Robin Niblett interviewed, Renee Montagne, *NPR*, June 16, 2005.
- ◆ “EU Summit Preview,” Robin Niblett interviewed, Carol Pearson, *Voice of America News*, June 15, 2005.

- ◆ “British memo is red meat to foes of Iraq war,” Robin Niblett quoted, Don Melvin, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, June 12, 2005.
- ◆ “Europe needs America’s help,” Robin Niblett quoted, Bruce Stokes, *The National Journal*, June 11, 2005.
- ◆ “‘Downing Street Memo’ gets fresh attention,” Robin Niblett quoted, Mark Memmott, *USA Today*, June 8, 2005.
- ◆ “L’Europe affaiblie: les Etats-Unis partagés entre embarras et satisfaction,” Robin Niblett quoted, Christophe de Roquefeuil, *Agence France Presse*, June 4, 2005.
- ◆ “US wonders, what is Chirac up to?” Robin Niblett quoted, *Agence France Presse*, June 3, 2005.
- ◆ “EU crisis threatens bloc’s role on world stage,” Robin Niblett quoted, Leon Bruneau, *Agence France Presse*, June 3, 2005.
- ◆ “US hopes to maintain partnership with shaky EU,” Robin Niblett quoted, Peter Mackler, *Agence France Presse*, June 1, 2005.

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

### **Publications**

*Vital Partnership: Power and Order America and Europe Beyond Iraq* (Rowman & Littlefield), May 2005

*The Vital Partnership* is a political, historical, and intellectual assessment of the evolution of transatlantic relations. With a foreword by Brent Scowcroft and early praises by Senator Lugar, former Senator Sam Nunn, former NATO Secretary General Lord George Robertson, and CSIS President and CEO John Hamre, a former deputy secretary of defense.

Available at [www.rowmanlittlefield.com](http://www.rowmanlittlefield.com)

- ◆ “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**

- ◆ “‘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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- ◆ “Les Etats-Unis s’inquiètent d’une Europe repliée sur elle-même”, Simon Serfaty quoted, Corine Lesnes, *Le Monde*, June 20, 2005.
- ◆ “Europe’s Dream Deferred,” Simon Serfaty quoted, Christopher Dickey, *Newsweek*, June 13, 2005.
- ◆ “Europe Needs America’s Help,” Simon Serfaty quoted, Bruce Stokes, *The National Journal*, June 11, 2005.
- ◆ “Les USA doivent réaffirmer leur soutien à une Europe unie,” interview with Simon Serfaty, Nathalie Mattheiem, *Le Soir*, June 6, 2005.
- ◆ “VS verbijsterd door Europese struikelpartij,” Simon Serfaty quoted, Rik Winkel, *Het Financieele Dagblad*, June 6, 2005.
- ◆ “Après le non au referendum,” Simon Serfaty quoted, Dorian Malovic, *La Croix*, June 4, 2005.
- ◆ “On the road to unity, Europe loses identity,” Simon Serfaty quoted, Roger Cohen, *International Herald Tribune*, June 4, 2005.
- ◆ “France turns to ‘man of many talents’,” Simon Serfaty quoted, *Toronto Star*, June 4, 2005.
- ◆ “EU dissonance puts snags in US agenda,” Simon Serfaty quoted, Howard LaFranchi, *The Christian Science Monitor*, June 2, 2005.
- ◆ “« Non » français. L’Amérique qui jubile et celle qui s’inquiète,” Simon Serfaty quoted, François Clemenceau, *Le Télégramme*, June 1, 2005.

#### OTHER EUROPE-RELATED CSIS PROGRAM NEWS

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