

One Year of Obama: Have Transatlantic Differences Narrowed?

Seminar organised by FRIDE, the Heinrich Böll Foundation and CEPS,

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FRIDE, the Heinrich Böll Foundation and CEPS are teaming up for a stock-take of transatlantic relations after the first year of the Obama administration.

We will focus on **four thematic** areas. First, changing positions towards multilateralism, including in relation to the financial crisis. Second, policies on climate change, especially in light of the December 2009 Copenhagen summit. Third, security challenges in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Fourth, Middle East policy.

In each of these four areas we will commission two **policy briefs**, one from a European and one from an American expert. In each area we will explore a series of core questions. Have differences between the EU and US narrowed during 2009? Is cooperation more effective? Where do transatlantic differences remain, or indeed threaten to become more rather than less notable? What are the policy implications?

Programme

9:15 am

Welcome and Introduction

Richard Youngs (FRIDE) and
Sebastian Gräfe (hbs North America)

9:30-11:00 am

Global Governance and Multilateralism

Chair: Sarah-Lea John de Sousa (FRIDE)

Panelists: Ted Piccone (Brookings)
Sven Bsicop (Egmont)

Coffee Break

11:30-1:00 pm

Climate Change post-Copenhagen

Chair: Arne Jungjohann (hbs North America)

Panelists: Andrew Light (Center for American Progress)
Christian Egenhofer (CEPS)

Lunch Break

2:00-3:30 pm

Security I: Afghanistan and Pakistan

Chair: Gregor Enste (hbs Pakistan/Afghanistan)

Panelists: Juan Cole (University of Michigan)
Daniel Korski (ECFR)

Coffee Break

4:00-5:30 pm

Security II: The Middle East

Chair: Richard Youngs (FRIDE)

Panelists: Michelle Dunne (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace)
Rosemary Hollis (City University London)

5:30-5:45 pm

Final Session: Concluding Remarks

Michael Emerson (CEPS)/Richard Youngs (FRIDE)