

**The SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations  
and its partners  
The European Studies Centre at St. Antony's College,  
University of Oxford  
and  
The University of Paris II's Centre Thucydide  
invite you  
to a conference on**

***Defending the Gains?  
Transatlantic Responses When Democracy is Under Threat***

***September 25, 2006***

**Kenney Auditorium  
Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies  
The Johns Hopkins University  
1740 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.**

**Begins at 9:00 a.m.  
Please see attached agenda**

The conference will address several questions including: what do outsiders do when democracy erodes? Are the U.S. and EU able to respond effectively when democracy is in trouble? Democracy promotion is high politics in transatlantic diplomacy, but is that attention helping deepen democracy around the world? Democracy promotion efforts have focused primarily on ways to encourage democracy where it does not exist, or to consolidate democracy where it has taken hold. But what can and should the U.S. and Europe do when nascent democracies backslide or there is a general erosion of democracy?

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**Monday, September 25, 2006**

**9:00am-9:30am**      *Conference Welcome and Introduction*

Dr. Esther Brimmer  
Center for Transatlantic Relations  
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Professor Timothy Garton Ash  
Director, European Studies Centre  
Gerd Bucerius Senior Research Fellow in Contemporary History  
St Antony's College, University of Oxford

Professor Serge Sur  
Director, Centre Thucydide  
Université Paris II (Panthéon-Assas)

**9:30am-11:00am**      *Session One: The United States and the European Union and  
Democracy Promotion*

*Divergent Interpretations of Democracy in U.S. and EU Policies*  
Dr. Jeffrey Kopstein

Director, Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies,  
Munk Centre for International Studies, and professor of political  
science, University of Toronto

*The United States, the European Union and the Consolidation of  
Democracy in Eastern Europe*

Dr. Jan Zielonka  
Ralf Dahrendorf Fellow in European Politics,  
St Antony's, Oxford

*The United States and the European Union and Democracy in  
West Africa*

Mr. Yann Bedzigui  
Centre Thucydide  
Université Paris II (Panthéon)

*The United States and the European Union and Democracy in the  
Middle East*

Dr. Nada Mourtada Sabbah  
Associate Professor of Political Science and  
Chair of the Department of International Studies  
American University of Sharjah (UAE)

*Moderator:* Dr. Esther Brimmer  
Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins University SAIS

***11:00am-11:30am***     ***Coffee/Tea***

***11:30pm-1:15pm***     ***Session Two: Democracy Promotion and the International  
Community***

*The Role of the International Community in Sustaining Democracy*

Mr. Theodore Piccone  
Executive Director  
Democracy Coalition Project

*The United Nations and Sustaining Democracy*

Mr. Magdy Martinez-Soliman  
Executive Head a.i.  
United Nations Democracy Fund  
United Nations

*European Approaches to Supporting Democracy in Eastern Europe*

The Honorable Janusz Reiter  
Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the United States

*International Norms and Sustaining Democracy*

Mr. Thomas O. Melia  
Deputy Executive Director  
Freedom House

*Preventing the Erosion of Democracy*

Dr. Esther Brimmer  
Center for Transatlantic Relations  
Johns Hopkins University SAIS

*Moderator:* Dr. David Yang, Senior Advisor, UNDP Washington Office

***1:15pm-2:00pm***      ***Buffet Lunch (Herter Room)***

***2:00pm-3:45pm***      ***Session Three: Case Studies***

*Russia*

Dr. Celeste A. Wallander  
Professor, School of Foreign Service  
Georgetown University

*Côte d'Ivoire*

Dr. Jeanne Maddox Toungara  
Professor  
Howard University

*Zimbabwe*

Mr. David Monyae  
School of Social Sciences  
University of Witwatersrand

*Venezuela*

Dr. Jennifer McCoy  
Director Americas Program, the Carter Center and  
Professor of Political Science, Georgia State University

*Moderator:* Dr. I. William Zartman  
Jacob Blaustein Professor of International Organizations and  
Conflict Resolution, Johns Hopkins University SAIS

**3:45pm-4:00pm**      *Coffee/Tea*

**4:00pm-5:30pm**      *Session Four: A Debate about What to Do About Democratic  
Backsliding*

Professor Timothy Garton Ash  
Director, European Studies Centre  
Gerd Bucerius Senior Research Fellow in Contemporary History  
St. Antony's College, University of Oxford

Mr. Carl Gershman  
President, National Endowment for Democracy

Dr. Marina S. Ottaway  
Senior Associate  
Democracy and Rule of Law Project  
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

*Moderator:* Mr. Fred Hiatt, *The Washington Post*

**5:30pm-5:45pm**      *Session Five: Conclusions*

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