

**The Italian Club and the Center for Transatlantic Relations
at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies
Johns Hopkins University
EU Center of Excellence Washington, DC**

invites you to an event with

**Simonetta Di Pippo
Head of Human Spaceflight
European Space Agency**

*Human spaceflight and exploration:
a successful example of international peaceful
cooperation?*

Amb. Kurt Volker
Senior Fellow and Managing Director
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Senior Research Fellow
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When: Thursday, February 4, 2010
Time: 12:30 - 1:30 PM
Where: BOB Room 500, 1717 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington DC

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The Economist yearly issue "The World in 2010" indicated, in its obituary section, that the Space Shuttle Program will be terminated early this year. The new US maiden flight, the Ares I/Orion vehicle, is not likely to be ready before 2016-2017. This will leave NASA completely dependent on Russian Soyuz to transport its astronauts to and from the International Space Station (ISS) for a long period of time. Meanwhile, the Agustin report ordered by President Obama in May 2009 to review US space exploration policy has pointed out that the current strategy for US human spaceflight is unsustainable due the limited financial resources of NASA. What role is there to play by the international community and Europe in particular with regard to cooperation?

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