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**Have pleasure of inviting you to the
international conference**

**“TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS 2009
– A CHANCE FOR A FRESH START?”**

Date: 28 May 2009

Venue:

U Hájků

Congress Centre

Na Poříčí 42

Prague 1

The conference is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, the Delegation of the European Commission to the United States, and the American Centre in Prague



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Dear Madame / Dear Sir,

We would like to invite you to the conference "**Transatlantic Relations 2009 - A Chance for a Fresh Start?**" organized by EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Prague on May 28, 2009.

The aim of the conference is to discuss the current state of transatlantic relations and recommendations for their improvement in the near future. Four policy papers, developed by leading EU and US experts, focusing on Trade, Energy and Climate Change, Democracy Promotion and EU Neighborhood, will be presented and serve as a starting point for the discussion.

The conference is organized in the framework of the Transatlantic Policy Forum – project led by Institute for European Policy EUROPEUM in association with CSIS Washington D.C., GMF US, SIEPS Stockholm, Notre Europe Paris and PSSI Prague and supported by the European Commission Delegation to the United States, the Office of Government of the Czech Republic and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

The conference will take place in the **U Hájků Congress Centre, Na Poříčí 42 from 9 AM till 5 PM.**

The above mentioned **policy papers** are available at following links:

Transatlantic trade: How to sustain the vibrant Transatlantic market at the times of economic crisis? <http://www.europeum.org/doc/pdf/898.pdf>

Energy and climate change: convergence towards Copenhagen?
<http://www.europeum.org/doc/pdf/899.pdf>

Towards building a Transatlantic consensus on democracy
<http://www.europeum.org/doc/pdf/900.pdf>

European Union, United States and the European Neighbourhood: strategic partnership or diverging interests? <http://www.europeum.org/doc/pdf/901.pdf>
<http://www.europeum.org/doc/pdf/902.pdf> (Background paper)

For more information please do not hesitate to contact our assistants Martina (mrubeskova@europeum.org) or Dominika (ddrazilova@europeum.org).

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Kindly yours,

David Král

Director
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PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE

- 8.30 – 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 – 9:15 **Welcoming remarks**

Erfried Adam, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Prag
David Král, Director, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Prague
- 9:15 – 10:30 Panel I: Transatlantic trade: How to sustain the vibrant Transatlantic market at the times of economic crisis?**

Moderation: Lukáš Pachta, Research Fellow, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Prague

Rapporteur: Jean-Philippe Gervais, Associate Professor , North Carolina State University, Raleigh

Discussants:

Jens Van Scherpenberg, Nonresident Senior Fellow, SWP, Berlin
Karim Lesina, Executive Director, EMEA Government Affairs AT&T, Brussels
- 10:30 – 10:50 Coffee break
- 10:50 – 12:15 Panel II: Energy and climate change: convergence towards Copenhagen?**

Moderation: James Hunt, Special Envoy for Climate Change, Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic

Rapporteur: William Siefken, Senior Associate, CSIS, Washington

Discussants:

Jiří Schneider, Research Director, PSSI, Prague
Josef Braml, Resident Fellow, DGAP, Berlin
Susanne Dröge, researcher, SWP, Berlin
- 12:15 – 13:15 Lunch

13:15 – 14:30

Panel III: Towards building a Transatlantic consensus on democracy?

Moderation: Vladimir Bartovic, Research Fellow, EUROPEUM Institute for European policy, Prague

Rapporteur: Anna Michalski, Senior Researcher, SIEPS, Stockholm

Discussants:

John Glenn, Director of Foreign Policy, GMF, Washington

Igor Blažević, Head of Human Rights and Democracy Department, People in Need, Prague

Ernst Kerbusch (ret.), Director, Department of International Co-operation and Development, FES, Berlin

14:30 – 15:45

Panel IV: European Union, United States and the European Neighbourhood: strategic partnership or diverging interests?

Chair: David Král, Director, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Prague

Rapporteur: Tomáš Weiss, Research Fellow, EUROPEUM Institute for European policy, Prague

Discussants:

Nicolas Jabko, Senior Research Fellow, CERJ, Paris

Richard G. Whitman, Professor of Politics, University of Bath

Thomas Spiller, Senior Director, International Programs SAS, Brussels

15:45

Concluding remarks

16:00

Glass of wine