

# EU Washington Forum 2011

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Sofitel Lafayette Square

## Programme

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**08:00** **Registration and coffee** (*Ballroom pre-function room*)

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09:00

**09:00** **Welcome address** (*Paris Ballroom*)

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**09:15** **Álvaro de Vasconcelos**, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

**João Vale de Almeida**, Ambassador of the European Union to the United States of America

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**09:15** **Keynote speech** (*Paris Ballroom*)

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**09:45** **A Central European view on the transatlantic alliance**

**Petr Nečas**, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

Introduced by: **Daniel Hamilton**, Director, Center for Transatlantic Relations

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**09:45** **Panel One** (*Paris Ballroom*)

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**11:00** **The democratic wave in the Arab world: transatlantic perspectives**

MODERATOR: **Álvaro de Vasconcelos**, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

SPEAKERS: **Pierre Vimont**, Executive Secretary-General, European External Action Service

**Philip H. Gordon**, Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

**Robin Niblett**, Director, Chatham House

**Thierry de Montbrial**, President, French Institute of International Relations

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**11:00** **Coffee break** (*Pre-function room — 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*)

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11:30

**11:30** **Working sessions** (four sessions taking place in parallel; pre-registration required)

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**13:00** **WS 1: The revolutions in the Arab world: a chance for the Middle East Peace Process?** (*Concorde Room*)

**WS2: Consolidating the change: rule of law, social progress and security** (*Bastille Room*)

**WS3: The EU, NATO and Libya** (*Madeleine Room*)

**WS4: Protecting citizens: international cooperation in times of crisis** (*Montmartre Room*)

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**13:00** **Lunch** (*Paris Ballroom*)

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14:30

**14:30** **Working sessions continued**

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16:00

**16:00** **Coffee break** (*Ballroom pre-function room*)

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16:30

**16:30** **Panel Two** (*Paris Ballroom*)

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**17:30** **Democratisation challenges in the EU's Eastern and Southern neighbourhoods**

MODERATOR: **Marcin Zaborowski**, Director, Polish Institute of International Affairs

SPEAKERS: **Jerzy Pomianowski**, Under-Secretary of State, Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Jānis Mažeiks**, Director General, Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Carl Gershman**, President, National Endowment for Democracy

08:30 **Registration and coffee** (*Ballroom pre-function room*)

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09:00

09:00 **Panel Three** (*Paris Ballroom*)

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10:30 **Political, social and economic reforms in the MENA region: what role for the EU and US?**

MODERATOR: **Sylvie Kauffmann**, Editorial Director, Le Monde

SPEAKERS: **Linas Linkevicius**, Adviser to the Prime Minister of Lithuania

**William Taylor**, U.S. Special Coordinator for Middle East Transition

**Marina Ottaway**, Senior Associate, Middle East Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

**Silvio Gonzato**, Head of Secretariat, Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament

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10:30 **Coffee break** (*Ballroom pre-function room*)

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10:45

10:45 **Roundtable – conclusions from the Working Sessions** (*Paris Ballroom*)

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11:45 **Towards effective and sustainable partnerships in the MENA region: challenges and opportunities**

MODERATOR: **David Kenner**, Foreign Policy

SPEAKERS: **Daniel Levy**, Senior Research Fellow, New America Foundation

**Richard Youngs**, Director General, FRIDE

**Kori Schake**, Research Fellow, Hoover Institution

**Henning Riecke**, Director, Transatlantic Relations, German Council on Foreign Relations

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11:45 **Coffee break** (*Ballroom pre-function room*)

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12:00

12:00 **Concluding panel** (*Paris Ballroom*)

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13:00 **The future of MENA: what next and whose job is it?**

MODERATOR: **Gideon Rachman**, Chief Foreign Affairs Commentator, Financial Times

SPEAKERS: **Daniel Korski**, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations

**Fabrice Pothier**, Head, Policy Planning Unit, Private Office of the Secretary General, NATO

**Robert Malley**, MENA Programme Director, International Crisis Group

**Álvaro de Vasconcelos**, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

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13:00 **Lunch** (*Madeleine and 2nd floor pre-function rooms*)

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