

## **One Year of Obama: Have Transatlantic Differences Narrowed?**

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

*Brussels, 1 Place du Congress, February 2, 2010*

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 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: Richard Gowan (Brookings)  
Sven Biscop (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***

***Keynote speaker:*** Reinhard Buetikofer (MEP)

2:00-3:30 pm

***Security I: Afghanistan and Pakistan***

Chair: Bente Scheller (hbs Pakistan/Afghanistan)

Panelists: Brian Katulis (Center for American Progress)  
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)