

## VISIONS OF AMERICA AND EUROPE New Book Explores Relations in Post-Iraq Era

WASHINGTON, March 12, 2004 – Distinguished scholars from the United States and Europe explore whether the transatlantic rift that erupted over the Iraq war will drift into an existential divide in a new book from the CSIS Europe Program.

In *Visions of America and Europe: September 11, Iraq and Transatlantic Relations*, 11 writers identify the forces shaping the policies and public perceptions on either side of the Atlantic. They trace the origins of the post-September 11 tension and outline challenges for bilateral relations and the relationship between Europe and the United States.

The perspectives offered by five European contributors, focusing on the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, and Russia, complement the views of three U.S. scholars, all against the background of the editors' introductory and concluding analysis. The volume offers perceptive commentary on eternal questions.

"[E]xasperated Americans should understand at last that U.S. interests in Europe are far too significant to be left to apprehensive Europeans alone. In turn, apprehensive Europeans should also understand that a continued U.S. interest in Europe is far too important to be left to exasperated Americans alone,"

writes **Simon Serfaty**, director of the CSIS Europe Program, and co-editor of the book. The other co-editor is **Christina V. Balis**, a Ph.D. candidate at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, and former CSIS Europe fellow. *Visions of America and Europe* includes:

- **France and the United States After September 11:** "Like most Europeans, the French believed this newly shared experience would naturally lead to closer bilateral relations. This belief, however, underestimated the trauma suffered by Americans, including its psychological and political consequences for U.S. attitudes toward the rest of the world."
- **Reconciling November 9 and September 11:** "European and Americans are each presently engaged in a rather fluid debate about the future direction of their roles in the world and increasingly appear to be viewing international issues through different foreign policy lenses. Each view is framed by a separate catalytic event..."

Serfaty holds the CSIS Zbigniew Brzezinski Chair in Global Security and Geostrategy and is an eminent scholar and professor of U.S. foreign policy at Old Dominion University, in Norfolk, VA. Serfaty's books include *Memories of Europe's Future* (CSIS, 1999), *Stay the Course* (Praeger/CSIS, 1997), and *Taking Europe Seriously* (St. Martin's, 1992).

### *Visions of America and Europe:*

*September 11, Iraq, and Transatlantic Relations*

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