



# The EU Presidency: Over to France

A one day conference on challenges for the  
French Presidency July – December 2008



24 June 2008 • London School of Economics • Shaw Library • 6<sup>th</sup> Floor • Old Building •  
Houghton Street • London • WC2A 2AE

**The French Embassy, Institut Français, and European Institute, LSE**

*In association with the Franco-British Council, the Centre for European Reform, Federal Trust for Education and Culture, and FT Business*

*Please note that places are limited and early registration is recommended. To register go to  
[http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/europeanInstitute/Events/2007-08/eu\\_presidency.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/europeanInstitute/Events/2007-08/eu_presidency.htm).*



# Programme

8 :45	Registration, Coffee
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9.15 Opening of the Conference

*HE Maurice Gourdault-Montagne* (French Ambassador)  
*Damian Chalmers* (Head of the European Institute, LSE)

9.30 Keynote Speech (Shaw Library)

*Sir Peter Ricketts* (Permanent Under-Secretary, FCO)

9.50 **Panel 1 : Europe as a global player**

*L'Europe : acteur international*

Introductory Speech : *Franck Debié* (Fondation pour l'Innovation Politique )

Panel : *Charles Grant* (Director, Centre for European Reform)

*Timothy Garton Ash* (Oxford University)

Chair: *Maurice Fraser* (European Institute, LSE;  
Vice Chair, Franco-British Council)

11 .00	Coffee Break
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11.15 **Panel 2 : Widening and neighbourhood policy**

*Elargissement et politique de voisinage*

Presentation : *Jacques Rupnik* (CERI - Sciences Po)

Panel : *Elisabeth Guigou* (MP; Former Europe Minister)

*Simon Fraser* (Director-General, Europe and Globalisation, FCO)

Chair: *Christian Lequesne* (LSE and CERI – Sciences Po)

12 :30	Buffet Lunch
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**13.15 Keynote speech (LSE Old Theatre)**

**\*To be held in the LSE Old Theatre, Ground Floor, Old Building\***

*HE Maurice Gourdault-Montagne* (French Ambassador)

**14:15 Panel 3: Future of the Lisbon Strategy : how to achieve growth and employment?**

*Avenir de la stratégie de Lisbonne : comment parvenir à la croissance et l'emploi ?*

Introductory Speech : *Laurent Cohen Tanugi* (Author of the Report for the French Government *Europe 2015*, April 2008)

Panel : *Roger Liddle* (Policy Network)

Chair : *Brendan Donnelly* (Director, Federal Trust)

15 .45	Coffee Break
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**16.00 Panel 4 : What common policies and what budget for the EU?**

*Quelles politiques communes, quel budget pour l'Union ?*

Introductory Speech : *Laurence Tubiana* (Head of Sustainable Development Chair at Sciences Po)

Panel : *Lord Stern of Brentford* (LSE)

*Iain Begg* (European Institute, LSE)

Chair: *Damian Chalmers* (Head of the European Institute, LSE)

**17:15** Conclusion: *Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres* (French Presidency Ambassador for the Cultural Dimension of the European Union)

**17.30: End of Conference**

