



**Conference
on
“The American Agenda of Europe”**

2 december 2009, 16.45 – 19.00

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The election of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States represents an immense opportunity for the European Union. Rarely has there been a US President that has been more “European” in his outlook and convictions. Indeed, after eight difficult years, Europe and the United States seem to once more share a common view of international affairs. With some balance and calm now restored to the transatlantic alliance, cooperation has resumed on a number of important foreign policy issues – from managing the fallout of the international financial crisis to addressing Iranian nuclear proliferation.

But despite this new opening, Europe’s American Agenda remains ill-defined. How will EU-US relations evolve under the new US President? What will be the impact on the relationship of the fast-changing global environment and the EU’s own transformation, following the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty? What should be the main focus of the transatlantic alliance in the future? And how does the new US administration view its relationship with Europe? This conference, jointly convened by the **Compagnia di San Paolo** and **Notre Europe**, seeks to take a look at these issues by addressing Europe’s evolving American Agenda from various angles.

Program

Moderator : **Lucia Annunziata** - Journalist

16.45 Registration

17.00 Opening keynote address

Angelo Benessia, Presidente, *Compagnia di San Paolo*

Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa, President of *Notre Europe*, former Italian Minister of Economy and Finance

17.15 The American Agenda of Europe in public opinion: Presentation of the *Transatlantic Trends 2009* survey

Stefano Silvestri, Presidente, *Istituto Affari Internazionali*

17.40 Europe's evolving American Agenda: Presentation of the work of *Notre Europe's* high-level task force on EU/US relations

Guy Verhofstadt, President of the ALDE group, former Prime Minister of Belgium and Co-Chairman of *Notre Europe's* Task Force on EU/US Relations

18.05 The American Agenda of Europe: A view from the United-States

Prof. Lawrence E. Gray, John Cabot University

18.30 – 19.00 Floor discussion

19.00 Cocktail