

President Obama's Tour d'Europe Partners in time of Crisis?

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Venue: Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit, Avenue de Cortenbergh 71,
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About the event

In late March, the US President's embarks on an official tour d'Europe for meetings with the European institutions and NATO. The EU-US summit hosted by Herman Van Rompuy and José Manuel Barroso, Presidents of the European Council and European Commission will be the first since 2011. Lately the transatlantic relationship has been disharmonious. In light of the recent developments in the Crimea, the renewed talks with Iran and ongoing the civil war in Syria, it is high time for the transatlantic partners to find common ground and develop a joint and coherent approach. Considering these foreign policy issues – will TTIP be pushed to the sidelines in the summit? Will Obama be able to assuage European concerns over the safety of their data? And what can be expected of Edward Snowden, whose visa will expire just months before the critical midterm elections?

Welcome

Julie Cantalou

European Affairs Manager, Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation for Freedom

Panelists

Dr. Stefanie Babst

Head Strategic Analysis Capabilities
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Peter Chase

Vice President Europe
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Dr. Ian Lesser

Senior Director for Foreign and Security Policy, The German Marshall Fund of the United States (tbc)

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