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**Conference**  
**2009: what challenges for the Franco-American relationship?**

**Friday, 5 December 2008**

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**5 avenue des Portugais - F - 75116 Paris**

**Program**

- 8.30 – 9.00      **Welcome**
- 9.00 – 9.15      **Introduction**  
*Jean-Dominique Giuliani, Chairman of the Fondation Robert Schuman, Paris*  
*Daniel Hamilton, Director of the Centre for Transatlantic Relations (Johns Hopkins University), Washington*
- 9.15 – 10.15    **France and the United States faced with major strategic challenges**  
**Chairman: Jean François-Poncet, Former Foreign Minister, Chairman of the France-Germany Interparliamentary Group and Senator in Lot-et-Garonne**
- Reports  
*Leo Michel, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies (National Defense University), Washington*  
*Bruno Tertrais, Senior Research Fellow at the Fondation pour la Recherche stratégique, Paris*
- Crossed views and comments  
                    Debates
- 10.15 – 11.15    **Middle East and Mediterranean: time for decisions**  
**Chairman: Michel Foucher, Professor at the École normale supérieure, Paris**
- Reports  
*Jean-Pierre Filiu, Associate Professor at the Institut d'études politiques de Paris*  
*Ian Lesser, Senior Transatlantic Fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, Washington*
- Crossed views and comments  
                    Debates

- 11.15 – 11.45 Coffee break
- 11.45 – 12.45 **Sub-Saharan Africa: Towards a sustainable collective commitment**  
**Chairman: Damien Helly**, *Research Fellow at the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), Paris*
- Reports  
*Nathalie Delapalme*, *General Inspector of Finance, Paris*  
*Gwendolyn Mikell*, *Professor of Anthropology at Georgetown University, Washington*
- Crossed views and comments  
Debates
- No lunch provided**
- 14.45 – 15.45 **Which new responsibilities for the United States and European Union in regulating the global economy?**  
**Chairman: Jean-Claude Casanova**, *Chairman of the Fondation nationale des sciences politiques (FNSP), Paris*
- Reports  
*Daniel Hamilton*, *Director of the Center for Transatlantic Relations (Johns Hopkins University), Washington*  
*Jean-François Jamet*, *Economist and Consultant at the World Bank*
- Crossed views and comments  
Debates
- 15.45 – 16.45 **Russia: What political and strategic options?**  
**Chairman: Jean-Dominique Giuliani**, *Chairman of the Fondation Robert Schuman, Paris*
- Reports  
*Maxime Lefebvre*, *Advisor at the Permanent Representation of France to the European Union, Brussels*  
*Celeste Wallander*, *Visiting Associate Professor at Georgetown University, Washington*
- Crossed views and comments  
Debates
- 17.00 – 17.10 **Synthesis**  
*Michel Foucher*, *Professor at the École normale supérieure, Paris*
- 17.10 – 17.30 **Conclusion**  
**Prospects for the strategic Franco-American relationship**  
*Jean-David Levitte*, *Ambassador of France, Diplomatic Councilor of the French President of the Republic, Paris*