Democracy Promotion and Nation Building
in United States Foreign Policy
The U.S. Model Reconsidered,
From the Post-Cold War Balkans to the Arab Revolts

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Thursday, October 18

France-Amériques, 9 Avenue Franklin D. Roosevelt, Paris 8e, Salon Franklin

9:00  Welcome Coffee for all Participants and Registration

9:30-10:00  Welcome Remarks by **Prof. Marie-Christine Lemaître**, President, University Sorbonne Nouvelle-Paris 3; **Ivan Vejvoda**, Vice-President, German Marshall Fund of the United States; **Dr. Alexandra de Hoop Scheffer**, Director, Paris Office, German Marshall Fund of the United States; **Dr. Annick Cizel**, University Sorbonne Nouvelle-Paris 3

10:00-10:30  Opening Address: **Prof. Jeremi Suri**, University of Texas at Austin, “The American Way of Nation-Building from the Founders to Barack Obama”

10:30-10:50  Discussion

10:50-11:05  Coffee Break

11:05-12:35  Session I - Democracy Promotion in Post-Cold War U.S. Foreign Policy

  **Chair: Dr. Alexandra de Hoop Scheffer**


  **Prof. David Ryan**, University College Cork, “U.S. Intervention and Democracy Promotion since the Vietnam War: A Tale of Legacies and Ghosts”

  **Dr. Nicolas Bouchet**, University of London, “Democratic Enlargement Revisited: Lessons from US Strategy and Democracy Promotion in the Clinton Administration”

  **Dr. Annick Cizel**, University Sorbonne Nouvelle-Paris 3, “Shaping Democratic Transitions: Engineering the ‘People-to-People’ Development Agenda for a New Era”

12:45-14:00  Lunch at France-Amériques for Participants

14:00-15:00  Opening Conversation – **Colonel Gian P. Gentile**, United States Military Academy, West Point, “Wrong Turn: America’s Deadly Embrace with Counterinsurgency” and **General Vincent Desportes**, Conseil supérieur dé
la Formation et de la Recherche stratégique, HEC and Sciences Po Paris, “American Strategic Culture: Impossible Victories in Tomorrow’s Wars”

15:00-15:30 Discussion

15:30-15:40 Coffee Break

15:40-17:10 Session II – The Contradictions of Post-9/11 Militarized Nation-Building

Chair: Dr. Annick Cizel

Prof. Thomas Lindemann, University Artois-Lille 2, “The Limits of the U.S. Military as Tool for Democracy Promotion”

Dr. Astri Suhrke, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway, “The Dangers of a Tight Embrace: Externally Assisted State Building in Afghanistan”

Prof. David Cameron, University of Toronto, “Distinctive Challenges Facing the United States in Democracy Promotion and Nation-Building: the Case of Iraq”

Dr. Alexandra de Hoop Scheffer, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Sciences Po Paris, “After Iraq: Demilitarizing Regime Change, Mission Impossible?”

17:10-17:40 Keynote speaker: Ivan Vejvoda, German Marshall Fund of the United States, “Democracy and Solidarity: A View from the Field”

17:40-18:00 Closing Discussion
Friday, October 19

France-Amériques, 9 Avenue Franklin D. Roosevelt, Paris 8e, Salon Franklin

8:45       Welcome coffee

9:00-9:30  Keynote speaker: **Sir Michael Leigh**, German Marshall Fund of the United States, former Director General for Enlargement at the European Commission

9:30-9:50  Discussion

9:50-11:20 Session III – Lessons Learned from Democracy Promotion in Central-Eastern Europe and Latin America

*Chair: Dr. Annick Cizel*

**Dr. Christopher Bickerton**, Sciences Po Paris, “From Brezhnev to Brussels: A Critique of EU ‘Member State-Building’ in Eastern Europe”


**Prof. Stephen G. Rabe**, University of Texas, Dallas, “Nation-Building and Transitional Justice in Latin America”


11:20-11:30  *Coffee break*

11:30-12:45 Session IV - Soft Tools of Democracy Promotion: Philanthropy, NGOs and Social Networks

*Chair: Dr. Alexandra de Hoop Scheffer*

**Prof. Inderjeet Parmar**, City University London, “American Philanthropy, Democracy Promotion and U.S. Foreign Policy”

**Prof. Divina Frau-Meigs**, University Sorbonne Nouvelle-Paris 3, “The Arab Spring: Controversies over the Role of American-Driven Social Networks”

**Dr. Laurence Allard**, University Lille 3, “Smart Power, Mobile Phone and Philanthrocapitalism in Africa and MENA”
Dr. Pavol Demes, German Marshall Fund of the United States, “NGOs and Democracy Promotion: Sharing the Eastern-Central European Experience to Post-‘Arab Spring’ Northern Africa?”

13:00-14:15 Lunch at France-Amériques for Participants


14:45-15:10 Discussion

15:10-16:40 Concluding Session – Rising Democracies and the Future of the Values-Based Order

Chairs: Dr. Alexandra de Hoop Scheffer & Dr. Annick Cizel

Dr. Oliver Stuenkel, Getúlio Vargas Foundation in São Paulo, “The United States, Brazil, and Contested Notions of Democracy Promotion in the Americas”

Mr. Dhruva Jaishankar, Asia Program, German Marshall Fund of the United States, “Democracy vs. Sovereignty: The Role of Values in Indian Foreign Policy”

Dr. Hamit Bozarslan, EHESS, Paris, “Promoting Democracy and Authoritarianism Together: Conservatism, Nationalism and Cult of Power in the AKP’s Turkey”

Prof. Scott Lucas, University of Birmingham, “The Illusions of ‘Smart Power’, ‘Democracy’, and ‘Exceptionalism’: How the World Moved America from the Centre”

16:40-17:10 Keynote speaker – Dr. Ivan Krastev, Transatlantic Academy & Centre for Liberal Strategies, Bulgaria, “Promoting Democracy Abroad, Questioning Democracy at Home. The New Democracy Debate in the West”

17:10-17:30 Discussion

17:30-17:45 Concluding Remarks