

Centre for European Studies and Toivo Think Tank
Brunch Seminar in Helsinki on 22 November 2010

TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS

True Partnership Through Values?

What are the arguments for enhancing Transatlantic cooperation? What will it be based on in the future? Are we driven by tradition – or necessity? Can we find unity through shared values? Will the USA turn to Asia instead of the old continent? Is a new isolation a real threat? Could Europe manage without the "little help from the friends"? Can the partners find common ground in new policy areas? Does gratitude still play a role? Is liberal democracy still a solid bridge?

Monday, 22 November, 2010

American Bar, Hotel Tornio, Helsinki

- 10.30 Brunch and coffee served
- 11.00 Welcome by Director **Tomi Huhtanen**, Centre for European Studies
- 11.10 Word from the Facilitator, Journalist **Petri Sarvamaa**
- 11.15 Keynote Speech: U.S. Ambassador to Finland, **Dr. Bruce Oreck**
- 11.35 Hard Power vs Soft Power? Professor **Tuomas Forsberg**
- 11.50 Diplomacy in Retrospect. Ambassador (ret'd) **Jukka Valtasaari**
- 12.05 Values Uniting or Dividing Us? **Mark C. Fischer**, German Marshall Fund of the U.S.
- 12.20 Wrap-up by facilitator
- 12.25 Question on Globalisation. **Nina Suomalainen**, Chair, Development Policy Committee
- 12.30 Discussion opened
- 13.15 Closing

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