

Call for Papers**TRANSATLANTIC STUDIES ASSOCIATION
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Panel Title:

US and European Responses to Terrorism

Panel Description:

As demonstrated by the Al-Qaeda attacks in New York, Washington, Madrid and London, international terrorism represents a threat for both the United States and Europe. While, understandably, the “global war on terror” is a top priority in the foreign and security policy agenda of the Bush administration, in Europe the fight against terrorism has not reached that same level of politicisation. Of course, since 9/11 Europe’s national governments and the European Union have been actively engaged in cooperating among themselves and with the rest of the world, but the strategy they have adopted so far proves radically different from the American one. At a first glance, one might find that while the US has adopted a more “muscular” (military) approach, Europe has followed a softer line, mainly based on non-military means. This divergence raises a series of questions: is this an effective division of labour, or should a more concerted strategy be conceived? If the latter, then what should be changed?

In order to tackle these issues, the panel welcomes papers on the following topics:

- The nature of current international terrorism (with a particular focus on Al-Qaeda).
- The Global War on Terror.
- Non-military means to fight terrorism.
- The lessons of traditional terrorism (i.e. ETA, IRA, Red Brigades, etc.).
- The European response to terrorism.
- US-European cooperation in fighting terrorism.

Preference will be given to papers comprising both theoretical and empirical research and suggesting alternative policy options for the future.

Deadlines:

Interested authors are requested to send a 300-word abstract of their papers along with a current resume before 1 March 2007. Researchers whose abstracts are selected will be asked to submit full papers no later than 1 July 2007.

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