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Protectionnisme à la Française versus British Liberalism – Vice President of the European Commission to speak at Franco-British Student Alliance event

On Saturday, 15th March 2008, Jacques Barrot, Vice President of the European Commission, will take part in a panel discussion examining French protectionism and British liberalism at a meeting organised by the Franco-British Student Alliance (FBSA), a union which brings together British students from Oxford, Cambridge, and the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), and French students from Sciences-Po, l'Ecole Polytechnique and l'ESSEC.

Other participants in the panel discussion of the one-day event, held at the LSE and Hatfield House, Lord Salisbury's residence, include Professor Lord Desai, emeritus Professor of LSE, Arnoud de Meyer, director of the Judge Business School, Cambridge University, Philippe Yvergniaux, CEO of Invest in France, and Professor Fabien Curto Millet, economic consultant at NERA and Professor at Oxford University. His Excellency the French ambassador to Britain, Maurice Gourdault-Montagne will also be attending.



History of the FBSA

The FBSA was founded in 2004 at the Château de Breteuil in France to mark the centennial celebrations of the Entente Cordiale. With the support and under the auspices of foremost Her Majesty The Queen and His Excellency The President of France and both governments, as well as the Marquess of Salisbury and the Marquis de Breteuil, the FBSA has since then yearly organised a summit and a conference with rotating host universities.

Furthermore, the students will take part in several workshops, on topics such as “How are the sensitive sectors in Britain and France subject to Protectionist and Liberal policies?” or “Approaches to Competition Policy in France, Britain and Europe”.

Opening Ceremony: 10 am, LSE Shaw Library

Panel Discussion: 2 pm, Hatfield House

Workshops: 3.30 – 5.30 pm, Hatfield House

Please see the FBSA homepage for a detailed programme.

Michael Krantz - FBSA President:

“Having experienced the fortune of a Franco-British academic myself, I especially value the ambition of the Alliance to assemble young, aspiring minds from both countries in an attempt to create a student Davos to discuss topical issues (such as French protectionism and British liberalism) under the guidance of high profile speakers.”

To register a media seat or to request further information please contact Miss Yizhou Ren (FBSA Press Officer LSE).

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