

## Guest Speakers:

- **Matthew Rycroft** CBE, EU Director in the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.
- **Sarah Squire**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, President of Hughes Hall, former UK Ambassador
- **Ian Carnegie-Brown**, Credit Suisse Managing Director in IBD
- **Andrew Gamble**, Head of the Politics Dept at Cambridge.
- **Michel de Fabiani**, Head of the F-B Chamber de Commerce
- **David Rennie**, the Economist correspondent to the EU
- **Maurice Fraser**, LSE Senior Teaching Fellow and Vice Chairman of the F-B Council
- **Laurence Auer**, Director French Institute in London and Cultural Counsellor to Embassy
- **Philippe Lane**, Attaché for Higher Education at the Embassy
- **Nick Butler**, Director of the Centre for European Reform and Energy Studies at the JBS
- **Dr Terry Barker**, Director of the Cambridge Center for Climate Change Mitigation Res.
- **Dr Bruno Carre**, Economist, researcher and independent consultant
- **Jaideep Prabhu**, Jawaharlal Nehru Professor at the JBS
- And many others.

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## FOURTH ANNUAL SUMMIT

London & Cambridge, 12-14 December 2008.

### *Can Students Influence the Future of France and Britain in a Globalising World?*

**Over 250 students** from top French and British universities, along with leading speakers, will meet in London and Cambridge to discuss: "What is the role of France and Britain in a globalising world?" Workshops will focus on themes including "The Financial and Climate Change: same causes and same solutions?" or "The US is so last century!" – Does the US still dictate Britain and France's policy agenda?"

**The Alliance** was founded in 2004 for the centenary of the Entente Cordiale. It has been granted **the dual High Patronage** of HM the Queen and the President of the French Republic.

**Debate** between today and tomorrow's leaders will be central to this summit, with the ambitious goal of providing **policy recommendations** to governments from both sides of the Channel. The Alliance connects students from top French and British institutions with guest speakers to **create a forum** and **foster debate**. These include the London School of Economics, the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge, Sciences Po, l'Ecole Polytechnique, HEC, and ESSEC.

Each year, **the conclusions** of these discussions are compiled in an Annual Report which is presented to **decision makers** from the French and British governments, as well as to FBSA alumni and supporters for various sectors.

The summit will begin on **Friday 12 December** with **debate sessions** on the European Union in the House of Paliament, hosted by Tom Brake MP, followed by a Gala Reception at Lancaster House, hosted by Matthew Rycroft. The next day will consist of **speeches, panel discussions and workshops** in the University of Cambridge. Please find enclosed the Programme of Events as well as a presentation of the FBSA.

*"Britain and France are both countries of achievement and ambition...And today, France and Britain face the same challenges of profound economic, social and political change." - Tony Blair, French National Assembly 1998.*

*"Europe only works successfully when France and Britain see eye-to-eye and cooperate constructively. I hope that your discussions will lay the foundations for future partnership between our great countries."*  
- Lord Patten, Chancellor of the University of Oxford, 2005

*"In its short history the Franco-British Student Alliance has shown itself to be one of the most dynamic student societies in the UK, (...) and always succeeds in organising interesting and topical debates."*  
- Sir Howard Davies, Director of LSE, 2007

# The Alliance

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## Background

- **Alliance** of students and alumni from the **London School of Economics**, University of **Oxford**, University of **Cambridge**, **Sciences Po**, **l'Ecole Polytechnique**, **HEC**, and **ESSEC**.
- A **historical** project under the High Patronage of HM The Queen and the President of the French Republic, with the support of Honorary Presidents Lord Salisbury and Marquis de Breteuil.
- A **charity** according to UK law and an association under French 1901 law.
- Founded in April 2004 for the **centenary of the Entente Cordiale**.

## Goal and Ambitions

- To **strengthen and deepen** the Entente Cordiale among the leaders of tomorrow.
- To encourage student engagement on challenging global issues and become a **think-tank** by organising annual events with leading executives and academics.
- To encourage **networking among alumni and students** from our seven partner schools.

## Annual Global Events

- Three global events each year: **Annual Summit, Annual Conference, and Alumni Meeting**.
- **Exceptional venues** between France and Britain, including in the past: House of Lords, Hatfield House, Lancaster House, Chateau de Breteuil, Hotel des Invalides, etc
- **Speakers** from academia, government and business discuss the topic with students.  
 In the past: Michele Alliot Marie (French Minister of Interior Affairs), Jacques Barrot (VP European Commission), Thomas Fletcher (Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Downing St), Lord Grenfell (Deputy Speaker at the House of Lords), Baron David de Rothschild, Baroness Amos (Leader House of Lords), Christophe Lanne (Credit Suisse COO France), Denis Ranque (CEO of Thales), Lindsay Owen-Jones (Chairman of l'Oreal Worldwide), Wafic Said (Business, Philantropist, Founding Benefactor of Oxford Business School), Arnoud de Meyer (Head of Judge Business School at Cambridge), Lord Desai (Professor Emeritus LSE), Howard Davies (Director of LSE).
- Each event has a specific **topic to debate** and workshop conclusions are presented in a report of policy recommendations. The **annual report** is presented in person to all FBSA supporters (French and British bodies of government, corporate sponsors, alumni and university representatives).
- Past **sponsors** include: Credit Suisse, Thales, L'Oreal, Invest in France, Pol Roger, Veolia, Apple, EDF, and Eurostar.

## Upcoming Events

- Annual Summit: University of Cambridge, on December 12 – 14 of 2008.
- Annual Conference: Chateau de Breteuil, on March 13 – 14 of 2009.
- Annual Alumni Meeting: Palais du Luxembourg, le Senat (tbc) on June 25 of 2009.

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# Programme of Events



## Friday 12 of December

- 11:30 British and French delegations arrive in the House of Parliament
- 12:15 Welcoming speeches by sponsors Tom Brake MP, Nicole Ameline MP (tbc), and FBSA Cambridge Committee President
- 12:45 Finger buffet and debates between MPs and students
- “The accomplishments of the French Presidency of the UE”  
**Terrace Pavilion**
- “Could the Franco-British couple be the driving force of Europe ?”  
**Members Dining Room**
- 14:30 End of debates and departure from Westminster
- 16:30 Guests begin to arrive in Lancaster House
- 17:00 Opening Gala hosted by Matthew Rycroft with buffet and speeches by Ian Carnegie-Brown, Laurence Auer and Philippe Lane, followed by a classical music concert
- 21:30 End of the Opening Gala and departure for Cambridge by bus

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## Saturday 13 of December

- 08:00 Breakfast in the Colleges
- 09:30 Delegations to be guided by members of the CUFBSA committee to the Cambridge Law Faculty
- 10:00 Opening speeches by Founding Presidents, and Sarah Squire, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge  
**Cambridge Law Faculty (tbc)**
- 10:30 Introductory speech setting up the debates
- 10:45 Plenary debate on “What is the Role of France and Britain in a Globalization World?” with expert panel consisting of Andrew Gamble, Michel de Fabiani, David Rennie and Sarah Squire  
**Cambridge Law Faculty (tbc)**
- 11:45 Lunch. Students can visit sponsors’ stalls to find out about their career opportunities

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## Saturday 13 of December (continued)

- 13:30 Three lectures and panel discussions on the three sections  
**Sidgwick Site**  
Section I: Globalization and Europe  
with Michel de Fabiani, Nick Butler and David Rennie  
Section II: Globalization and the Wider World  
with Laurent Cohen-Tanugi and Bruno Carré  
Section III: Globalization at Home  
with Andrew Gamble and Nicole Ameline (tbc)
- 15:00 Students split into workshop groups for more focused discussion.  
Followed by plenary session  
**Sidgwick Site**
- 18:00 Concluding speeches of thanks from Presidents and Founding  
Presidents of the Alliance. Swearing in of next Alliance President
- 19:00 Students and speakers arrive at Robinson College. Bar area and  
lounge available
- 20:00 Black Tie Dinner at Robinson College
- 22:00 Drinks in the college bar followed by Club Night in Cambridge