

Fourth Annual Summit of the Franco-British Student Alliance

London & Cambridge, UK

12 - 14 December, 2008



The Franco-British Student Alliance

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HM The Queen of Great-Britain and Northern Ireland

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Requests the pleasure of your company at

The Fourth Annual Summit of the Alliance

In London & Cambridge on December 12-14, 2008

To experience the achievements of the Entente Cordiale

Through debate and discussion on the following topic:

“What is the Role of France and Britain in a Globalising World?”

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“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

Programme of Events



Friday 12 of December

7:00 French delegation welcomed at LSE for breakfast

Debate Session in the House of Parliament, hosted by Tom Brake MP

11:30 British and French delegations arrive in the House of Parliament

12:15 Welcoming speeches by host Tom Brake and Nicole Ameline (tbc)

12:45 Finger buffet and debates between MPs and students

In the Members Dining Room

Topic: *Could the Franco-British couple be the driving force of Europe?*

Speakers: Nicolas Ameline (tbc), Tom Brake and Maurice Fraser

14:30 End of debates and departure from Westminster. Opportunity to visit London until next meeting point.

Opening Gala Reception in Lancaster House, hosted by Matthew Rycroft

17:30 Doors of Lancaster House open for guests to arrive

18:00 Welcoming speeches by:

- Matthew Rycroft, reading HM The Queen's message;
- Laurence Auer and Philippe Lane, reading HE The President's message;
- Ian Carnegie-Brown from global sponsor, Credit Suisse;
- Lord Salisbury, Honorary President of the Alliance;
- Yves Djimi, Founding President of the Alliance;
- Olivier Bel, CUFBSA Co-President and President of the Summit

Followed by a classical music concert (tbc).

19:30 Buffet dinner and champagne reception

21:30 Departure for Cambridge by bus. Students accommodated in Peterhouse, Downing College, Robinson College, Gonville & Caius College and Trinity College.

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Saturday 13 of December

8:00 Breakfast in the Colleges

Plenary Debate in the Cambridge Law Faculty

10:00 Opening speeches by:
• Sarah Squire, representing the University of Cambridge;
• Sebastien Ginet, CUFBSA President

10:45 Plenary debate session
Topic: *What is the role of France and Britain in a Globalizing World?*
Expert panel: Michel de Fabiani, Sarah Squire, Andrew Gamble, and David Rennie

11:45 Lunch: *British Picnic* theme

Panel Discussions in the Sidgwick Site

13:30 Three simultaneous panel discussions :

Section I: *Globalization and Europe*
Speakers: Michel de Fabiani, Stephane Cosse, Nick Butler, Pieter Van Houten, David Rennie, David Reiner, and Scott Kelly

Section II: *Globalization and the Wider World*
Speakers: Bruno Carre, Jaideep Prabhu, Vincent Michelot, Anthony O'Sullivan, and Terry Barker

Section III: *Globalization at Home*
Speaker: Andrew Gamble, Isabelle Duquesne, Jean Khalfa, Christophe Gagne and John Bell

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Saturday 13 of December (continued)

Workshop Sessions in the Sidgwick Site from 14:00

- i) *Is EU red tape strangling Britain and France's economies at a time of increasing global competition?* With Michel de Fabiani and Stephane Cosse
- ii) *Does the EU favour Britain or France?* With Nick Butler and Pieter van Houten
- iii) *Could a 'Fortress Europe' have a viable future?* With David Rennie
- iv) *How should Britain and France best secure Europe's energy supplies in the face of rising demand worldwide?* With David Reiner and Scott Kelly
- v) *Does Franco-British military power have a role to play on the global stage?* With Bruno Carre
- vi) *Should France and Britain support free or fair trade?* With Anthony O'Sullivan
- vii) *Crouching tiger, hidden dragon? – How do Britain and France meet the challenge of India and China?* With Jaideep Prabhu
- viii) *'The US is so last century!' – Does the US still dictate Britain and France's policy agenda?* With Vincent Michelot and Andrew Gamble
- ix) *The Financial and Climate Catastrophes: Same Causes and Same Solutions?* With Terry Barker
- x) *Is the loss of cultural identity inevitable with globalization?* With Isabelle Duquesne
- xi) *Is English the only language of globalization?* With Jean Khalfa and Christophe Gagne
- xii) *Is common law or civil law more suited to a globalised world?* With John Bell

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Saturday 13 of December (continued)

Plenary Concluding Session in Sidgwick Site

- 16:30 Presentation of conclusions from workshops
- 17:30 Speeches of thanks by Olivier Bel, CUFBSA Co-President and President of the Summit, and Yves Djimi, FBSA Founding President.
- 18:00 Swearing in of next President the Alliance, Bertrand Jacquet, President of the FBSA at l'Ecole Polytechnique.

Black-Tie Dinner in Robinson College

- 19:00 Drinks reception in Robinson College bar and lounge area
- 20:00 Dinner
- 23:00 Night out in Cambridge

Sunday 14 of December

- 10:00 Departure of buses to London and Paris
- 12:00 Arrival in London
- 17:00 Arrival in Paris