

## BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS AND FRENCH GUESTS

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**François Heisbourg** is Chairman of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), based in London, and of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. From 2001 to 2005 he was the director of the *Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique* in Paris and still serves as a Special Adviser to the Foundation. His earlier positions include Senior Vice-President at *MATRA-Défense-Espace*, Director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, International Security Adviser to the French Minister of Defence, First Secretary at the French Permanent Mission to the UN, and member of the French Foreign Ministry's Policy Planning Department. He also was a member of the International Commission on the Balkans (2004-2006). His numerous publications include *The Future of Warfare* (London, 1997), *European Defence: Making It Work* (Co-author and editor, Paris 2000), and *La fin de L'Occident? L'Amérique, L'Europe et le Moyen-Orient* (Paris, 2005).

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**Sir Peter Westmacott** has been British Ambassador to France since March 2007. Sir Peter was HM Ambassador to Turkey from 2002 to 2006, his second time there – he also served in Ankara as Head of Chancery in the late 1980's. From his time in Turkey he takes a personal interest in the EU enlargement agenda. He has first-hand knowledge of the European Commission, having worked there on secondment from the late 1970's. His previous positions have also included Director, Americas, at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in London; he was appointed to the Board of the FCO in 2000. From 1993-1997, Sir Peter was Counsellor for Political and Public Affairs at the UK Embassy in Washington. He was Deputy Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales, from 1990-1993. His first foreign posting was to Tehran in 1974, after joining the FCO in 1972 and working for a year in the Middle East Department. He was educated at New College Oxford.