

Transatlantic Relations Brigid Laffan



Paradise and Power

On major strategic and international questions today, Americans are from Mars and Europeans are from Venus

Robert Kagan







Legacy-Mutual Interdependence

- US helped create European integration
- US Nuclear
 Umbrella and
 NATO

Co-operation

- Competition
- Asymmetry of Power/capacity



1990s

- Transatlantic Declaration 1990
- New Transatlantic Agenda 1995
- Enlargement of NATO
- Balkans
- 'Europe will miss Bill Clinton. He has been a good friend to this continent' Patten



European Developments

- Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) into the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP)
- Different groups (Atlantist, European, Neutral)



Early Bush

- Realist Foreign Policy
 - Missile Defence
 - Kyoto Protocol
 - International Criminal Court
- 9/11
- 'We are all Americans' Le Monde



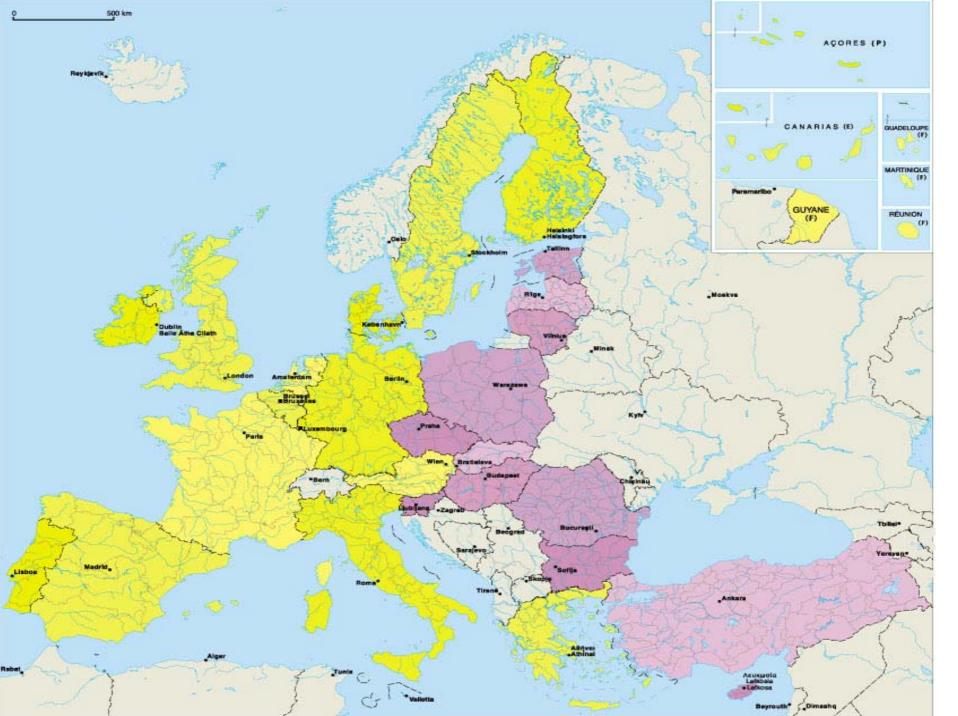
US Response

- State of the Union January 2002
 - Axis of evil
 - Rogue states
 - Weapons of mass destruction
 - War on terrorism



Iraq

- Deep divisions in Europe
- Public opposition to the war
- Old Europe V. New Europe
 - Shift in German Policy
 - France/UK(St Malo 1998)
 - New member states





Tensions

- Hard Power versus soft power
- Regional Interests versus global interests

Multilateralism versus unilateralism

 War on terrorism/ Middle East



Trajectory

- Pessimists
- Imbalance in military capacity (5:1 spending ratio)
- * Threat perceptions
- * Means

- Optimists
- Cycles of tension
- Convergence of interests and values
- Winning the peace



Mars and Venus must re-write their marriage contract?