The French Presidency of the EU (July to December 2008) has entered in its critical last two months. It is time to start assessing the presidency’s results, the impact on Europe, and the handling of the unexpected but momentous events of the last few months, from the Irish “No” vote to the energy crisis, and from the Russia - Georgia conflict to the financial meltdown. Has Nicolas Sarkozy made a difference? What progress has been made on his initial priorities? Is this presidency changing the face of the EU?

To discuss these questions, the Center on the US and Europe has invited three distinguished French speakers to join us at Brookings. On October 30th, Member of the European Parliament Alain Lamassoure shared his insights and views on the current events, in a very lively discussion. Our next speaker is Jean-Dominique Giuliani:

Jean-Dominique Giuliani on Thursday, November 20, 2008
“‘Sarkozy, a European in a Hurry’: Will the French President Change the Face of Europe?”

Thursday, November 20 at 12.30 at Brookings (Somers room)
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