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# IS THE EUROPEAN UNION FADING FROM HISTORY?

## Europe and the BRICS

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Hôtel de l'Industrie  
4, Place Saint-Germain, Paris 6<sup>th</sup>

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM





The rise of the BRICS, the emergence of a new American administration, and profound questions within the European Union in the face of current geopolitical upheavals - particularly the conflicts in Ukraine and other regions of the world - are redrawing the architecture of international relations.

In this context, it seems essential to organize an in-depth reflection on these developments and their implications, bringing together experts and representatives from the major powers concerned.

The objective of this meeting is to analyze the ongoing dynamics and identify the strategic issues that result for the European Union and its partners. As the BRICS assert their influence and redefine global economic and political balances, Europe must rethink its role in this new world order. This colloquium thus aims to shed light on the choices available to the European Union: adaptation, cooperation, or confrontation with these emerging powers?

It is from this perspective that we are organizing the colloquium "Is the European Union Fading From History? - Europe and the BRICS," which will be held on Monday, May 26, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM, at the Hôtel de l'Industrie, 4, Place Saint-Germain, Paris 6th arrondissement.

High-level personalities from Brazil, Russia, India, China, the African continent, the United States, as well as European representatives will be present at the colloquium to better understand the expectations and visions of each in the face of this global reconfiguration.

To ensure the quality of the discussions and given the limited number of places, registrations will be confirmed by return email.

# PROGRAM

13:30	Welcoming of participants	
14:00	General presentation	<p><b>Speaker</b></p> <p><b>Yves Pozzo di Borgo</b>, President of the Institut Jean Lecanuet, Honorary Senator</p>
14:20	Opening	<p><b>Speaker</b></p> <p><b>Alain Houpert</b>, Senator of Côte-d'Or, Member of the Foreign Affairs, Defense and Armed Forces Committee</p>
14:30	<p><b><i>First Sequence: Is Europe fading from History?</i></b></p> <p><b>Opening Keynote :</b> What place for the European Union in the new world architecture? - By <b>Henri Malosse</b>, President of Vocal Europe, Former President of the European Economic and Social Committee</p>	<p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p><b>Marc Bousquet</b>, President, Médiatique International</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>José Ulisses de Pina Correia e Silva</b>, Prime Minister of Cape Verde, President of IDC-Africa</li> <li>• <b>Purnima Anand</b>, President of the BRICS International Forum, Representative of India</li> <li>• <b>Alexander Orlov</b>, Former Ambassador of the Russian Federation to France</li> <li>• <b>Rosine Ghawji</b>, Founder of Working Mothers for Donald Trump International, Co-founder of Tennessee Women for Honest Government, Member of the Republican party since 2005</li> <li>• <b>Song Zhen Wu</b>, Former Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the European Union, Vice President and Secretary General, China-EU Association (CEUA)</li> <li>• Representative from Brazil</li> </ul>
15:30	Break	

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16:00	<b>Second Sequence: Towards a new economic, military and political architecture of the world</b>	<b>Moderator</b> Régis le Sommier, Journalist
	<b>First Address:</b> Towards the strategic erasure of Europe?	<b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Christian Saint Etienne</b>, Scholar and Economist</li></ul>
	<b>Second Address:</b> The European Union facing cognitive warfare: deconstruction, resilience, and reconquest of the strategic narrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Jean-Langlois</b>, Senior Officer</li><li>• <b>Paul Janin</b>, Senior Officer</li><li>• <b>Stanislas Duchon</b>, Senior Officer</li></ul>
17:00	<b>Special Address:</b> France can bring Peace: Will the Schuman Plan 2 save Europe?	<b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Pierre Louvrier</b>, President of the Clementy Schuman Legacy Foundation</li><li>• <b>Ján Figel</b>, Former European Commissioner</li></ul>
17:20	Conclusion	
18:30	Closing followed by a Press cocktail	

# SPEAKERS



## **José Ulisses de Pina Correia e Silva**

José Ulisses de Pina Correia e Silva currently serves as the Prime Minister of Cape Verde. He previously served as Mayor of Praia and Minister of Finance. Correia e Silva has focused on economic reform, digital transformation, and sustainable development. Under his leadership, Cape Verde has strengthened democratic institutions and pursued partnerships to enhance resilience against climate change, while promoting good governance and regional cooperation across West Africa.



## **Ján Figel'**

Former Slovak politician and European Commissioner, founder of the EIT (European Institute of Innovation and Technology), the first Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU. Ján Figel' remains a committed voice for human dignity and religious freedom. His diplomacy was essential for saving lives and freedom of over 20 persecuted people (Pakistan, Sudan, Cuba, Iran). Figel' initiated international Declaration on Human Dignity for Everyone Everywhere. With extensive global experience, he works today for peace with the Clementy Foundation, Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace, G20 Religion Forum (R20) and with the likeminded personalities in the world.



## **Song Zhen Wu**

Song Zhen Wu is a seasoned Chinese diplomat, specialist in Sino-European relations. He served as China's Ambassador to the European Union from 2008 to 2012, contributing to the strengthening of ties between the two parties. He is currently Vice-President and Secretary General of the China-EU Association (CEUA), where he works to promote dialogue and cooperation. He has played a key role in Chinese diplomatic strategy and rapprochement with Europe.



## **Purnima Anand**

Purnima Anand is the President of the BRICS International Forum. An activist for multilateralism and South-South cooperation, she plays a key role in promoting dialogue among the emerging powers of the BRICS group. She has notably initiated several platforms for scientific and cultural cooperation between member countries.



## **Alexander Orlov**

Alexander Orlov is a career Russian diplomat, former Ambassador of the Russian Federation to France. He worked for more than ten years in Paris to strengthen Franco-Russian relations, particularly in the cultural, economic, and strategic domains. A defender of dialogue between East and West, he continues to express himself in international debates on collective security and Euro-Russian relations.



## **Alain Houpert**

Alain Houpert has served as Senator for Côte-d'Or since 2008, and was re-elected in 2014 and again in 2020. A member of the Les Républicains group, he sits on the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense, and the Armed Forces. He has held several local mandates, notably as Mayor of Salives (1995–2014), General Councillor for Côte-d'Or (1998–2014), and Municipal Councillor of Dijon (2014–2020). Deeply committed to health issues, his career is also distinguished by significant involvement in international relations and various parliamentary delegations.



## **Rosine Ghawji**

Rosine Ghawji is a political figure known for her commitment to supporting U.S. President Donald Trump. She is the founder of Working Mothers for Donald Trump International, a global advocacy group dedicated to bolstering the American president. Additionally, she is a co-founder of Tennessee Women for Honest Government and has been a member of the Republican Party since 2005.



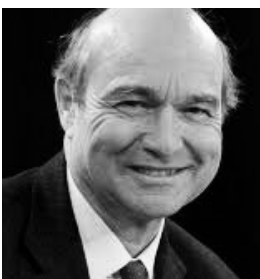
## **Pierre Louvrier**

Pierre Louvrier is a Belgian consultant and entrepreneur, born in 1973 in Mons. Chairman of the supervisory board of Groupe Clementy, he specializes in corporate restructuring and special situation investments. He notably distinguished himself by his attempt to buy the Vivacom group in 2015 and remains active between London, Geneva, and Rome in the luxury, tech, and finance sectors.



## **Henri Malosse**

Henri Malosse is a recognized expert in European affairs. He was President of the European Economic and Social Committee, where he advocated for a European Union closer to citizens and engaged in contemporary social and economic challenges. He regularly shares his vision for a more democratic Europe better anchored in the local realities of member states.



## **Yves Pozzo di Borgo**

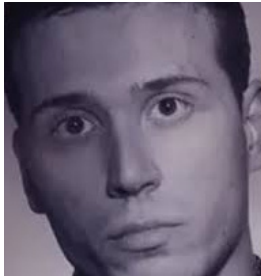
President of the Institut Jean Lecanuet, Yves Pozzo di Borgo is a French politician. Former Senator of Paris, he was Vice-President of the European Affairs Committee, distinguished by his commitment to Euro-Mediterranean dialogue and international cooperation. He is also active in contemporary geopolitical debates, advocating a strategic balance between Europe, Russia, and Asia, for France.



## **Christian Saint-Étienne**

Christian Saint-Étienne is an economist, professor, and strategy consultant. Educated in Paris, London, and Pittsburgh, he worked at the IMF and OECD. A member of the Circle of Economists, he chaired national commissions and co-founded the Institute of Iconomy. Author of 31 books and 300 articles, he regularly contributes to Les Echos, Le Figaro, and radio. His work focuses on industry, taxation, and economic geopolitics.





## **Lieutenant-Colonel Jean Langlois**

Jean Langlois is a senior officer and division chief at the Ministry of the Armed Forces, specializing in economics, strategy, and public innovation. A former chair holder in military education, he publishes on cybersecurity, digital policies, and cognitive warfare. Founder of the Synapse Group, he develops an interdisciplinary approach to hybrid environments. Engaged since his youth, he advocates for European integration within centrist networks.



## **Commandant Stanislas Duchon**

Commander Stanislas Duchon (École Militaire Supérieure de Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan, War College) was trained at EMSST in the field of cognitive warfare and artificial intelligence by Jean Langlois. He completed a thesis at the War College on influence and psychological warfare. He also earned a professional doctorate at ESCP dedicated to a renewed operational analysis of contemporary cognitive environments.



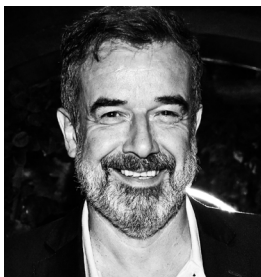
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## **Marc Bousquet**

Marc Bousquet is a recognized expert in political communication and strategy. With more than 30 years of experience, he has participated in over 300 electoral campaigns worldwide. Founder of Agence Médiatique International, he has designed visibility and nation branding strategies for various countries around the world. Former Vice-President of the International Association of Political Consultants, he has also taught at Paris XII, training future professionals in the sector.



## **Régis Le Sommier**

Journalist and senior reporter, Régis Le Sommier is an emblematic figure in the French media landscape. Former Deputy Director of Paris Match and founder of the media Omerta, he has been covering major international conflicts and geopolitical upheavals for more than twenty years. A specialist in international relations and field journalism, he brings incisive insight into power dynamics, security issues, and transformations in the multipolar world.

# FRANCE CAN BRING PEACE: THE SCHUMAN PLAN 2

**P**eace is a strategic urgency and a civilizational opportunity. On May 9, 1950 - exactly 75 years ago - it was France, through the Venerable Robert Schuman and Jean Monnet, that created a radically new path: substituting war with common interest, through the creation of the European Coal and Steel Community. At the time, Schuman's gesture was considered senseless. Some accused him of treason. Yet he established the foundations for European peace and prosperity.

As early as 1943, Jean Monnet had envisioned a Community including the United States and Eastern Europe, including Russia. Schuman had seen that this model could serve as an instrument of prosperity for countries aspiring to decolonization. A Community founded on shared economic interests defeated extreme ideologies, produced prosperity, and built lasting peace.

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, a new war has shaken the Northern Hemisphere. Everyone is losing this war.

Today, as in 1950, it is the sense of history, the ambition to make human dignity prevail, wisdom, and courage that will make Peace triumph.

A Schuman Plan 2.0 is essential for the Northern Hemisphere. It involves using what we, the French and Europeans, have successfully built to bring Peace and Prosperity to our continent: building prosperity based on common markets and a shared security architecture. From Anchorage to Vladivostok, passing through Europe and Central Eurasian countries.

We call for the creation of four common markets in key areas of the future: energy, natural resources, information technologies, and intellectual property. These domains must now generate creative, constructive emulation, serving the prosperity and dignity of all.

We also call for an alliance in the defense of the Northern Hemisphere, which would include North America, Europe, Russia, Ukraine, and all Eurasian powers. France and Russia were allies in helping the United States of America during their independence. The United States and Russia were military allies from the independence of the United States until 1953. France, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Russia were allies in ending both world wars. From the 1990s until 2018, Russia cooperated with NATO on multiple fronts, including within NATO's integrated command structures.

What better security guarantee for all than to make Russia responsible within a common security system?

Increasing pressure on Russia must also focus on its obligation to contribute responsibly and constructively to the Security and Prosperity of the Northern Hemisphere to which it will always belong.

It is up to France and the United States to demonstrate bold and unifying leadership. This time, it will be about elevating the entire Northern Hemisphere to its potential.



Because that is indeed the challenge: to liberate the creative power of our common civilization. The Northern Hemisphere can and must become the space of prosperity for all, of sustainable security, and of cultural renewal for each Nation, rooted in human dignity. This project would restore to France - and to Europe - its role as architect of peace and renewed prosperity.

To silence the weapons, we need a reconciliatory project today that carries the certainty of prosperity for all.

With this immediately activable project, Ukraine will regain the entirety of its territory in peace, will be rebuilt by all, driven by Schuman and Monnet's techniques, driven by the same ambition: to remake our civilization a place of prosperity, inclusion, creativity, abundance.

Today as in the past, territories will no longer be a stake in war; they will become the symbol of our rebirth. Today, Ukraine can become the place of a Peace that will revive prosperity for all. France brought peace yesterday. It can bring it today.

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#### Co-Signatories

- *H.E. Sheikh Abdallah Al Mahfoud bin Baya, Secretary-General of the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum, Chairman of the Religion and Civil Society Committee on the Ethics of AI*
- *Mgr. Bernard Ardura, Postulator of the Venerable Schuman's Beatification cause, Chairman Emeritus of the Pontifical Committee for Historical Sciences*
- *Bertrand Demole, Member of Board of Directors of Pictet Alternative Advisors*
- *Ján Figel', former European Commissioner, former Deputy Prime Minister of Slovakia*
- *H.E. Nikolaus von Liechtenstein, former Ambassador to the European Union, former Ambassador to the Vatican*
- *Pierre Louvrier, Chairman of the Clementy Schuman Legacy Foundation, Private Equity Entrepreneur and Philanthropist*
- *Henri Malosse, Chairman of the Jean Monnet Association, Former President of the European Economic and Social Committee*
- *Alberto Michellini, Anchor Journalist at the RAI, former Member of the European Union Parliament, former Member of the Italian Parliament*
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- *Michael Schumann, Chairman of the Bundesverband für Wirtschaftsförderung und Ausenwirtschaft Global Economic Network.*

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