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A New EU 'President' and 'High Representative for Foreign Affairs' AFTER THE LISBON TREATY, WHO LEADS EUROPE?

Lecture by Dr Florence DELOCHE-GAUDEZ

With the participation of Jon HENLEY, *The Guardian*

Questions & Answers both in French and English

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From December 2009, Herman van Rompuy is the President of the European Council, and Baroness Catherine Ashton, the new High Representative for Foreign Affairs. Why were these posts created by the Treaty of Lisbon and these two persons selected? Will it give the EU a greater visibility in Europe and on the international scene? What does it tell us about European integration? Florence Deloche-Gaudez will examine these recent appointments with a view to explaining the compromises that led to the Lisbon Treaty and the choice of these two officials. The conference will offer the opportunity to address wider issues, such as the French and English views of European integration, the division of power in the European Union and the continuing distinctiveness of this Union.

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