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WACC Ambassadors Circle Dinner: A Panel with:

- H.E. Dirk Wouters, Ambassador of Belgium to the U.S.
- Caroline Vicini, Deputy Head of Delegation of the E.U. to the U.S.
- Jamie Fly, Senior Fellow and the German Marshall Fund
- Dr. Andrea Kendall-Taylor, Senior Fellow at the Center for New American Security

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Hilton Charlotte Center City (222 East 3rd St.)

Reception: 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. | **Presentation:** 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

“The Future of the US – European Relationship”



H.E. Dirk Wouters, Ambassador of Belgium to the U.S.

Dirk Wouters was appointed Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to the United States of America in Washington DC from September 2016. The Ambassador represents His Majesty The King of the Belgians and Belgium's federal government in the United States of America and in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. He is responsible for the direction and work of the Embassy and its Consulates, including bilateral political and economic relations, visa and consular services.



Caroline Vicini, Deputy Head of Delegation of the E.U. to the U.S.

Prior to joining the Delegation, Ms. Vicini served as Chief of Protocol, with the rank of Ambassador, at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm, Sweden. During her five years in this position, she was the focal point on all issues related to the Vienna Convention for Stockholm's 109 foreign missions, and in charge of all high-level visits to the Swedish government. Ms. Vicini had the pleasure to receive President Obama on his first visit to Sweden in 2013.

Jamie Fly, Senior Fellow and the German Marshall Fund

Jamie Fly is a senior fellow and director of the Future of Geopolitics and Asia programs at The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF). He also works with the Alliance for Securing Democracy at GMF. He served as counselor for Foreign and National Security Affairs to Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) from 2013–2017, serving as his foreign policy advisor during his presidential campaign. Prior to joining Senator Rubio's staff in February 2013, he served as the executive director of the Foreign Policy Initiative (FPI) from its founding in early 2009. Prior to joining FPI, he served in the Bush administration at the National Security Council (2008–2009) and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (2005–2008). He was director for Counterproliferation Strategy at the National Security Council, where his portfolio included the Iranian nuclear program, Syria, missile defense, chemical weapons, proliferation finance, and other counterproliferation issues.

Dr. Andrea Kendall-Taylor, Senior Fellow at the Center for New American Security

Andrea Kendall-Taylor is a Senior Fellow and Director of the Transatlantic Security Program at the Center for a New American Security. She focuses on national security challenges facing the United States and Europe, including Russia, populism, and the strength of the Transatlantic alliance. Prior to joining CNAS, Andrea served for 9 years as a senior intelligence officer. From 2015-2018 she was Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Russia and Eurasia at the National Intelligence Council (NIC) in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Prior to joining the NIC, Andrea was a senior analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) where she focused on Russia and Eurasia, the political dynamics of autocracies, and democratic decline. Dr. Kendall-Taylor is also an adjunct professor at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, and was a Fulbright scholar in Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan.

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