

# ppi newsletter foreign policy

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### EUROPE

#### France: Europe's Counterterrorist Powerhouse

By Gary J. Schmitt, Reuel Marc Gerecht

What sets France apart are its *juges d'instruction* and their ability to harness the country's enormous police resources.

<http://www.aei.org/>

#### Showtime For Sarkozy

By Jurgen Reinhoudt

With a shift in French public opinion, landmark pension reforms may finally be possible, writes Jurgen Reinhoudt.

<http://american.com/>

#### Facing Disaster In Iran, Europe Must Finally Make The Hard Choices

By Timothy Garton Ash

Europe is slouching towards another foreign policy disaster on the scale of Iraq...

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/>

#### Differences Within Ukrainian Coalition Escalate

By Pavel Korduban

A coalition consisting of President Viktor Yushchenko's Our Ukraine-People's Self-Defense bloc (NUNS) and the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc (BYuT) is showing cracks long before the newly elected parliament even has its first meeting, which is expected in late November.

<http://www.jamestown.org/>

#### Lex Mol Reflects European Rethinking On Energy Investment Regime

By Vladimir Socor

Overwhelmingly approved by the Hungarian parliament, the legislation known as "Lex MOL" (MOL law) is set to take effect after the presidential signature as a final formality.

<http://www.jamestown.org/>

#### Lex Mol and the Volkswagen Ruling: Comparing Apples and Oranges

By Vladimir Socor

On October 23 the European Court of Justice (ECJ), the European Union's highest court, overturned Germany's Volkswagen law, which restricts the voting rights of that company's shareholders to 20 %, regardless of the size of the stake owned.

<http://www.jamestown.org/>

### RUSSIA

#### We'll Always Have Putin

By Leon Aron

For Putin, taking on the job of prime minister would be not just „stepping down“ but wallowing in self-abnegation.

<http://www.aei.org/>

### UNITED STATES

#### A Dangerous Opportunity

American Defense Policy at a Crossroads

By Frederick W. Kagan

Instead of focusing on concrete geostrategic realities, the paradigms that shaped the American military between 1991 and 2007 were based on theories.

<http://www.aei.org/>

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### The Real Hill-Bill Problem

By Charles Krauthammer

We have never had an ex-president move back into the White House. When in 1992 Bill Clinton promised „two for the price of one,“ it was taken as a slightly hyperbolic promotion of the role of first lady. This time we would literally be getting two presidents.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/>

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### US – RUSSIA

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#### Critical Questions: The U.S. – Russia Relationship: Fall 2007

By Andrew Kuchins

Andrew Kuchins, director of the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program, has written „critical questions,“ a series of important questions and answers on key U.S. policy topics, on the U.S. – Russia relationship.

<http://www.csis.org/>

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#### Seize The Opportunity With Russia On Kosovo

By Janusz Bugajski and Edward P. Joseph

Janusz Bugajski had an op-ed published October 24 in the *Washington Post's* online

feature *Think Tank Town*, „Seize the Opportunity with Russia on Kosovo.“

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/>

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### New Russia Debate Takes Shape

By Brian Whitmore

In an interview with RFE/RL on October 23, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates stressed that Russia is still Washington's „strategic partner“ and soft-pedaled fears about Moscow's newly assertive international posture...

<http://www.rferl.org/>

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### EU – RUSSIA

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#### Putin Compares U.S. Missile Defense To Cuban Crisis

By Pavel K. Baev

Russia – EU summit observes formalities.

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