



T H E N E W A T L A N T I C I N I T I A T I V E

cordially invites you to a conference

on

**The Best of Both Worlds—
Tax, Trade, and Cowboy Capitalism in the United States and Europe**

with

BILL M. THOMAS
CHAIRMAN, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

and

MAX BAUCUS
RANKING MEMBER, SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 13, 2003, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Wohlstetter Conference Center, Twelfth Floor, AEI

Europe and America cannot seem to agree on anything these days. Differences over Iraq dominate the headlines, while wounds from previous fights over the International Criminal Court and Kyoto Protocol persist. However, America and Europe are not only political and military allies but also major economic and trading partners. There are important economic lessons to be learned from both sides of the Atlantic: Europe's corporate taxes are lower while America's capitalism is more dynamic. Post-enlargement New Europe will offer exceptional business opportunities. Greater economic collaboration might even lead to the establishment of a Transatlantic Free Trade Zone. Our vibrant trade in insults should be superseded by an equally vibrant exchange of economic ideas. Please join the New Atlantic Initiative for a lively debate on deriving the best of both worlds.

8:45 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

9:00 *Welcome:* CHRISTOPHER DEMUTH, AEI

Keynote speaker: BILL M. THOMAS, United States House of Representatives

9:30 **Tax Competition in Europe—A Lesson for America**

Speakers: CHRIS R. EDWARDS, CATO Institute
 ECKHARD JANEBA, University of Colorado
 ADAM LERRICK, Carnegie Mellon University

Moderator: KEVIN A. HASSETT, AEI

10:30 Break

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10:40 **Opportunities in the New Europe—Does Europe Need a Dose of Cowboy Capitalism?**

Speakers: ROBERT D. ATKINSON, Progressive Policy Institute
ALFRED BERKELEY, Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.
JAN KRZYSZTOF BIELECKI, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
HANS H.J. LABOHM, Netherlands Institute for International Relations
Clingendael

Moderator: JAMES K. GLASSMAN, AEI

11:40 Break

11:50 **U.S. and EU—Leaders or Laggards in Establishing Global Free Trade?**

Speakers: ELLEN FROST, Institute for International Economics
PATRICK A. MESSERLIN, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris
HUGO PAEMEN, Hogan & Hartson LLP

Moderator: CLAUDE E. BARFIELD, AEI

1:00 p.m. Luncheon

Luncheon speaker: MAX BAUCUS, United States Senate

2:00 Adjournment

REGISTRATION FORM

All guests must register. Please confirm your attendance by noon, Wednesday, February 12, 2003.

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