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FUTURE FOCUS - THE 2016 ELECTIONS AND THE TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP
A Discussion with Mark Kennedy, George Washington University

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The Administration and Congress are working to pass Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) and the Trans Pacific Partnership while American politics is increasingly intertwined with the 2016 presidential election. With new leadership now in place in the European Union, the prospect for progress on TTIP seems hopeful, but completing an agreement will take expert political dexterity on both sides of the Atlantic.

Having been a decisive vote in Congress on the last TPA bill and having served as a trade advisor for both President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama, the Honorable [Mark Kennedy](#), Director and Professor of George Washington University's [Graduate School of Political Management](#) (GSPM), will provide an overview of what it will take to strengthen the essential partnership between the United States and Europe.



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