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THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2008, 12.30 - 1.30PM

National Europe Centre, 1 Liversidge Street, Building 67C, ANU

Please RSVP by 10am on Monday 15 December 2008 - E: europe@anu.edu.au

SPEAKER: H.E. MR MICHEL FILHOL (AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE)

Abstract: Dialogue and practical co-operation between the European Union and Australia have been strengthening in recent years. France seized the opportunity of its six months local Presidency of the EU to emphasise those already close ties, which will be strengthened on many issues by the recent adoption of the EU-Australia Partnership Framework. The European Union is bringing its relation with Australia to a new level, embracing more than ever its role as a "soft power and strong partner".

Biography: H.E. Mr Michel Filhol is the current Ambassador of France to Australia. He holds a BA Degree in Economics, a Diploma in Political Studies (Toulouse), and is a graduate of the École Nationale d'Administration (Public Administration Institute). During his diplomatic career, he held postings in Rome, Prague, Tripoli, the Hague and Singapore. He also held various positions in the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Interior (Paris). He was a senior lecturer at the Institute of Political Science (IEP), Paris, and is a regular public speaker. He is a Knight in the Order of the Legion of Honour, a Knight in the National Order of Mérite and an Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau.



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