

Lecture at La Maison franco-japonaise (Co-organisation: EUIJ-Tokyo, Société franco-japonaise des sciences politiques)

Politique de défense commune de l'Union Européenne : enjeux et perspectives by Dr Antonio Missiroli (European Policy Center)

On 14 November 2006, *La Maison Franco-Japonaise* hosted, with co-sponsorship of the EUIJ Tokyo Consortium, a roundtable entitled *The Tasks and the Prospects of the EU Common Defence Policy (Politique de défense commune de l'Union Européenne : enjeux et perspectives)*. The speaker was Dr Antonio Missiroli, Chief Policy Analyst of the European Policy Centre; the chair was Prof Hirotaka Watanabe of Tokyo University of Foreign Studies; and the discussant was Prof Takako Ueta of International Christian University. After the opening address of Dr Sabban, Director of *La Maison Franco-Japonaise*, Dr Missiroli gave a comprehensive presentation in French on the recent developments of external relations of the EU in general, its Common Foreign and Security Policy as well as the Common Defence Policy. He discussed that the EU faces new challenges such as terrorism.

Prof Ueta responded also in French by making detailed comments on *finalité politique* of the European Security and Defence Policy, as well as on relations between Effective Multilateralism of the EU and the UN reform. Vibrant discussion followed in which both academics and citizens participated. While scholars exchanged academically motivated discussions, citizens raised questions frankly. The roundtable was a great success with full of 40 participants, including Ms Anne Koford, Attaché of Press of Public and Cultural Affairs of the Delegation of the European Commission.