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Europe's Polity in the American Imperium

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Will the ambivalence of current transatlantic relations persist or will it give way to more amicable policy cooperation or sharper political conflicts? This lecture argues the case for the persistence of political ambivalence. Transatlantic relations are confronting a double challenge. Europe's multi-tiered and multi-faceted polity is struggling with gaining a clearer sense of self. At the same time America's imperium is recalibrating the balance between its territorial and non-territorial powers. Europe's polity and America's imperium are variants of a contested, yet common civilization. They are both united and divided by state interests and market dynamics. Far from being an anomaly, political ambivalence is what we should expect.

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