

Geopolitical Change and the future of European strategy?

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CSDP AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT AFTER KOSOVO

Benign geopolitical environment: Western unipolarity

Hedge against lack of US interest in European crises (i.e. Western Balkans)

Emphasis on crisis management contributes to Western expansion

CSDP AND THE IRAQ WAR: THE RISE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

- Post-11 September US unilateralism: CSDP goes softer
- Rise of the comprehensive approach and effective multilateralism
- Even greater European dependence on the US

CSDP, STRATEGY AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT IN A POST-AMERICAN EUROPE

- Waning of US presence in broader European neighbourhood
- Doubts about EU's political cohesion
- Convulsive European neighbourhood

Where to for EU strategy?

- tighten political cohesion within EU Europe
- contribute to European strategic leadership in Europe and in the neighbourhood
- Ensure Europeans can project and exercise power globally