

This volume brings together five essays concerned with the aspects of European-American relations as they were redefined in the context of the Iraq war of 2003. I am grateful for the generous support of the Hoover Institution in the completion of this project.

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