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THE END OF EUROPE?
WHAT DOES TURKEY'S ENTRY INTO THE EUROPEAN UNION MEAN FOR EUROPE -- AND THE REST OF THE WORLD?

Former French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing was quoted in *Le Monde* newspaper on Friday (8 Nov, 2002) as saying Turkey's entry into the EU would be "the end of Europe".

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Results of recent elections in Turkey (November 3) were not only surprising to nearly everyone, but they put in power the AK Party, which is one of the most conservative (i.e. religious) parties in the country. The effects of this election therefore will certainly impact the future of Turkey domestically, and in a global context.

For many years, Turkey has petitioned unsuccessfully to gain accession to the European Union (EU). The EU is meeting on December 12th, 2002 in Copenhagen, and they will once again debate Turkey’s acceptance into the Union. This is an important time for Turkey as it struggles to convince the “west” that it is one of “them”.

This proposed panel will explore the implications of Turkey’s acceptance/rejection by the EU. Overall, the panel will address the political, economic, and cultural ramifications of this recent election.