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My Staff and My Redeemer: Why Three-Quarters of Western Europeans Would Elect Obama

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In Europe, even more than in the United States, Obama appears not as a politico, but as a canvas which allows the Europeans to project their fondest wishes onto a man they hardly know. Disappointment is bound to happen.

Josef Joffe is publisher-editor of the German weekly *Die Zeit*. Previously he was columnist/editorial page editor of *Süddeutsche Zeitung* (1985-2000).

Abroad, his essays and reviews have appeared in: *New York Review of Books*, *New York Times Book Review*, *Times Literary Supplement*, *Commentary*, *New York Times Magazine*, *New Republic*, *Weekly Standard*, *Prospect* (London), *Commentaire* (Paris). Regular contributor to the op-ed pages of *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times* and *Washington Post*; *Time* and *Newsweek*.

His second career has been in academia. In 2007, he was appointed Senior Fellow of Stanford's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (a professorial position), with which he has been affiliated since 1999. A visiting professor of political science at Stanford since 2004, he is also a fellow of the University's Hoover Institution. He has also taught at Harvard, Johns Hopkins and the University of Munich. Visiting lecturer at Princeton and Dartmouth. In 2005, he co-founded the foreign policy journal *The American Interest* in Washington (with Zbigniew Brzezinski and Francis Fukuyama).

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Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP: <http://fce.stanford.edu/events/registration/5444/>