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a public talk by*

## **His Excellency Jean-David Levitte**



*Ambassador of France to the United States*

# **France and America: Common Challenges Ahead**

**Thursday**

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**Alumni Lounge, Pyle Center**

**702 Langdon Street**

**4:30 PM**

Ambassador Jean-David Levitte has had a distinguished and outstanding career in the French foreign service, holding various senior positions and serving on the staffs of two French Presidents, Jacques Chirac and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. Before being named Ambassador to the U.S. in 2002, Mr. Levitte was French Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Prior to that, he was Senior Diplomatic Advisor to President Chirac. Other posts have included Undersecretary for Cultural and Scientific Cooperation and Assistant Secretary for Asia in the French Foreign Ministry. From 1988 to 1990, he was the French Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office in Geneva.

Born in 1946 in the south of France, Ambassador Levitte holds a law degree and is a graduate of Sciences-Po, Paris and of the National School of Oriental Languages, where he studied Chinese and Indonesian. His first overseas assignments were in Hong Kong and Beijing in the early 1970's. His first position in the United States was as Second Counselor at the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations in New York.