

Justin Vaïsse

Justin Vaïsse is a senior fellow in Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institution, and serves as the director of research for its Center on the United States and Europe. An accomplished expert on American foreign policy and European affairs, Vaïsse has held several positions in government and academia, and is the author, among other books, of *Neoconservatism: The Biography of a Movement*.



From 2003 to 2007, he served as a special adviser on the United States and transatlantic relations at the Centre d'Analyse et de Prévision (the Policy Planning Staff) of the French Foreign Ministry. During that period, he was also an adjunct professor at Sciences-Po in Paris. He is currently an adjunct professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington. From 2002 to 2003, he was a visiting fellow at the Center on the United States and France, a precursor to CUSE at Brookings.

Vaïsse is the author, co-author or editor of seven books on the United States, especially on American foreign policy, including the award-winning *L'empire du milieu. Les Etats-Unis et le monde depuis la fin de la guerre froide* (with Pierre Melandri – Paris, 2001) and *Washington et le monde. Dilemmes d'une superpuissance* (with Pierre Hassner – Paris, 2003). His 2010 book, *Neoconservatism: The Biography of a Movement*, published by the Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, has been hailed as “one of the most comprehensive and balanced studies of the history of neoconservatism yet to appear” by Professor Francis Fukuyama. Vaïsse is now at work on a biography of former National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, to be published in 2013.

Vaïsse is also an expert of Islam in France. He published *Integrating Islam: Political and Religious Challenges in Contemporary France* (Brookings Press, 2006) with Professor Jonathan Laurence from Boston College, a book named “2007 Outstanding Academic Title” by the American Library Association and subsequently translated into French.

His more recent field of research is Europe's external relations. Starting in 2010, Vaïsse initiated and led, with Hans Kundnani, a project called the *European Foreign Policy Scorecard*, done in partnership with the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), to evaluate Europe's performance on the world stage. The first edition, published by ECFR in 2011, was described by *Foreign Affairs* as “a pioneering experiment in foreign policy analysis”, and the second edition (2012) has had significant political impact in many European capitals.

Vaïsse has written numerous articles and op-eds in European and American newspapers and journals. A graduate of L'Ecole Normale Supérieure and Sciences-Po, he received his Agrégation in history in 1996, his Ph.D. in 2005, and his Habilitation in 2011. He was a teaching assistant at Harvard University from 1996-1997. He lives in the Washington, DC area with his wife and children.