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Brendan F. Brown Lecture

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**“The Future for EU –  
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*delivered by*

Ambassador John Bruton

*Head of Delegation of the European Commission to the United States*

Monday, March 10, 2008

4:00 pm

Walter A. Slowinski Courtroom

*Reception to follow in the Keelty Atrium*

John Gerard Bruton served as the ninth Prime Minister of Ireland. Bruton held a number of the top posts in Irish government, including Minister for Finance (1981–1982 and 1986–1987), Minister for Industry & Energy (1982–1983) and Minister for Industry, Trade, Commerce & Tourism (1983–1986). He became leader of Fine Gael in 1990 and served as Taoiseach from 1994 until 1997, leading the Rainbow Coalition government of Fine Gael–Labour Party–Democratic Left.

Bruton was first elected to the House of Representatives of Ireland as an Assembly Delegate for Meath in 1969, and served continuously until his retirement from domestic politics in 2004. He is currently the Ambassador of the European Union to the United States, and is a former Vice-President of the European People's Party (EPP). He is married to Finola Bruton and has 4 children.