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**UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON SPEAKER MARKS
MARSHALL PLAN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

DAYTON, Ohio — An internationally known public policy scholar will be at the University of Dayton May 6 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan, which helped to restore the economic infrastructure of Europe after World War II.

Jane M.O. Sharp, director of the defense and security program at the Institute for Public Policy Research in London and senior research fellow at the Centre for Defence Studies at Kings College in England, will present "The U.S. and Europe: A New Transatlantic Bargain" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, in Room 310 of Kennedy Union on the UD campus.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

Sharp, who regularly advises the U.S. Congress on Bosnian policy matters, has written extensively on NATO and Western policy toward the former Yugoslavia.

Her visit, sponsored by UD's Center for International Programs and the Dayton Council on World Affairs, commemorates the Marshall plan, which resulted in the Economic Cooperation Act of 1948 and later earned its author, secretary of state Gen. George C. Marshall, a Nobel Peace Prize.

The plan's anniversary is especially significant today as the United States and Europe again work to redefine their relationship, said R. Bruce Hitchner, director of the Center for International Programs at UD. Europe continues to move toward adopting a single currency, and the United States and the European Union are working to carry out the economic and diplomatic proposals called for in the New Transatlantic Agenda, signed in 1995.

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