
EUROPE'S AMERICAN PRESIDENT: THE PARADOX OF URSULA VON DER LEYEN

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Ursula von der Leyens whirlwind tour of the United States started in New York at the United Nations General Assembly, where she rubbed shoulders with the worlds most senior leaders, from U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

From there, the president of the European Commission was whisked across the Hudson River and into New Jersey, to Princeton University. In a wood-paneled hall in one of Americas most storied Ivy League schools, she delivered a keynote address billed as Europes Moment that was in reality more of an ode to EU-U.S. relations.

I have been in politics now round about 20 years, she told the students, as the camera □ whether by accident or design □ silhouetted her against a giant American flag. Never ever have I experienced such an intense, trustful and detailed cooperation with the White House.

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