

12th Graduation Ceremony for students of the program Peace and Security Studies - M.A. at the University of Hamburg

Every year at the beginning of October, students of the postgraduate program “Peace and Security Studies – M.A.” receive their academic degree at a graduation ceremony at the university of Hamburg. Degrees are conferred by the director of the program and the vice president of the university. During the ceremonial act graduates and the director of the program look back on the achievements made so far and the challenges that are to come, and a guest speaker will talk on a current issue of peace and security. Besides, the new students are being welcomed and get an idea of what lies ahead and what challenges they have to face in the year to come.



F.l.t.r: Prof. Götz Neuneck (Head of the M.P.S-Programme), Dr Dorothee Stapelfeldt (Senator of Science), Prof. Susanne Rupp (Vice President of the University of Hamburg), Dr Jürgen Lüthje (President of the University of Hamburg 1991-2006), Prof. Michael Brzoska (Director of the IFSH)

This year about 150 guests jointed the graduation ceremony that took place at “Großer Hörsaal” at the University of Hamburg on 7th October 2014. The director of the IFSH, Michael Brzoska, introduced the guest speaker Prof. Dr. Susanne Rupp, vice president of the university. She spoke about the good collaboration between the university and the IFSH: Both institutes derive much benefit from the collaboration, e.g. 7 out of 24 co-operating resident institutes are part of the university. Regarding the number of current challenges of security and peace policy, the studies of “Peace and Security” is not luxury but necessity. Well-educated

practitioners are the avant-garde for a peaceful and humane world, said Rupp. The Minister of Science, Dr Dorothee Stapelfeld, also congratulated students on their graduation and welcomed the new ones. She also pointed



Dr. Jürgen Lüthje



at the new dimensions of today’s security threats in Syria, Iraq, Ukraine and Ebola which also have an impact on Hamburg that has accommodates further 1.500 refugees. The city now has 14.000 refugees. Therefore, well-educated analysts, practitioners, and experts are needed to analyze current issues and advice politics. During its “43 years of existing the IFSH has contributed to the understanding of political conflicts”. The central hypothesis underlying the work of the IFSH is “to ensure peace and provide security” which is also of great importance to the current crisis in the Ukraine. Another example for a more peaceful security policy is the project “Challenges to Deep Cuts”. The project, which is sponsored by the Ministry for Science and Research of the City of Hamburg, tries to strengthen the dialogue between five nuclear weapon states. The Minister of Science wished all students and graduates success und emphasized: “We need you!”

Another speaker was the former president of the University (1996-2006), Dr Dr h.c. Jürgen Lüthje, who was also involved in the establishment of the pro-

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gram “Peace and Security Studies – M.A.” in 2001 and has been supporting interdisciplinary teaching and the IFSH for a long time. He gave a speech on: “Can universities contribute to non-military conflict solving?” and thus referred to current discussions on whether universities should be obliged to do research on civil issues only and to the question what conditions are needed so societies can live together peacefully. He pointed out that a research ban would not solve the problems. Instead we need to call on the individual responsibility of a researcher. Science is not only about methods but an attitude towards life (Alexander von Humboldt) and universities need to stick to the principle of peace and freedom. He congratulated the IFSH on its successful teaching of peace and security studies.

The students of the Master-Programme of Peace and Security Studies 2014/15 and the graduates from 2013/14



Beside the speeches, a choir with singers from different nations (among one MPS-alumnus) performed songs like “I will study war no more”. The head of the course, Götz Neuneck, talked about the many events and the three study trips of the last year. He also emphasized the advantages of the program: a class-like atmosphere and a low student-to-teacher ratio at the cooperating residential institutes. It is an interdisciplinary, practice-orientated and international program as it is shown by the 23 successful graduates: 13 female and 11 male students from Germany, USA; France, Ukraine, Netherland, Great Britain, Ghana, Slovenia, Macedonia, Uzbekistan and Georgia.

The coordinator of the program, Naida Mehmedbegovic Dreilich, presented the interesting master theses. The vice president Susanne Rupp handed the certificates over to the graduates followed by a graduation speech of the two alumni Laura Walking and Adrienne Jacobs to say thank you and to present pictures from their year of study. Afterwards, there was a get-together for students, lecturers, alumni, friends, and families to celebrate the great day together.

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Conventional Arms Control in Times of Crisis

On 10 November, 2014, Ulrich Kühn and Wolfgang Zellner of CORE took part in a roundtable discussion at the annual OSCE Security Days in the Vienna Hofburg. The roundtable, entitled “Conventional Arms Control and Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in Europe”, comprised various international experts, academics, and officials from OSCE participating States.



Ulrich Kühn (middle) at the panel on "The Evolution of the European Security Architecture" together with William Alberque of NATO (left) and Robert Gerschner of the Austrian MFA (right). Photo credits: Micky Kröll/OSCE

In his opening statement, OSCE Secretary General, Lamberto Zannier, highlighted the importance of conventional arms control (CAC) and confidence- and security-building measures (CSBMs) for the European security architecture from the early days of the Helsinki accords to the current crisis in Ukraine. Zannier underscored the need to revive these instruments of cooperative security.

At the panel on “The Evolution of the European Security Architecture”, Ulrich Kühn elaborated on the regime complex of cooperative arms control in Europe. He pointed out that security institutions in the realm of cooperative arms control in Europe are much more closely interwoven than we might expected. Further on, almost all security institutions are, to different degrees, experiencing decay, he explained. Ideally, cooperative security would build on a balanced mix of power and morality. According to Kühn, norm-challenging behavior has become a serious ‘disease’ negatively affecting the institutions of cooperative security.



Wolfgang Zellner (right) at the panel on "Outlook and Prospects" together with Ambassador Rüdiger Lüdeking (middle). Photo credits: Micky Kröll/OSCE

In his presentation on "The Future of Transparency Measures and Verification", Wolfgang Zellner assessed the current design of CSBMs and stressed the need to address future scenarios in the OSCE area. Particularly with respect to protracted conflicts and "hybrid" warfare, the instruments of cooperative security are in need of a timely update, Zellner concluded. He underscored once more that the lack of more intrusive transparency rules, as provided for by CFE, is to the detriment of all states concerned,; particularly as the future-oriented concept of verified transparency of military potentials and complex capabilities is still far away from being a reality.

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IFSH becomes member of the KlimaCampus Hamburg



The IFSH has become a member of the KlimaCampus Hamburg. The KlimaCampus Hamburg is a climate research network bringing together universities, research institutes and government offices from Hamburg to collaborate on various climate issues and implement joint projects. There is also weekly colloquium (KlimaCampus Colloquia). The projects focus on Hamburg and Northern Germany. For the IFSH, the KlimaCampus offers an opportunity to present its work on peace and security implications of climate change in a wider framework.

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Conference of the DVPW-Section "International Politics" in Magdeburg

The Fourth Open Conference of the DVPW-Section "International Politics" took place from September 25-27, 2014 at the Institute for Political Science, Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg. The triennial conference brought together about 200 researchers from the field of international relations.

Four colleagues from the IFSH participated with their presentations of current work. Raphael Bossong and Hendrik Hegemann organized the panel: „Die neue Politik der (Un-)Sicherheit: Technokratisierung oder (Re-) Politisierung?“ and presented their paper on „Die Politik der zivilen Sicherheit: Versicherunglichung des Zivilen oder Zivilisierung der Sicherheit?“. In the paper they dealt with the meaning of the increasingly prominent term of civil security and its political consequences.

In the same panel, Delf Rothe presented his paper „Seeing Like a Computer: Entpolitisierung durch umweltpolitisch legitimierte Überwachungstechniken am Fallbeispiel Copernicus“. Utilizing various approaches of a "New Materialism", Rothe examined how the technology of satellite-supported remote sensing leads to a de-politization of environmental impact and climate risks.

Sybille Reinke de Buitrago presented in the panel „Diskursforschung in den IB 2: Identität, Emotionen und Performativität“, which was sponsored by the DVPW topical group „Diskursforschung in den IB“, her paper on „Identität, Diskurs und Grenzziehungen mit Blick auf globale Machtverschiebungen und internationale Ordnung“. She analysed U.S. political discourse towards China and Russia, how the discourse reflects the self and own national identity, the perceived threats related to China and Russia as the other, and effects regarding differentiation and conflict potential.

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EU-Non-proliferation, Central Europe and the Ukraine Crisis

The Ukraine crisis overshadows many current issues concerning non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament. Therefore, conferences are needed to exchange views with colleagues from Eastern Europe. On 4 and 5 September 2014, IFAR participated at the third conference of the EU Non-Proliferation-Consortium in Brussels. Member of the European network of independent Think Tanks met officials from the EU mem-

ber states to present and discuss issues of non-proliferation and arms control. Götz Neuneck represented the IFSH and gave a talk at the panel meeting: „Cyber Security Arms Control Challenges“. Katarzyna Kubiak and Anne Finger also attended the conference and joined the “Next-Generation-Meeting”.

On 16 September 2014, Katarzyna Kubiak delivered a speech on “Engagement of Central Europeans in the Nuclear Security Summit process: Input and achievements of the Central European Countries” at the invitation of the Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw. Countries of the region have engaged actively in the Nuclear Security Summits (NSS) and have also contributed to all NSS goals, including, for example, the reduction of nuclear material. However, they still face many challenges related to the growing role of nuclear energy and to the threats of nuclear terrorism and smuggling.

On 2 and 3 October 2014, Götz Neuneck gave a talk at the conference "International Law: War and Peace", which was organized by the "Association pour le droit international humanitaire pour, France (ADIF)" and the French Pugwash-Group at the L'École normale supérieure (ENS) in Paris.

On 23 September 2014, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ) published a comment by Ulrich Kühn and Götz Neuneck on the Ukraine crisis. Kühn and Neuneck warn about further military strikes by NATO or further termination of important arms control agreement as it contributes to escalation. Instead arms control instruments should be extended and a realistic offer should be made to Russia.

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DAAD summer school: Modernization and conflict in Central Asia

This year's DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) summer school, organized by the IFSH, focused on the topic of “Modernization and Conflict in Central Asia” and took place in Almaty, Kazakhstan from 4 to 9 August 2014. The summer school, financed by the DAAD, offered expert seminars, participant-led panels and field trips and thus provided an opportunity for scientific exchange on processes of modernization in Central Asia and their conflictive elements. Participants and lecturers from eight different – mostly Central Asian – countries participated in the summer school. Besides the IFSH, the Al-Farabi Kazakh National University and the Institute for East and South-east European Studies at the University of Regensburg were also involved in the organization.



The participants of the DAAD summer school in Almaty

In an introductory seminar, Sebastian Schiek (IFSH) presented an overview of recent developments in sociological modernization debates as well as the concept of “multiple modernities”. Choosing a stronger focus on economy, Christian Timm (PH Göttingen) elaborated on the role of institutions for development using the example of Georgia. Other topics were environmental as well as growth economics, on which Miriam Frey (University of Regensburg) held two seminars. Prof. Rustam Burnashev (German-Kazakh University in Almaty) discussed statehood in Central Asia and drew a rather skeptical picture of the possibilities of partial modernization under the conditions of authoritarian statehood. Chinara Esengul (Kyrgyz National University) held a seminar in which she analyzed the special path of Kyrgyzstan, which is the only Central Asian state to have introduced a formal democratization, and Prof. Nazokat Kasymova (Tashkent State Institute for Oriental Studies) gave a talk on the economic hindrances that Uzbekistan is facing during the times of globalization.

The summer school also stood out due to a variety of highly interesting contributions by the participants, for example on the symbolic and historical dimensions of modernization or on the role of international organizations. As a result of the summer school, participants could agree on the fact that at least partial modernizations are taking place in Central Asia, even if structures, conditions, and motivations differ from those of the West. How to research these processes scientifically needs to be discussed still further – this year's summer school was a first step.

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Staff News

New Military Fellow at IFSH

Martin Krüger joined the IFSH as a researcher on 1st October 2014. He is a Lieutenant Colonel of the General Staff of the Bundeswehr and represents the military fellow at the institute.



After his military training as a logistics officer, Martin Krüger studied business engineering with a focus on electrical engineering at the Helmut-Schmidt-University in Hamburg (Diploma 2003). Then, he was posted to the Airborne Brigade 31 in Oldenburg. Here he took over several leadership jobs. For example, he led an airborne support unit for two years and was deployed to Kabul for three months during that time. After that, he graduated in systems engineering at the Cranfield University in England (MSc 2009) followed by a two-year course at the General Staff College in Hamburg. For the past three years Martin Krüger has represented the German armaments director on behalf of the foreign ministry at NATO Headquarters in Brussels. His work was concentrated on the procedural aspects of armaments cooperation amongst the NATO nations as well as on new reconnaissance technologies. Martin Krüger is going to work in the interdisciplinary research group of Professor Götz Neuneck focusing on new armaments technologies and their impact on future warfare.

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Regina Heller takes up Deputy Professorship at Helmut Schmidt University

In October 2014, Dr Regina Heller took up a deputy professorship for political science, in particular international security policy and conflict research at the Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg (University of the Bundeswehr).

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Former Baudissin-Fellow Colonel Zhytnyk at IFSH

Colonel Oleksandr Zhytnyk from the Ukrainian General Staff visited the IFSH from 20 to 24 October 2014. He gave lectures on Ukraine's present political and security situation to the staff of the IFSH during his stay. Colonel Zhytnyk is a graduate of the IFSH "Count Baudissin International Fellowship



Program" which he attended from 2011 to 2012. During this research period he has worked on the development of a study with own proposals for a possible implementation of the Internal Leadership into the Ukrainian armed forces. Before that, Colonel Zhytnyk studied at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies within the "Program Advanced Security Studies" in Garmisch-Partenkirchen as well as at the German Armed Forces Staff College in Hamburg.

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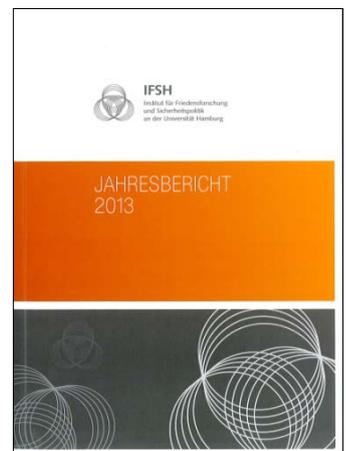
Publications

IFSH Yearbook 2013 published

With delay but in a new design: The IFSH Yearbook 2013 has finally been published. It is available at:

<http://ifsh.de/file-IFSH/IFSH/pdf/jahrbuch/anrep2013_final.pdf>.

Limited printed versions are available on request.

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S+F. Security and Peace, Issue 3/2014 Geopolitics: Europe and the U.S.A.



Europe has become a pivotal global player – with only 7% of the world's population, the EU now accounts for 20% of global trade, surpassing even the United States – who will be more and more called upon to deal with an ever-increasing number of political, economic and security challenges that can no longer be tackled by individual states on their own. Is it now Europe's moment to step up and take responsibility – alone or shoulder-to-shoulder with the United States – to address some of these challenges? This question is at the heart of the current issue of Security + Peace, in which practitioners and academics from both sides of the Atlantic examine some of the most pressing geopoliti-

cal challenges for Europe and the United States and reflect on their impact for transatlantic relations. The authors also provide some strategic as well as practical suggestions for addressing these challenges. A number of them – independent of each other – refer to as “wake-up calls,” in ways intended to strengthen Europe and the transatlantic partnership, promote solidarity and boost safety, security, and prosperity on both sides of the Atlantic. Authors of this issue’s theme are: Christopher Holshek, Sven Gareis, Katharina Götsch, Susanne Peters und Sebastian Bruns.

Outside of this issue’s theme, Hans-Georg Ehrhart writes about „Fußball zwischen Krieg und Frieden. Anmerkungen zu einem fast philosophischen Thema“ and Akmal Sokhibov about „Economic and Political Restraints for Reducing the Drug Economy in Afghanistan“. In addition, S+F offers three articles which are based on statements made in a subcommittee of the German Parliament, taking stock of 10 years of the “Aktionsplan Zivile Krisenprävention”, by Martina Fischer, Winfried Nachtwei and Cornelia Brinkmann. S+F documents the speech of former U.S. ambassador to the EU, the Honorable Stuart E. Eizenstat, at the Atlanta World Affairs Council: „A Call for New Thinking: Geopolitics, Security, Economics“. The Forum deals with the topic „Blind Spots in the Discourse on the Ukraine Crisis“ with contributions by Gerhard Simon, Martin Malek, Tatyana Parkhalina, Hans J. Gießmann, Paul Reuber, Wolfgang Zellner and Hanne-Margret Birckenbach.

One full article as well as abstracts can be found here: <http://www.sicherheit-und-frieden.nomos.de/>.

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Felix Eikenberg, Marc Finaud, Mohammed Norman Galal, Jan Hückmann, Anat Kurz and Irene Weipert-Fenner: Conflict Mediation in the Middle East. Lessons from Egypt as a Mediator and Object of Mediation. Academic Peace Orchestra Middle East Policy Brief, Nr. 36, 2014

In recent years, Egypt has achieved a number of mediation successes between various conflicting parties in the Middle East. However, efforts by external actors to mitigate the intra-Egyptian tensions in summer 2013 failed. The authors undertake to explain this stark contrast by developing a framework for analyzing mediation efforts and assessing the conditions for success in

the cases at hand. They identify the ongoing political, economic, and social instability of the most populous Arab country as a formidable stumbling block on the way to the Helsinki Conference on the establishment of a WMD Free Zone in the Middle East.

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