

2009 Peace Report in Berlin and Brussels

How to End Wars?



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Afghanistan and Pakistan are keeping international politics on edge and an end to the fighting is not in sight. In Africa, in the Caucasus and in the Middle East, some ceasefires will probably turn out to be the calm before the next storm. Such findings necessitate the focal question of the Peace Report 2009: How can wars and violent conflicts be brought to an end – and how can they not?

The battle grounds of the recent armed conflicts are weak or failed states, and it is their societies that are being fought over. At stake are concepts of political order and the political support of the people. Military force is rarely decisive in such contests. Yet it is still widely assumed that more troops lead to more security and that wars can be ended by military superiority. The emphasis on military power often papers over the lack of a political concept. The majority of the current wars, however, cannot be brought to a lasting end without the presence of legitimate and functioning governance structures at the foundation of society.

This is the conclusion drawn by the Peace Report 2009, which the representatives of the five editing institutes presented to the Federal Press Conference in Berlin on 26 May 2009. The editors were able to discuss their results and recommendations with the chairpersons of the Bundestag's Committees on Economic Cooperation and Development Thilo Hoppe (The Greens), Defence Ulrike Merten (SPD), Foreign Policy Ruprecht Polenz (CDU) and numerous parliamentarians. A more extensive meeting took place in

the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation with State Secretary Erich Stather. A meeting with the German-South Asian parliamentarians' group of the Bundestag and a public event in cooperation with Women in International Security (WIIS) and the Atlantic Initiative completed the Peace Report's guest appearance in the capital.

Beyond the primary thematic area, this year's Peace Report takes soundings on the new perspectives opened up by the Obama government on integrating Russia into European security structures as well as on disarmament and arms control. In this connection it recommends, inter alia, that all nuclear weapons be withdrawn from Germany and that there be a commitment to the principle of no first use of nuclear weapons. Another chapter deals with the potential for conflict in the international financial crisis and addresses the policies of and instruments for constructive non-military conflict transformation.

IFSH contributions to the Peace Report 2009 were authored by, among others, Michael Brzoska, Hans-Georg Ehrhart, Margret Johannsen, Martin Kahl, Oliver Meier and Wolfgang Zellner. Annette Weber (SWP) contributed as guest author, while Margret Johannsen acted for the first time as IFSH's co-editor and coordinator of the project. The editors gratefully acknowledged the decade-long commitment of Reinhard Mutz, who had been part of the project from its very start, at first as Egon Bahr's right-hand man and later on until 2008 as the responsible editor for the IFSH.

In June, two events concerned themselves with the Peace Report 2009 - one in the Protestant Academy Arnoldshain, the other one hosted by the Bonn House of History, in a joint enterprise with the German Society for Foreign Policy. In July, the Peace Report is heading for Brussels and will present its main findings for discussion at the International Security Information Service (ISIS) Europe.

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Publication on arms control for a conference in the Foreign Ministry



The editor with Minister of State Gernot Erler (2nd from the right) (PHOTO KF/GS)

Representing Foreign Minister Steinmeier, Minister of State Gernot Erler held a speech on June 9, 2009 in Berlin on the future of arms control. Background was a reception on the occasion of the high-level meeting on "the future of conventional arms control in Europe", in which an IFSH publication with the same title was presented. Minister of State Gernot Erler said: „So I thank all of you, as government representatives from more than forty states that you accepted the invitation of the German Foreign Minister to this informal meeting on the future of conventional arms control in Europe! Alongside this meeting, IFSH - the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy of the University of Hamburg - under the direction of Prof. Dr. Götz Neuneck and Dr. Wolfgang Zellner and PRIF – the Hessian Peace Research Institute - represented by Dr. Hans-Joachim Schmidt, together with NOMOS publishing house is releasing a heavy volume of some 500 pages – appropriate to the seriousness and importance of the subject - in German and English, on the future of conventional arms control in Europe. My thanks and my appreciation go to all who contributed to the success of the accompanying book. Scholars

and practitioners from home and abroad, with sometimes decades of experience in disarmament and arms control, illuminate the difficult process of arms control and present some significant milestones ... I am convinced that the book will promote the discussion on the future of conventional arms control in Europe." In this volume 24 experts from the United States, Russia and other European countries analyze the current arms-control situation and put forward proposals to overcome the current deadlock.

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A video film on the book presentation can soon be found online at: <http://www.core-hamburg.de/core/newsevents.htm>

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Expert seminar on EU in conflict prevention and civil-military crisis management

An experts seminar on „The EU in conflict prevention and civil-military crisis management - the quest for effectiveness and legitimacy“ took place in the Villa Abegg of the Compagnia di Sao Paolo in Turino on 25 and 26 June 2009. The seminar has been organised by the Institute for European Policy and the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI). Experts from the German and Italian Foreign Ministries, the EU's Political and Security Political Committee, the Council Secretariat's DGE VIII, the European Parliament, and think tanks discussed on the basis of background papers on weaknesses and strengths of the CFSP/ESDP. Hans-Georg Ehrhart (Head ZEUS/IFSH) gave a comment on the discussion paper „Military and civilian ESDP missions: Ever growing and effective?“ of Sammi Sandawi (Transformation Center of German Bundeswehr) and Nicolette Pirozzi (IAI).

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IFAR at EU Workshop on Non-Proliferation

At the invitation of the Czech EU Presidency an EU Workshop took place on 26 June in Prague under the title of „Enhancement of the Hague Code of Conduct (HCOC) against Ballistic Missile Proliferation“. Fifty participants, among them 28 delegations from signatory states as well as delegations and participation from Libya, Mexico and the Slovak Republic, discussed possible improvements to the non-proliferation regime, which is intended to prevent the further spread of missile technology. The missile tests of North Korea and Iran have shown quite forcefully that missiles have not yet become a feature of international arms control. Götz Neuneck was a German participant in this workshop. IFAR is taking part in an EU project, which, within the framework of a Joint Action of the European Union, is intended to strengthen the HCOC and to demonstrate trends in the proliferation of missile technologies and their containment. The project is coordinated in Paris by the Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (FRS) [Foundation for Strategic Research] with which there is collaboration.

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Conference on the Peace Report

The yearly conference on the Peace Report (Friedensgutachten, see above) in the Protestant Academy Arnoldshain took place on 22 and 23 June 2009. The meeting stood under the heading of „How can wars and violent conflicts be ended?“ Hans-Georg Ehrhart (Head ZEUS/IFSH) and Andreas Schwarzkopf (journalist of Frankfurter Rundschau) gave presentations on the Afghanistan challenge. The session was chaired by Dr Bruno Schoch (HSFK). Other topics under discussion were „Civil Peace service“, „War in Sudan“, „Western Balkans: Peace by democratization“, and „How to end 'new' wars?“.

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Head of CORE Participates in EastWest Institute Report on Euro-Atlantic Security

Together with Prof. Hall Gardner (American University of Paris) and the EastWest Institute's Vice President Greg Austin, the Head of CORE, Wolfgang Zellner, presented a report of the EastWest Institute entitled „Euro-Atlantic Security: One Vision, Three Paths“ at the Institute's Brussels Center on 23 June 2009. The report, which was elaborated by some 20 US, Russian and other European experts, discusses „conceptual and practical recommendations that could facilitate a much needed „grand debate“ over security issues in the Euro-Atlantic region“ with the objective of „striving to convert conflicts in the Euro-Atlantic security sphere into win-win situations.“ A day later, the report was presented in Moscow.

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Defense: New dimensions of an international law and constitutional term

Dieter S. Lutz Lecture 2009



Michael Brzoska (L.) and Knut Ipsen (PHOTO JR)

On 17 June 2009 the renowned expert on international law, Prof. Knut Ipsen, held the second Dieter S. Lutz lecture on the subject of „Power – Rights – Freedom.“ In Ipsen, a lecturer was found, who was not merely involved for many years in a critical dialogue with the Institute and Dieter Lutz. He also spoke on a topic that is of great importance for the work of the Institute, not least for the work program on transnational risks of violence. At the heart of his lecture, Ipsen placed national capability and responsibility in the efforts to carry out multi-lateral defense enterprises and emphasized the necessity of further work on constitutional and international law dimensions of the term „defense“.

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Opening Lecture at Schlaining OSCE Summer Academy

On 22 June 2009, Wolfgang Zellner, Head of CORE, delivered the opening lecture on "Security and Co-operation in the OSCE Area: Conflicts and New Dividing Lines" within the framework of the 13th "Summer Academy on OSCE" organized by the Austrian Study Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution. Discussion was lively and focused mainly on NATO enlargement, arms control issues, and the way ahead towards a more co-operative security approach. The 20 participants, mainly from post-Soviet countries, who had found their way to the idyllic Schlaining Peace Center, wanted to make use of the Summer Academy to deepen their knowledge specific to the OSCE.

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Capacity Building on OSCE for Officials and Journalists of Kazakhstan

Since 2007 CORE has been active in various capacity building activities on OSCE issues for different target groups from Kazakhstan. On 29 and 30 June 2009 Dr Diana Digol and Dr Anna Kreikemeyer will hold lectures at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin on the history, principles and institutions of the OSCE, on the role of the OSCE in Central Asia and on OSCE commitments and their implementation at a seminar "Implementing Principles and Standards of OSCE", tailored for officials of Kazakh governmental and parliamentary institutions. On 1 July 2009 CORE staff members will organize a briefing on CORE activities for a delegation of 15 Kazakh journalists participating in a tour at the invitation of the German Federal Foreign Office.

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Elevator for the IFSH Library



The head of the IFSH library, Ute Runge, in front of the new elevator (PHOTO GN)

On 11 June 2009, the second anniversary of the move to the new building, the IFSH library was able to put the long-desired small freight elevator into operation. The elevator replaces the prior arduous and risky book transport over a spiral staircase

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OSCE Chairmanship Training 2009 for Kazakhstan and Lithuania



The participants of the Training Course with the CORE Team (PHOTO EK)

Since 2007 CORE has conducted specialised OSCE Chairmanship Training courses: In 2007 and 2008, two four-week-long OSCE-related training courses were held for a total of 15 officials from the Kazakh Ministry of Foreign Affairs, jointly commissioned by the Kazakh MFA and the German Federal Foreign Office. This year a third OSCE Chairmanship Training course for 18 officials from Lithuania and Kazakhstan was held in Vienna from 1 to 14 June 2009. The lectures were given by CORE staff together with a number of OSCE experts from Vienna, The Hague and Warsaw. The theoretical part included lessons on general OSCE issues; the OSCE human dimension; field operations and the High Commissioner on National Minorities; new threats including economic and environmental issues, as well as on specific roles and responsibilities of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office. The practical component included five days of working meetings with heads and leading representatives of delegations of OSCE participating States, senior representatives and experts of the OSCE Secretariat and other OSCE institutions. The language of instruction is English.

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20th Meeting of Franco German Strategic Circle

The 20th Meeting of the Franco German Strategic Circle took place in Mulhouse, France, on 11 and 12 June 2009. Some forty participants from politics (inter alia Minister of State Gernot Erler and Secretary of State Jean-Marie Bockel), defence and foreign ministries, EU, think tanks, and industry discussed questions and problems of civilian and military use of nuclear energy, proliferation risks, and the future of nuclear weapons. Dr. Hans-Georg Ehrhart attended the conference on behalf of the IFSH.

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Security and Co-operation in Eurasia: Protecting Human Rights Must Remain a Priority for the OSCE

Seminar in Vienna on the Tasks of the OSCE Chairmanships in 2010 and 2011

In 2010 Kazakhstan will become the first member of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) to assume the Chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). It will be succeeded by Lithuania in 2011. The Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, together with the Austrian Defence Ministry, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE, and the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of the Armed Forces (DCAF), took this opportunity to hold a one-day seminar on "Future OSCE Chairmanships: Policies and Challenges". At the seminar, which took place on 9 June 2009 in the Museum of Military History, the oldest museum in Vienna, Ursel Schlichting, CORE's Editor-in-Chief of the OSCE Yearbook, presented a paper entitled "Human Dimension Challenges and Priorities in 2010/2011". In it, she strongly stressed that the protection of human rights, including minority rights, needs to remain one of the most important tasks of the OSCE. Also speaking or otherwise present at the well-attended event were Stefan Lehne from the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, the Head of the Kazakh Permanent Mission to the OSCE, Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Phillip Fluri, Deputy Director of DCAF, and the Director of the Warsaw-based Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), Ambassador Janez Lenarčič.

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50th Anniversary of PRIO

The oldest peace research institute in Europe, the International Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) celebrated its 50th anniversary in early June. Michael Brzoska participated in a meeting of the editorial board of PRIO's Journal of Peace Research during the celebrations.

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Workshop in Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Michael Brzoska gave a keynote lecture on the subject of „Security, Governance; Security Sector Governance“ at the Advanced Research Workshop “Enhancing Security Sector Governance through Education and Research” in Plovdiv, Bulgaria on 4. June 2009. The workshop was organized by the Centre of Black Sea Studies, Bulgaria and the International Center for Human Development, Armenia with support by the NATO Science for Peace and Security Programme.

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IFAR at three events on the future of disarmament and non-proliferation

On 2/3 June 2009, Oliver Meier took part in two meetings of the Working Group on the Future of Disarmament at the EU Institute for Security Studies in Paris. Central to the discussions was the future role of the EU in multilateral arms control. Meier held a lecture on “A New Farewell to Arms: Giving Purpose to Disarmament in the 21st Century”.

At an event at the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation on 28 May 2009 in Berlin, Meier commented on the draft of a study on the role of the EU in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty that was drawn up at the Center for Security Studies (CSS) at the Technical University in Zurich.

On May 26 Oliver Meier held a lecture on the future role of the EU and NATO in arms control at one of the events on the future of disarmament, jointly organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. At the seminar, attended primarily by Geneva diplomats, he argued that the EU needs a joint position in the current discussion of a nuclear-weapons-free world and that NATO must reform its nuclear weapons policy.

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From studies to practice: The MPS Course visits Vienna

The seminar “International Organizations” took 22 students in the MA programme “Peace and Security Studies” (M.P.S.) and “Human Rights and Democratization” to Vienna from the 25th until 29th of May. Led by Prof. Götz Neuneck, head of the M.P.S. program, and Teodora Vrancean, an expert on Vienna and an M.P.S. graduate, the group visited several international organizations and some Austrian institutions to enhance their practical knowledge and approaches.



The MPS Students in Vienna in front of the UN buildings

The group started the week by visiting the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), the Austrian Institute for International Affairs and the European Agency for Fundamental Rights and continued it by taking a look at several UN organisations the following day. While the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the German Mission to the UN provided insight into work practices as well as room for discussions, the presentation of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty-Organization was especially topical due to the North Korean test missile having been launched just two days before.

Other opportunities for information, discussions and impressions were provided by the visits to the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID), the German Mission to the OSCE, and the European Space Policy Institute (ESPI). Moreover, the day spent at the OSCE offered a wide variety of insights into OSCE’s work. With lectures and discussions on the OSCE’s crisis management and conflict prevention approach, the U.S. and Russian perspective on the OSCE, the OSCE’s position on economic and environmental aspects of security, as well as the current EU Presidency’s Mission the students were given the opportunity to talk to diplomats and practitioners alike. The group had the chance to follow the OSCE plenary for half a day. The excursion then was complemented by the return to academia with lectures in both the National Defence Academy on Euro-Iranian relations and in the University of Vienna’s Department of Political Science. The excursion provided worthwhile insights into the work and positions of and within international organisations. (Simone Görtz/Michael Schöppner)

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Mission World Peace: On the new role of Germany in World Politics

Podium Discussion with Gernot Erler



Detlef Nolte, Thomas Frankenfeld, Niels Annen, Michael Brzoska Gernot Erler, Robert Kappel (PHOTO JR)

On 27 May 2009, Gernot Erler, Minister of State in the [German] Foreign Ministry, presented „Mission World Peace – Germany’s new Role in World Politics“ – in his new book. In it, he advances the theory that a new political model of the culture of peace emerged in Germany between 1998 and 2005 and asks with which partners Germany can implement such a policy. In the podium discussion which followed, he discussed his results with Thomas Frankenfeld, the chief correspondent of the Hamburger Abendblatt and Michael Brzoska, the Scientific Director of IFSH: Niels Annen, MP moderated the discussion.

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CORE at the OSCE Border Management Staff College Meeting

Elena Kropatcheva represented CORE at the OSCE Border Management Staff College Meeting for Affiliates, which took place at the OSCE on 15 May 2009. Following the request to OSCE by Tajik authorities to open such a college for the senior managers and commanders from the border security and management agencies of the OSCE participating states, a Border Management Staff College is to be opened in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The main aim of this college is to strengthen OSCE values and to foster cooperation and exchange among the participants of the courses offered in the college. Representatives of different international security agencies and institutes – potential affiliates of the College – were among the participants.

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CORE at OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, Part II, Athens

The second and main part of the 17th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum took place between 17 and 20 May 2009. For a change, it was conducted not in Prague, Czech Republic, as is the Forum's happy tradition, but in Athens, Greece. The Forum's subject for this year was "Migration Management and its Linkages with Economic, Social and Environmental Policies to the Benefit of Stability and Security in the OSCE Region". It was the first Forum with the new OSCE Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, Goran Svilanovic, who had been appointed in December 2008. The agenda of the Forum's first day, in particular, included a remarkable number of contributions closely linking the Forum's topic to OSCE activities and challenges. Frank Evers, Deputy Head of CORE, once again took part in the Forum.

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Visitors to IFSH

On 12 May 2009 IFSH was able to welcome 25 short-term and professional soldiers of the Command and Control Company 31 from Holzdorf in Saxony-Anhalt, who were in Hamburg for a political education seminar. Hendrik Hegemann first gave the group a brief introduction to the history, structure and work of IFSH. Then he presented the current research program of the Institute "Trans-nationalization of Risks of Violence as a Challenge to European Peace and Security Policy" and illustrated it with the example of "international terrorism." In the discussion the soldiers expressed great interest in the work of IFSH and the research results achieved. However, their special interest was, understandably, directed at the effects on the work of the Federal Army by, for example the deployment against piracy in the Horn of Africa.

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CORE Represented at Vienna "Expert Meeting on a European Security Dialogue"

On 8 May 2009, Wolfgang Zellner, Head of CORE, participated in an "Expert Meeting on a European Security Dialogue" in Vienna, organized by the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, and gave a presentation on the "Indivisibility of Security: Principle and Reality". The meeting, well attended by about 200 experts and diplomats both from Vienna and other capitals, was one in a series of informal gatherings that culminated in the 27 June 2009 Corfu informal OSCE Ministerial Council Meeting.

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Expert Workshop at the Federal Academy for Security Policy in Berlin

For more than 25 years, the United Nations has maintained a register of national military expenses – with moderate success. The General Assembly of the UN has now adopted a resolution, under which a group of government experts will be employed to assess this instrument and make suggestions on its further development. On 4/5 May, Michael Brzoska took part in an expert workshop at the Federal Academy for Security Policy in Berlin, during which the „United Nations Instrument for Reporting Military Expenditures“ was discussed.

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International Security Forum in Geneva

At this year's Security Forum in Geneva, IFSH appeared for the first time as a co-organizer of a panel. Together with the journal, Security and Peace (S+F) and the Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) Michael Brzoska led a panel he organized on "Energy Security: Whose Business?" Appropriate contributions will be published in a special edition of S+F.

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