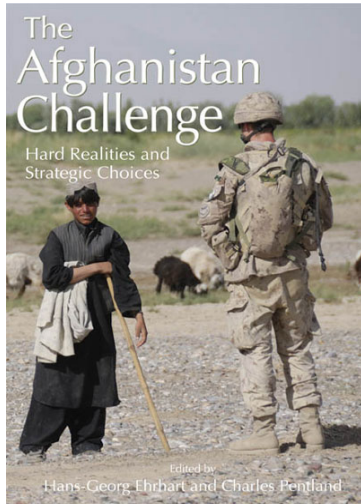


The Afghanistan Challenge

is the title of a volume, edited by Hans-Georg Ehrhart, IFSH, and Charles Pentland, Centre for International Relations of the Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.



During the election campaign, the US-president Barack Obama strongly criticised the unsuccessful Afghanistan strategies of the West. Four months after his election, Obama proclaimed a new strategy for Afghanistan including measures for Pakistan. Core elements of this new approach are: increasing the number of U.S. troops, step up pressure on NATO allies to strengthen their engagement, increasing international support, expanding the training programme for the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police, resourcing the civilian efforts and demanding a stronger contribution by Pakistan in the fight against Taliban and Al Qaeda. Negotiations with the traditional leaders are intended to reduce the numbers of opponents. All opposing forces that do not support Al-Qaeda or Taliban, are intended to become allies. Following a typical counterinsurgency-strategy (COIN), there is to be a strong presence of Afghan and international security forces in the hot spots. The aim of this strategy is to deprive the insurgents of support and of the recruiting basis and to encourage the Afghan people to cooperate with the government and its international supporters without fear of repression. To ensure success a combination of rewards – political integration, development aid etc. for those willing to cooperate – and punishment, i.e. military reprisals for those that are not willing to cooperate, will be used.

Yet, there are strong arguments against a COIN-engagement of the Federal Armed Forces. In the past, COIN-campaigns have often been military dirty. Fighting against an enemy who did not care about the international law, often prompted to also fight at the edge or even besides the established international law. The deployment of troops in Afghanistan outside fortified bases will increase the risk of attacks and thus probably the number of killed soldiers. Adopting the AfPak-strategy would demand qualitative alterations of the strategy of the Federal Armed Forces. Moreover, it would reduce development cooperation to a mere instrument of a supposed victory against an opponent who cannot be beaten militarily thereby taking the risk that development cooperation loses its legitimacy.

The German engagement in the Afghanistan missions needs to be reconsidered and necessitates a change in policy. There are a number of reasons that speak against a mere continuation of the German Afghanistan approach of the last eight years. One of the reasons is

the deteriorating security situation displayed in an increasing number of casualties, the missing improvement for most of the people in Afghanistan, the new US-AfPak-strategy and the declining public support – at least for the military engagement in Afghanistan.

Considering the current situation, it is necessary to appoint and deploy an independent commission that work out options for a future engagement of Germany in Afghanistan. It is not clear whether the Federal Government will manage to overcome the gap between the Bundestag's 80 percent approval of the mandates given to engagement of the Federal Armed Forces in Afghanistan and the 70 percent of the population opposing it.

Berlin has enmeshed itself too much in contradictory arguments and thus has undermined its credibility. After the federal election there will be a big chance for a comprehensive, legitimatizing and future-oriented assessment of the German options in Afghanistan. An independent commission with a clear mission is best suited for such an endeavour. The commission "Sicherheit und Zukunft der Bundeswehr" (Common Security and Future of the Federal Armed Forces) that was lead by Richard von Weizsäcker 1999/2000 and the Canadian Manley-Commission which presented a report about the further military engagement of Canada and possible exit strategies, can serve as a model.

The book „The Afghanistan Challenge. Hard Realities and Strategic Choices“, edited by Hans-Georg Ehrhart (IFSH/ZEUS) and Prof. Charles Pentland, is a cooperation project between the IFSH and the Centre for International Relations of the Queen's University and offers fundamental analyses of and recommendations for the Afghanistan conflict. The book has been published by MCGill-Queen's University Press.

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Preparing for the 2011 Lithuanian OSCE Chairmanship Informal Conference of the 'Friends of Lithuania' in Vilnius



The participants of the Vilnius meeting

On 22/23 October 2009, the Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs convened an informal meeting to discuss Lithuania's preparations for its 2011 OSCE Chairmanship. CORE, which had acted as a co-organizer for this conference, was represented by its head Wolfgang Zellner. As it brought together three distinct groups of participants, the meeting had quite a unique character. The first group consisted of high-ranking state representatives from the USA, Russia, the United Kingdom, Germany, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein and Lithuania, among

them the Lithuanian Foreign Minister, Vygaudas Usackas. The second group consisted of representatives of international organizations, i.e. the Secretary General of the OSCE, Ambassador Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, and the EU Special Representatives for the South Caucasus, and for Georgia and Central Asia, Peter Semneby and Pierre Morel. The third group comprised of staff members of (international) NGOs such as the International Crisis Group, Freedom House and the Institute for Public Policy (Moldova). Accordingly, there were a lot of – sometimes complementary, sometimes cross-cutting – perspectives which made the discussion particularly animated and interesting. The broad agenda ranged from the Corfu Process to conflict resolution, to economic and human dimension issues. At the same time, the meeting marked the date of founding of the ‘Friends of Lithuania’ club, which will, most probably, meet again next year.

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The Afghanistan Conflict

The Forum International Relations of the Social Democratic Party of Hamburg organized an evening event on the Afghanistan conflict on 22 October 2009. Hans-Georg Ehrhart (head of the Center for Peace and Security Studies of the IFSH) gave a presentation on „The Afghanistan Engagement – pretensions and realities“. The debate was chaired by the former head of the EP’s economic and monetary committee, Prof. Dr h. c. Christa Randzio-Plath.

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„Master of Peace and Security Studies-M.P.S.“ – Graduation Ceremony for the Students of the 7th Academic Year and the Welcoming of the New Students

On 6 October 2009, the students of the seventh academic year received their master’s degree of Peace and Security - M.P.S. at the 7th traditional graduation ceremony in the presence of invited guests, IFSH staff, and their families. In her welcome speech the pro-dean of the WISO faculty Prof. Elisabeth Allgoewer talked about the ongoing support for the postgraduate Masters programme by the University of Hamburg. After that science senator Dr Herlind Gundelach pointed out the special meaning of a profound education, like performed in the M.P.S. programme. Dr Gundelach stressed that the MPS studies frame an important basis for the future of the political science with regard to the current challenges of international politics, which were explained in the UN speech of president Obama at the end of September.



At the graduation ceremony: Left to right: Michael Brzoska, Elisabeth Allgoewer, Herlind Gundelach, Catherine Kelleher, Götz Neuneck (photo JR)

Prof. Dr Götz Neuneck, director of the MPS programme, welcomed the speaker of the evening, Prof. Dr Catherine M. Kelleher who has been closely linked to the IFSH for many decades. Catherine Kelleher is a college park professor at the School of Public Policy of the University of Maryland and scientific researcher at the Watson Institute of the Brown University. She congratulated the graduates – surprisingly in German – and promised that it will always be interesting while working in the field of security policy. Afterwards she gave an interesting speech on "Is a World Free of Nuclear Weapons Desirable, Realistic and Feasible? Obama's New Foreign and Arms Control Policy and the Discussion in the United States about Global Zero". As a former defensive adviser for the constant representation of the US in NATO under the Clinton's government, she used her manifold experiences to historically assess and explain the current events that have occurred since Obama's election to the young graduates. Kelleher compared the current hopeful situation and its importance with the time of Mikhail Gorbachev in the late 1980s. With the changed political ratio in the US a new chance to push the efforts around nuclear (however, also conventional) disarmament and to bring them to far-reaching results has opened up.

The conferment of the master's degree was followed by the graduation speech of Lynne Welton, one of the graduates, by a presentation of the graduates, and by a song, particularly composed for the M.P.S. by Britta Varan. The song was accompanied by Christophe Bracq-Burgy and Naida Mehmedbegovic.

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IFSH-Cooperation with the East China Normal University



Michael Brzoska and some of the students of the East China Normal University in Shanghai

Within the framework of the cooperation between the East China Normal University, the IFSH and the University of Hamburg, Michael Brzoska stayed in Shanghai, September 22-26, 2009. There he discussed the continuation of the cooperation and gave a seminar for postgraduate students on European security issues.

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New Head of the OSCE and Council of Europe Division of the Federal Foreign Office at CORE

On 22 September 2009, the new head of the OSCE and Council of Europe Division of the German Federal Foreign Office, Mr Lothar Freischlader, visited CORE. Staff members presented themselves and their current work, followed by lively discussions on a number of issues.

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CORE at the Geneva Conference “The OSCE and a New Security Governance in Europe“

On 18/19 September 2009, the Graduate Institute (Geneva) organized its annual OSCE conference – this time, however, without Prof. Victor-Yves Ghebali, the longstanding *spiritus rector* of this and many other OSCE-related activities, who passed away at the beginning of the year. Thus, the conference’s first session was dedicated to a tribute to Victor-Yves Ghebali, the “Mr. OSCE” of political science. The participants of the conference reflected on the fact that the OSCE’s relevance has been growing recently: Along with the OSCE Secretary General, Ambassador Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, and the High Commissioner on National Minorities, Knut Vollebaek, representatives of important states were also present. For the first time in years, there was a panel on the CFE Treaty. Whereas Sergey Federyakov from the Russian Foreign Ministry presented Moscow’s well-known position, it could be felt in the statement of Jennifer Laurendeau from the U.S. State Department that the USA is working on a new position on CFE. In his role as commentator, the head of CORE, Dr Wolfgang Zellner, requested that bilateral (USA, Russia) negotiations on CFE – currently only sporadic – should be multilateralized and carried out in a continuous manner.

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SWP Post-Doc-Conference in Berlin

Sybille Reinke de Buitrago participated in the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) recent Post-Doc-Conference. The conference, held from September 16-17, 2009 in Berlin, tackled newly emerging as well as classical issues in the global security arena,

with a particular focus on threats to European security and possible responses by European actors. The conference brought together post-doctoral and well established researchers from Europe, Canada and the United States for an active exchange on current security issues. Sybille Reinke de Buitrago presented a paper entitled: "The Formation of Security Concepts in the Current Security Debate – A Comparative Perspective", in which she raised questions about diverging understandings of security, how these are formed and what particular linkages to states' national security cultures exist.

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Discussion with UN fellows in the Federal Foreign Office

On invitation of the Foreign Office's Arms control branch Götz Neuneck discussed with visiting fellows of the UN Disarmament Fellowship Programme 2009 current issues of nuclear disarmament in Berlin on September 16, 2009. Others subjects have been the future of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, Iran's nuclear programme and the integration of the De-Facto nuclear weapon states.

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Head of CORE speaks at meeting of the OSCE Corfu Process

At their informal Ministerial Council meeting in Corfu in June 2009, the 56 OSCE States decided to start a discussion process on European security issues. The first ten meetings of this "Corfu Process" are scheduled to be held by the end of November; then a decision by the Athens Ministerial Council meeting shall provide further guidance. At the second meeting of the Corfu Process, which took place on 15 September in the Vienna Hofburg at ambassadorial level, the head of CORE, Wolfgang Zellner, spoke about "co-operative security versus unilateralism" and "different levels of security in the OSCE area". Zellner's presentation was followed by a lively debate, in which representatives of 19 States participated, in part with spontaneous contributions. In his résumé, the head of CORE stressed that he was impressed by the openness and the constructive character of the dialogue.

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Twenty Years IFHV

With a scientific conference the Institute for International Law of Peace and Humanitarian Law (IFHV) at the Ruhr-University Bochum celebrated its 20th anniversary. The subject of the two-day symposium was "60 years Geneva Conventions – a legal system facing new challenges." Besides the founding director, Prof. em. Dr Dr h. c. mult. Knut Ipsen, Prof. em. Michael Bothe, Judge Dr h. c. Hans-Peter Kaul and Prof. Dr Thilo Marauhn attended the meeting. Götz Neuneck, Deputy Scientific Director of IFSH, gave a lecture entitled "New

Weapons for New Wars?" and offered his congratulations on behalf of the Institute to the long-standing partner of the IFSH.

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General Conference of the IAEA in Vienna

Oliver Meier attended this year's General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) from 14-16 September, 2009 and conducted interviews with diplomats and staff of the IAEA.

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CORE at ECPR General Conference

CORE researcher Diana Digol attended the 5th ECPR General Conference held at Potsdam University from 10-12 September 2009. Over 2,500 people presented 1,959 papers within 401 panels in 55 sections. Digol presented a paper based on her PhD research on socio-demographic characteristics of the diplomatic elite in post communist Europe. With some old and new colleagues, she intends to submit a panel proposal to the next ECPR conference to further the research in the field of foreign policy and diplomacy.

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Keynote Speech at Annual Foreign Policy Conference of the Heinrich Böll Foundation

At 10 September 2009, Oliver Meier gave a keynote speech at the Annual Foreign Policy Conference of the Heinrich Böll Foundation, where national and international experts met to discuss the future of the Non-Proliferation Treaty. In his keynote speech, entitled "Deterrence or Disarmament? Global Zero and the Reduced Role of Nuclear Weapons in Security Policies in the 21st Century", Oliver Meier argued that the role of nuclear weapons should be limited to the deterrence of other nuclear weapon states and described steps towards that aim. Meier then discussed his thesis on a panel with the Claus Wunderlich, deputy commissioner for arms control and disarmament, and experts from Russia and the USA.

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IFAR Workshop Remote Sensing and Verification

On 10 September 2009, the IFAR/IFSH organized together with the Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker Center for Science and Peace Research (ZNF) and the Research Group

Verification and Monitoring, a one-day workshop on "Air- and space-based remote sensing for verification, prevention, early warning and preventive security measures." The aim of this impulse workshop was to understand the technological state of the space-and ground-based remote sensing technologies, to merge different user groups, and to explore different applications. Besides representatives from the aerospace industry such as Astrium/EADS (Munich) and OHB (Bremen), the University of Hamburg, the Technical University of Freiberg, the TU Harburg as well as representatives of the EU Satellite Center Torrejon/Madrid, the Federal Police and the Federal Criminal Office gave lectures on various topics such as "Verification, Conflict Prevention and Safety Precaution".

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German Unity and European Peace Order

The Scientific Forum for International Security organised its annual conference under the heading of "German Unity and European Peace Order" in Berlin from 3 to 5 September 2009. Head of ZEUS Dr Hans-Georg Ehrhart delivered the first presentation entitled "The Role of the EU Regarding a New European Peace Order".

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Studying Central Asia: In Search of New Paths and Concepts?

On 3-5 September 2009, Diana Digol (IFSH, CORE) attended the conference jointly organised by the European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS) and the Central European University Asia Research Initiative in Budapest. There she presented a paper on Russia's foreign policy vis-à-vis Central Asia on the panel on "Central Asia in Geopolitical Contexts". She also participated in the panel on "Aspects of Economic Development in Central Asia". She has been invited by the Routledge editor to submit an article/book proposal based on her paper.

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Debate about Afghanistan at Anti-War Day

At the Anti-war Day, on 1 September 2009, the DGB Hamburg, the Hamburg Forum für Völkerverständigung und Weltweite Abrüstung as well as the Gewerkschaftliche Arbeitskreis Frieden organised a panel discussion entitled „Eight Years of War in Afghanistan. No End in Sight?“ Ehrhard Pumm (Chairman of DGB Hamburg), Lühr Henken (Hamburg Forum), Peter Klemm (Gewerkschaftlicher AK) and Hans-Georg Ehrhart (IFSH) participated in the discussion, which was moderated by Birgit Gärtner.

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Summer Academy of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation

On 27 August 2009, Oliver Meier presented the paper „Mission peace, mission impossible? Das Gesicht der Welt im 21. Jahrhundert (The Face of the World in the 21st Century)“ on the panel at the summer academy of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation in Bonn. Meier discussed with other participants the transatlantic relations, the role of the NATO and the new face of the United States under Barack Obama.

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Congress on Development Policy

The Hanns Seidel Foundation organised the “Congress on Development Policy 2009” in Munich on 1 August 2009. About 160 participants discussed the future strategic role of development policy. Hans-Georg Ehrhart (head ZEUS) made a contribution to workshop 2 on „Development policy as a key factor of the comprehensive approach”. The other participants were General Karl Müllner (Ministry of Defence), Paul-Anton Krüger (Süddeutsche Zeitung) and Christian Hegemer (Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung). The workshop was chaired by Prof. Carlo Masala (Bundeswehr University Munich).

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Annual Convention of the American Political Science Association in Toronto

On 5 September 2009, Jens Narten presented a research paper together with Christoph Zürcher from the University of Ottawa at the 2009 Annual Convention of the American Political Science Association (APSA) in Toronto. The paper was titled "Peacebuilding is Interaction: Explaining the Outcomes of Postwar Democratic Transitions," and its presentation was part of a joint panel discussion on "Post-war Democratization", which represented the final event of an international research project in cooperation with the Free University of Berlin and the University of Standford.

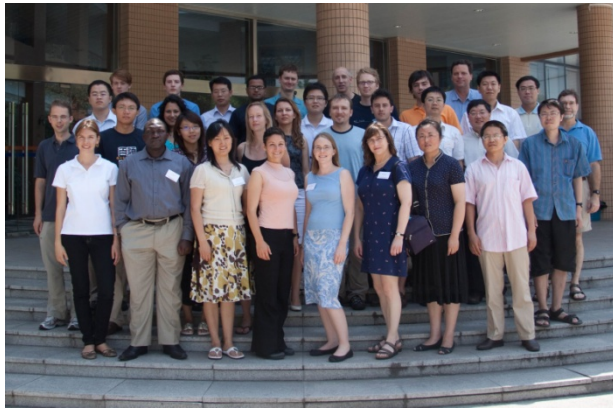
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IFSH becomes partner of the Hamburg Graduate School „Regional Power Shifts“

The IFSH is partner of a new Hamburg Graduate School. The Hamburg Graduate School "Regional Power Shifts" is funded within the State Excellence Programme of the Ministry for Science and Research in Hamburg. Speakers of the Hamburg Graduate School are Prof. Cord Jakobeit, Institute for Political Science of the University of Hamburg and Prof. Detlev Nolte vom GIGA, Hamburg. Michael Brzoska is one of the Principal Investigators.

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Summer Symposium in Shanghai



The participants of the summer symposium

The 21st Summer Symposium on Science and World Affairs took place in Shanghai from July 17 to 25, 2009. The participants of this annually conference, organized by the Union of Concerned Scientists, are mainly young researchers working on technical aspects of international security. In his talk, Hans Christian Gils presented the results of his diploma thesis on the modelling of ballistic missile trajectories and the analysis of missile defence systems, Jan Stupl (now at CISAC/Stanford) reported on the latest laser weapon developments. The further contributions by the 33 participants from 10 countries dealt with various issues of proliferation, verification and disarmament. The next Summer Symposium will possibly be held in Germany.

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PUBLICATIONS

Series: Democracy, Security, Peace

Jürgen Groß, Philosophie der Gleichheit. Demokratie, Macht und Frieden im internationalen System [„Philosophy of Equality. Democracy, Power and Peace in the International System”] in: **Demokratie, Sicherheit, Frieden, Bd. 195, Baden-Baden 2009, 152 S., brosch., 28,- € ISBN 978-3-8329-4971-6**

Margret Johannsen: Der Nahost-Konflikt, Wiesbaden: VS-Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, 2. rev. ed., 2009, 167 pages. With 10 illustrations, ISBN 978-3-16690-2



The textbook, which appears in the series „Elemente der Politik“, addresses students and teachers of political science. It covers the origins and history of the Middle East core conflict, the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and the basic matters of dispute between the parties to the conflict as well as its international dimensions.

S+F Sicherheit und Frieden, Issue 3-2009

Topic: Climate Change and Security

The focal topic of this edition of “Sicherheit + Frieden” will be the security risks and the security policy impact entailed by climate change. In his article *Michael Brzoska* analyses four major international studies concerning “Security Risk Climate Change”. Comparing these studies – two from America, one from a nongovernmental body (supported by the British Government), and one from Germany, he concludes that the study by the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU) is the most comprehensive and most far-reaching one. He focuses his criticism on the fact that – from his point of view – approaches to security policy issues are too often constricted by recourse to classical, in part military security elements in the studies.

In their study “Krisenprävention durch Klima- und Energiesicherheit” [“Crisis Prevention through Climate and Energy Security“] *Christoph Bals and Rixa Schwarz* address climate change as a potential threat to humanitarian security. They explain the interrelationship between climate security, energy security and food security and advocate a global, cooperative approach which should be sponsored and directed by the EU and by Germany in particular.

Hans Günter Brauch describes in his article “Klimawandel und Sicherheit im Nahen Osten“ [„Climate Change and Security in the Middle East“] the regional consequences that can be expected as a result of climate change, and their potential impact on the EU.

In his essay “Ökonomische Aspekte des Klimaschutzes” [“Ecological Aspects of Climate Protection“], *Stefan Bayer* analyses the financial possibilities and consequences of emission trading and correlates them with the issue of the long-term effects of climate change set against the short-term nature of political actions.

In his essay *Dirk Messner* discusses the interdependency between environment-linked changes to the availability of water and possible water conflicts, destabilization of societies and resulting migration. How failure to properly tailor a necessary water management system might trigger or exacerbate domestic or international conflicts.

Outside of this issue’s topic, *Margret Johannsen* argues in her article for a stronger integration of Hamas to better be able to meet the continuing violence in the Gaza strip. *Sebastian Bruns* analyzes in his contribution the strategic consequences of fighting piracy in

front of Somalia's coast for the international community. *Martin Welz and Julian Junk* examine the political situation in Zimbabwe as well as the strategies of different external actors, designing four scenarios regarding the country's political future. All articles outside the issue's theme were peer-reviewed.

Articles

Michael Brzoska/George Lopez (Hrsg.), Putting Teeth Into Tiger. Improving the Effectiveness of Arms Embargoes. Basingstoke: Emerald Press, 2009.

Sanctions, and arms embargoes in particular, are often seen as ineffective. Through a series of case studies and a comparative investigation, the authors arrive at a differentiating result: arms embargoes can work under certain conditions.

Klaus Gottstein/Götz Neuneck, Proceedings of the XVII International Amaldi Conference of the Academies of Sciences and National Scientific Societies on Scientific Questions of Global Security. March 14-16, 2008, August 2009, Verlag Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron Germany Hamburg

The Proceedings of the 17th Amaldi Conference at DESY/Hamburg comprise 25 lectures of ten academical sessions including issues on nuclear safety, new weapons systems and policy advice.

Corinna Hauswedell/Margret Johannsen, Konflikte entmilitarisieren. Erfahrungen aus Nordirland, Palästina und Israel (Demilitarising Conflicts. Experiences from Northern Ireland, Palestine and Israel) (Hamburger Informationen zur Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik, Issue 47), 2009. Available online:

<http://ifsh.de/pdf/publikationen/hifs/HI47.pdf>

Sabine Jaberg, Vom Unbehagen am Normverlust zum Unbehagen mit der Norm?, Zu einem fundamentalen Problem der neueren Friedensforschung (From the uneasiness of the abolished norm to the uneasiness of a normative approach. A basic problem of the newer peace studies.), (Hamburger Beiträge zur Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik, Issue 152), 2009. Available online:

<http://www.ifsh.de/IFSH/publikationen/hambinfo.htm>

Oliver Meier, Race is on for New Head of OPCW, in: Arms Control Today, Vol. 39, No. 7, September 2009, pp. 31-32.

The article describes the process of selecting a new director-general of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Oliver Meier, Securing collective defence without missile defence and tactical nuclear weapons – feasible and desirable?, in: Ian Davis (ed.): A report of the Shadow NATO Summit - Options for NATO: Pressing the Re-Set Button on the Strategic Concept. A Two-Day Civil Society Shadow Conference to Coincide with NATO's 60th Anniversary Summit. 31 March – 1 April 2009. London/Brussels: BASIC, Bertelsmann Stiftung, ISIS Europe, NATO Watch, pp. 34-38.

The contribution in the proceedings of a conference that took place in March in Brussels discusses the implications of a possible decision by NATO to end involvement in strategic defence and to end nuclear sharing for collective defence commitments of the Alliance.

Wolfgang Zellner, Can this Treaty be Saved? Breaking the Stalemate on Conventional Forces in Europe, in: Arms Control Today, vol. 39 (2009), no. 7, S. 12-18.

The article discusses different options for running the blockades of conventional arms control in Europe, enforcing the adjusted CFE-Treaty, and proceeding with CFE 3.

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DAAD Visiting Scholars from Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Moldova at CORE



Marem Buzurtanova



Eraj Ramazonov (Photo BK)



Diana Bencheci (Photo BK)

Within the framework of the forthcoming international CORE seminar on “Conflict Prevention by the OSCE”, jointly organized with the Kazakh National University (KAZGU) in Almaty for the end of November 2009, three visiting scholars from Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Moldova spent their research fellowships at CORE in Hamburg from August – October 2009. The fellowships were sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Marem Buzurtanova, from the Faculty for International Relations of the Kazakh National University in Almaty, spent one month (August 2009) at the IFSH; Eraj Ramazonov from the Faculty for International Relations of the Tajik State University in Dushanbe spent two months from August to September at the IFSH and Dr Diana Bencheci from the faculty for International Relations, Political and Administrative Sciences at the Moldovan State University in Chisinau also spent two months (September-October 2009) at the IFSH. Together with Dr Diana Digol and Dr Anna Kreikemeyer the visiting fellows worked on preparations for the international seminar on “Conflict Prevention by the OSCE” at the Kazakh National University. Beyond that they wrote studies on the European Dimension of Kazakh Foreign Policy (Buzurtanova), the role of Russia, China, the USA and the EU in Central Asia (Ramazonov) and on the conflict in Transnistria (Bencheci).

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