

IFSH Moves to the University District

After 36 years of research in Hamburg West – or more precisely at Falkenstein in Blankenese - IFSH moved into the former university district tax office (Beim Schlump 83) on 1 June 2007. With this move, which had been in the planning for two years, the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg first of all implemented the 2002 recommendation of the Scientific Council: “It is recommended that the state investigate whether appropriate new accommodations near the university might be more beneficial for IFSH than building an extension. If the result of this investigation is positive then the move of the Institute into the new building should be arranged as soon as possible.” Secondly the sale of the villa and the property on Falkenstein will benefit the budget of the Free and Hanseatic City.

While IFSH has for years had a presence at the university through courses taught by staff as well as the lecture series “Science and Practice in Dialogue”, from now on an even closer interconnection with a variety of departments at the university will be possible – especially with the other three institutes housed at Beim Schlump 83: the Research Centre for Contemporary History in Hamburg (FZH), the Institute for the History of the German Jews (IGdJ) and the Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker Centre for Natural Science and Peace Research (ZNF) The work with the ZNF, in particular, will be eased by the spatial proximity.

A suitable name for the former tax office building is currently being sought in discussions among the four institutes. A ceremonial opening with the First Mayor of the Hanseatic City, Ole von Beust, is planned for 30. October 2007.

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IFSH Applies to the European Union’s Seventh Framework Research Programme

The first round of calls for the European Union’s seventh Framework Research Programme has been closed. The IFSH is a partner in six proposals, including ones led by the University of Turin (MULTIPART), Swisspeace (CIVILPEACE), the German Institute of Economic Research (EUSECON, EUROSIND), the University of the West of England (GOSESPEU) and the East-West Institute, Brussels (IES). IFSH’s themes in these proposals are security sector reform, EU policy on terrorism and financial issues related to security policy.

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EU Conference about Space Security

One recommendation of the DSF Report on space weaponization, published in 2006 by André Rothkirch and Götz Neuneck, was that the EU should engage itself more actively in the field of „Space Arms Control” by, for example, elaborating and propagating a Code of Conduct on space behaviour On June, 21./22. 2007 the German government organized in its EU Presidency role, an EU-Conference on “Security in Space, the Contribution of Arms Control and the Role of the EU” in which Marcel Dickow and Götz Neuneck also participated. Götz Neuneck gave a presentation on the panel „Security of [the] Space: Vulnerabilities and

Challenges" and chaired the panel „Arms Control Approaches in Outer Space”. It is planned to continue the initiative under the Portuguese EU Presidency.

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Israeli Discussions on the Nuclear Dispute with Iran

On June 15th and 16th, 2007 the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs held a two day meeting on the nuclear dispute with Iran in Yad Hashomona, Israel in which Götz Neuneck participated as a Pugwash Council member. The main topic was the question of how Israeli politics could react to Iran if the nuclear dispute cannot be solved. Other participants were the Deputy Defense Minister of Israel and the Israeli Minister of Transportation who is responsible for the Israeli-American dialogue.

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Evaluating Foreign Deployments: 2007 Peace Report Suggests Criteria

Foreign military deployments are at the heart of the 2007 Peace Report. As the Federal Army mutates from a defense army to an “Army in Action” the lack of clarity about what exactly this means stretches from citizens to the Federal President. Rationale and justifications for sending soldiers to crisis areas drift apart. The trust in the armed forces as an adequate instrument in worldwide crisis management is declining. If pacification of violent conflicts between states and in societies is the goal, the criterion must be the enduring transformation of local violence into instruments and institutions of peaceful conflict management. This is the standard against which the implementation of military missions must be tested – and corrected if need be.

Considering the high costs and increasing risks, the 2007 Peace Report of the five German Institutes for peace and conflict research calls for constant evaluation of the foreign deployments of the Federal Army as has been a matter of course for some time with respect to civil forms of international involvement such as development cooperation. And it recommends concrete criteria for the decision-making process on future missions. The success of the actual use of military means frequently lags behind the stated expectations. At the same time the expenditure for armed forces and weaponry worldwide reached an all-time high in 2006, according to the Swedish Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), with more than 1.2 trillion dollars.

All nuclear weapons states disregard their obligations in the atomic weapons control agreement. Thereby they subvert the non-proliferation regime and tempt dictators to want to protect themselves from forced regime change by taking their own steps to (nuclear) armament. The Iraq War has strengthened them in this.

Beyond the primary thematic area, this year’s Report has addressed the virulence of the conflicts in three critical world regions – the Middle East, the Asia-Pacific area and Africa.

The five institutes presented the 2007 Peace Report on 14 June to a well-attended Federal Press Conference in Berlin. The public response was correspondingly great. The editors were able to discuss their own results with MPs on the Foreign Policy, Defense, Economic

Cooperation and Development Committees. The first-time support of the Peace Report by the German Foundation for Peace Research allowed for a more elaborate layout. The individual analyses from IFSH were contributed by Michael Brzoska, Hans J. Gießmann, Margret Johannsen, Oliver Meier and Reinhard Mutz. The latter also had responsibility for the co-editorship.

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High-Level Workshop on the Future of the OSCE

On 15 June 2007, Wolfgang Zellner, Head of the Centre for OSCE Research (CORE) at the IFSH, participated in a high-level workshop “Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: A New Beginning?” in Warsaw organized by the Polish Institute of International Affairs. Participants included the former Foreign Minister of Poland, Prof Adam Daniel Rotfeld, Ambassador Christian Strohal, Director of the OSCE’s Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Wilhelm Höynck, former Secretary General of the OSCE, Ambassador Jacek Bylica, Head of the Polish Mission to the OSCE, and Slawomir Dębski, Director of the Polish Institute of International Affairs. Zellner gave a presentation entitled “Adapting under Uncertainty: Future Options of the OSCE”. The very open discussion at this workshop can be traced back, not least, to the OSCE’s deep political crisis that, on the other hand, opens up new opportunities for achieving common ground among the Organization’s participating States.

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Delegation of the German-Russian Regional Youth Parliament visits the IFSH

On 13 June 2007, 14 representatives of the German-Russian regional youth parliament paid a short visit to the IFSH. The participants, between 18 and 22 years of age, came from different partner cities in Germany and Russia. Marietta König and Elena Kropatcheva, who had invited the delegation, gave a short introduction to the history and work of the institute, and its structure and its different fields of research. After the presentation there was a moderated discussion about the present chances for and difficulties in co-operation between Germany and Russia. All participants agreed that a one-sided presentation of the events in both countries is one of the major obstacles for co-operation and needs to change. Another important aspect pointed out by the participants was the importance and the necessity of personal contacts, and the need for more exchange programs and information exchange, so that people in both countries have a basis for real understanding of each other, which, in turn, would contribute to a constructive dialogue between Germany and Russia.

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Conference on Global Challenges under the German EU Presidency

From 26-27 April 2007, Sybille Reinke de Buitrago attended the joint conference of Women in International Security (WIIS) and WIIS Germany held at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) in Berlin. The conference, entitled “The Way Ahead for Transatlantic

Cooperation? Addressing Global Challenges under the German EU Presidency”, brought together over one hundred academics, practitioners and experts from the fields of security and conflict prevention, most of them women. In various panels the differences and common features in the approaches on both sides of the Atlantic to global security issues, tools and lessons were discussed.

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Consensus Paper on Reform of UN Sanctions

Under the chairmanship of the Permanent Representative of the Government of Greece a long process of discussion in the UN Security Council on a consensus paper on reform of UN sanctions was recently brought to a successful conclusion. This paper and further steps were discussed at a seminar at the UN in New York on 30 April in which Michael Brzoska participated as rapporteur.

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Meeting of the 2007 Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee

From 30 April to 11 May 2007 the First Preparatory Committee met in Vienna in preparation for the 2010 NPT Review Conference. Götz Neuneck and Axel Schwanhäusser participated in three panel presentations during the conference. Oliver Meier led conversations and gave interviews outside the meeting proper. The "Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs" and the "International Network of Engineers and Scientists" (INESAP) together organized a panel on "Space Security - Impact on Nuclear Disarmament" and INESAP, together with the Nuclear Peace Foundation, held a panel on "US Nuclear Policy". On both occasions Götz Neuneck participated with lectures on space security and on missile defense.

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OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum

The 15th Meeting of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, Part II in Prague, held on 21 – 23 May 2007 was headlined “Key challenges to ensuring environmental security and sustainable development in the OSCE area: Land degradation, soil contamination and water management”. With this subject, the Forum again took up discussions of earlier fora and other specific activities of the second dimension of the OSCE. On a positive note, the key speakers at the opening session in particular, delivered sophisticated statements on the interface between environmental issues and security. Also worthy of mention is that specific topics of OSCE Mediterranean Partners were discussed not merely at one of the traditional side-events, but during a full-fledged plenary session. Frank Evers, CORE Deputy Head, was a member of the German Delegation to the Forum.

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Expert Workshop on Disarmament, Demobilisation & Reintegration

On 6 June 2007 Hans-Georg Ehrhart took part in an expert seminar on the topic of „EU Contribution to Disarmament, Demobilisation & Reintegration (DDR): A Look at Bosnia and Herzegovina“. Experts from the EU Commission, the EU Council, the Federal Army, the Foreign Office, the UN and NGOs took part in this event organized by the (German) Federal government in the context of its EU Presidency.

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Discussion at the University of Hamburg on a Stable Order for Peace in the Middle East

On 5 June, 2007 the University of Hamburg in co-sponsorship with IFSH organized a podium discussion, on the topic „Contributions for a stable order of peace in the Middle East“ chaired by Michael Brzoska in the Agathe-Lasch-Lecture Hall. Margret Johannsen dealt with the topic: „The Palestine-Conflict: internal dynamics and hegemonic interests“ and Götz Neuneck spoke on “Iran, the United States and the crisis of nuclear non-proliferation”. The third speaker was Professor emeritus and MP Norman Paech who spoke on „The future the peace in the Middle East“.

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Ballistic Missile Free Zone in the Middle East/Persian Gulf Region

The Multilateral Study Group on the Establishment of a Ballistic Missiles Free Zone, a forum of 20 experts from 12 countries dedicated to studying the most important dimensions of a missile free zone in the Middle East/Persian Gulf region, held its inaugural conference in Istanbul from 31 May to 2 June, 2007. Several further conferences, organized by the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF), will follow between now and mid-2009. Margret Johannsen gave a talk entitled “Sub-state Actors and Their Missiles as a Challenge to the Process of Confidence-Building and to a Missiles Free Zone: The Case of Hamas and its Sponsors”. In her presentation, Johannsen discussed the threat posed to Israel by Qassam rockets, the rationale for the bombardment in terms of the national-religious ideology of armed resistance and its instrumentalization within the struggle among rival Palestinian factions for supremacy in the occupied territories. Johannsen argued that there was little prospect of success in attempting to disarm Hamas coercively and instead proposed a policy of gradual demilitarization. In particular, she recommended that external actors support a transformation process in which a long-term ceasefire and the integration of the militias into the legitimate security structures prepare the ground for negotiating the elimination of the rocket arsenals of sub-state actors. In this context, Johannsen attached great importance to development-related assistance that would allow the Palestinian government to function at least at a minimal level. The conference in Istanbul was sponsored by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation (FES), the Protestant Church in Hessen and Nassau (EKHN), the Peace Research Information Unit Bonn (PRIUB) and the Turkish Industrialists’ and Businessmen’s Association (TUSIAD).

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„Whispering in the Ear of Power” – Policy Advising in the Security Sector

Michael Brzoska participated in a conference organized by the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation and Lemhannas, the Indonesian government’s centre for training of high officials in the security sector. The conference which took place in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 23/24 May was devoted to policy consulting in the security sector under the title of “whispering in the ears of power”. Lemhannas is reorganizing as part of the reforms in the Indonesian security sector, a task in which it has the support of the FES as well as other German and international non-governmental organisations.

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6th German - Chinese Security Dialogue

On 14 and 15 May the 6th German - Chinese Security Dialogue – jointly organized by the International Department of the Central Committee CCCPC and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation – was held in Beijing, China. Among the members of the German delegation of politicians and MPs, headed by Walter Kolbow, Deputy Chair of the SPD Faction in the Lower House of the German Parliament, was Hans J. Giessmann, invited for the fifth time to this very important German-Chinese Security Policy Consultation. In his lecture Giessmann elaborated on recommendations for future EU-China co-operation. During his stay in Beijing, Giessmann lectured at the Chinese Institute for Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) on the EU China-Policy and discussed possibilities for influence and limitations of the EU Regional Policy in North East Asia with the German Chamber Beijing. Moreover, Giessmann talked to experts from the Arms Control Agency and Renmin-University about possible projects for cooperative research.

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EU-Involvement in Africa

On 10 May 2007, the Deputy Head of ZEUS, Hans-Georg Ehrhart, was invited to the Discussion Forum on Africa by the German Lower House of Parliament’s SPD faction. He gave a talk on “EU Peace Missions in Africa”. Following the talk he discussed with participants the question of how to strengthen the peace-building component in future missions. There was consensus in the determination that the civil instruments are still insufficiently developed. In addition, the civil-military cooperation in crisis areas is still not satisfactory. Finally the flow of information between Brussels and the EU capital cities needs to be improved. The meeting was chaired by MP Hertha Däubler-Gmelin.

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Tito – a Discussion Forum at Kampnagel

At the invitation of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Friederike von Franqué, IFSH, moderated a discussion on Josip Broz Tito as one of the most charismatic leadership figures in former Yugoslavia. Following the two hour talk show with the former Yugoslavian ambassador to Washington and president of the European Movement in Serbia, Zivorad Kovacevic, the

director of the independent television broadcaster ATV in Banja Luka, Natasa Tesanovic, and the young doctoral student and staff member at the Institute for Democracy in Skopje, Dane Taleski, contact with IFSH staff was continued in a relaxed atmosphere.

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Guest visit to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC

As guest scholar Sybille Reinke de Buitrago conducted research at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC in May 2007. She was integrated into the Transnational Threats Project, dealing especially with current developments in the area of international terrorism and the U.S. policy response. Her research also included interviews with policy makers in the U.S. Congress, the State Department, the intelligence community and international security experts. A paper will be forthcoming in CSIS.

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PUBLICATIONS

Michael Brzoska / David Law (eds.), Security Sector Reform and Reconstruction in Peace Support Operations, London: Routledge 2007.

This volume provides a framework for analysing security sector reform under international tutelage. Following violent conflict and military interventions, international organizations or coalitions of countries increasingly engage in post-conflict reconstruction or 'reform' of the security sector (SSR). In post-conflict situations, the security sector is often characterized by politicization, ethnicization, corruption of the security services, excessive military spending, lack of professionalism, poor oversight, and inefficient allocation of resources. At the same time, there is great need for effective and efficient (re-)establishment of a legitimate monopoly of force. While initially this is in the purview of the external intervention forces, they tend to be under pressure to build up effective security forces as quickly as possible even if democratic control and accountability is lacking. The contributors analyse six pertinent cases: Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Haiti, Kosovo, Sierra Leone and East Timor, focusing on issues such as priorities for security and for security sector reform, sequencing of reconstruction and reform, tensions between requirements of security and security governance and the interaction of domestic and external actors in security sector reform. This book was previously published as a special issue of "International Peacekeeping."

Obituary on Carl Friedrich of Weizsäcker

The IFSH mourns Carl Friedrich of Weizsäcker, who not only was an exceptional physicist, philosopher and scholar, but was also one of the founding fathers of German Peace and Conflict Research. The obituary by Götz Neuneck, who worked several years in Starnberg with C.F von Weizsäcker and Martin Kalinowski, Carl Friedrich of Weizsäcker Professor at the University of Hamburg, focuses on Weizsäcker's years in Hamburg (1957-1970) which he himself labelled as "the happiest years in his life". His major contributions at that time were the critique of deterrence as well as the concept of an "internal world politics" and the prevention of war. The obituary is available online under http://www.ifsh.de/pdf/aktuelles/ZNF_Nachruf_CFvW.pdf

Götz Neuneck: Starting a New Arms Race in Outer Space? The Chinese ASAT Test in: Wissenschaft und Frieden, Vol. 25 (2) 2007, p. 5.

This article analyzes the technical conditions and the political implications of the Chinese satellite intercept test on 11th January 2007, which led to the destruction of a Chinese weather satellite.

Götz Neuneck, Joseph Rotblat: The Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and the Social Conscience of Scientists: Above all - remember your humanity in: Reiner Braun Robert Hinde, David Krieger, Harry Kroto, Sally Milne (Eds.): 'Joseph Rotblat - Visionary for Peace', Wiley VCH wine home, S. 215-224.

This contribution illuminates the work of the Nobel Peace Prize laureate Sir Josef Rotblat, the only scientists who left the Manhattan project for moral reasons and who elaborated essential contributions for nuclear disarmament in the following years.

Aktuelles Positionspapier der Kommission „Europäische Sicherheit und Zukunft der Bundeswehr“ am IFSH. „Auslandseinsätze der Bundeswehr: Viele Bedingungen müssen erfüllt sein.“ [Current position paper of the Commission, “European Security and the Future of the Federal Army” at IFSH. “Foreign Deployments of the Federal Army: Many conditions must be fulfilled] Available online at:

http://www.ifsh.de/pdf/profil/IFSH_Auslandseinsaetze_der_Bundeswehr_2007.pdf

Oliver Meier: Short NPT Meeting Scores Some Success, in: Arms Control Today, Vol. 37, No. 5, June 2007.

This article analyzes the discussions during the meeting of the NPT member states within the framework of the 1st Preparatory Committee from 30 April until 11 May 2007.

Oliver Meier: Europeans Split Over U.S. Missile Defense Plans, in: Arms Control Today, Vol. 37, No.3, April 2007, pp. 36-38.

This contribution summarizes the discussions in Europe about the deployment of parts of the missile defense system planned by the USA in Poland and Czech Republic.

GUESTS

Beginning on 4th April 2007 Geoffrey Forden from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) stayed several days at the IFSH. In addition to having conversations with IFAR members and the director of the IFSH, he held a lecture on the topic „How the World's Most Underdeveloped Nations get the World's Dangerous Weapons" in the IFSH Research Colloquium. In 2002-2003 Forden spent a year on leave from MIT serving as the first Chief of Multidisciplinary Analysis for UNMOVIC, the UN agency responsible for verifying and monitoring the dismantlement of Iraq's WMD. He was also a fellow at the Center for International Security and Arms control CISAC at Stanford University, analyst for strategic armament in the Congressional Budget Office CBO and worked at a number of international particle accelerator centres.

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