

Four institutes under one roof

Inauguration ceremony of the new premises in the building “Beim Schlump 83”

On 30 October 2007 the time finally came for the inauguration ceremony of the new building “Beim Schlump 83” by Hamburg’s First Mayor Ole von Beust. During the ceremonial act speeches were made by von Beust, Dr Roland Salchow – Secretary of State for the Ministry of Science and Research of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg – as well as the directors of the four institutes¹.

Dr Salchow thanked all those who were involved in the planning, coordination and realization of the move to the new building, not least the libraries’ directors who successfully managed the relocation of around 150,000 volumes. He also pointed out that the search for a new building was not an easy task for the Ministry and the institutes and actually took a long time. Though, the house at the corner of Beim Schlump-Monetastrasse – the street named in honour of the Italian Ernesto Moneta who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1907 – finally represents a worthy location, particularly for the peace researchers of the IFSH and ZNF. Salchow clearly argued for the need to further study issues related to peace policy, security architecture, contemporary history and Jewish history in Germany, which arises from the post-bipolar scenario and the present threats, such as the striving for power, terrorism and nuclear armament. In conclusion he wished the institutes a mutually beneficial cooperation and successful work in the new common house.

Afterwards, an extremely high number of visitors joined the open day organised by the four institutes and enjoyed, besides coffee and cake, photo and poster exhibitions, library tours and bookstands. The guests were also able to get into conversation with the staff. The M.P.S. room was turned into a cinema and visitors were given the possibility to watch a short film about the history and the activities of the institutes. Two central events took place in the large seminar room. First, the IFSH and the ZNF hosted a panel discussion on “Missile Defence: Towards a New Cold War?” with Adam Daniel Rotfeld, former foreign minister of Poland and director of the Stockholm Institute of Peace Research (SIPRI). Then, the FZH and the IGdJ organised a musical time travel through the German, German-Jewish and Hamburg history entitled “The times they are a-changin’”.

In retrospect, the inauguration and the open day were a complete success. Thanks to the high media attention and the vivid public interest this event contributed to make the institutes and their new location better known and gave the staff the opportunity to socialize with each other. The ceremonial day ended with a joint staff dinner.

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In Memory of our Friend and Colleague Erwin Müller (1947-2007)

During more than 26 years of constant work at the IFSH, Erwin Müller considerably contributed to the success of the institute and its good international reputation through his

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achievements in research, his involvement in teaching activities, the careful mentoring of doctoral students, undergraduates and trainees as well as his numerous publications. He died on 22 October 2007 at the age of 59 after a short, severe illness.

Since 1981 Erwin Müller was senior researcher at the IFSH. He intensively collaborated in the large projects of the institute during the 1980ies and the 1990ies. In particular he contributed to a considerable number of volumes, eleven of which published in the book series “Democracy, Security and Peace” (“Demokratie, Sicherheit und Frieden”) alone. He was co-founder and co-publisher of the book series “Peace through Law” (“Frieden durch Recht”). Erwin Müller was lecturer in the Master’s programme “Peace and Security Studies”, co-ordinator of the IFSH internship programme and supervisor of the IFSH doctoral programme for many years.

The most remarkable among Erwin Müller’s strengths was his sharp, logical, conceptual mind. In the 1980ies he penetrated issues concerning the European armament policy and, in the 1990ies, the European peace order. He recently dealt with international police, international jurisdiction and international terrorism. [...]

The unexpected news of Erwin Müller’s sudden death has caused great sadness among the IFSH members of staff. He was a beloved and esteemed colleague, always ready to give advice, well known for his unconventional thinking and his disposition to dialectic. His numerous students, interns and doctoral candidates appreciated his constant, careful, patient guidance and, above all, his rare aptitude to cooperative work with his mentees.

We will miss Erwin Müller as a person and researcher und will remember him with honour.

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Panel discussion on the Middle East

At the invitation of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Prof Hans J. Gießmann, director of ZEUS, participated in a panel discussion on “The Middle East – Permanent powder keg or chance for a lasting stability concept”, which took place in Wunstorf on 22 November 2007. The other speakers were Monika Brüning, CDU Member of Parliament, Daniel Dagan, foreign correspondent for the Jerusalem Post, and Prof Ulrich Menzel, Technische Universität Braunschweig. More than 200 participants joined the event. Klaus von der Brölie (Hannoversche Allgemeine Zeitung) moderated the discussion, which focused on the analysis of conflict developments in the region and solutions to overcome the crisis.

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New Faces Conference

“From Conflict to Regional Stability. Linking Security and Development“

The IFSH had the pleasure to send two participants to the 10th New Faces Conference organised by the DGAP in cooperation with FRIDE, CITpax and Dara in Madrid. The International Forum on Strategic Thinking had invited 20 promising young professionals and scholars from Europe, Russia, Asia, the Middle East and the USA. Isabelle Maras made a presentation on Security Sector Reform (SSR) at EU level and focused on the interpillar role-sharing between European Commission’s activities and selected ESDP missions in the field of police reform. Isabelle Tannous highlighted the sensitive interfaces between security and development in the EU foreign policy and the cross-departmental approaches of pioneer countries towards enhanced policy coherence among member states. Both conference papers

will be published in a revised version in the volume “From Conflict to Regional Stability. Linking Security and Development” edited by the DGAP.

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WIIS discussion on participation of women in conflict resolution

On 21 November 2007, Women for International Security (WISS) organised a panel discussion on the achievements of UNSC resolution 1325 with regard to the participation of women in conflict resolution and the work for sustainable peace. In her introductory presentation, Prof Christa Randzio Plath, former Member of the European Parliament and President of the Marie-Schlei-Association, talked about women’s commitment for the implementation of the resolution, which was adopted by the UN 7 years ago, and, together with the other panelists, discussed possibilities and obstacles towards the execution of this legally binding document.

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Members of Hamburg’s SPD parliamentary group visited the IFSH

On 19 November 2007, members of Hamburg’s SPD parliamentary group Dorothee Stapelfeldt, Michael Naumann and Martin Schäfer, as well as the official SPD candidate for the mayorship of Hamburg Michael Naumann visited the four institutes in the building “Beim Schlump 83” and had an informal meeting with representatives of the IFSH and the ZNF.

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Democratisation in Central Asia

On 15 November 2007, Anna Kreikemeyer (CORE/IFSH) gave a lecture on “Democracy development and secular-islamic dialogue in Central Asia” within the framework of the Central Asia Conference organised by Renovabis – Solidarity initiative of the German Catholics with the people in Central and Eastern Europe – which was dedicated to the topic of “Central Asia: between rule of law and islamism”. In her presentation Anna Kreikemeyer stressed the importance of understanding the problems of democracy in the light of local governance and social structures. Father Wojciech Kordas from Bukhara, Uzbekistan, and Manfred Sapper, editor of the journal “Osteuropa”, also spoke at the conference. Ambassador ret. Wilhelm Höynck, former OSCE Secretary General, moderated the discussion.

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Parliamentary hearing on space security

On 7 November 2007, the e-Parliament held an hearing on space security in the European Parliament in Brussels. Parliamentarians from the UK, Spain, Canada, Romania, Ghana and Uganda, as well as members of the EP joined the event. Representatives of ESA, the US Air

Force, CNES, the Secure World Foundation and Space Security Index gave presentations on a potential space armament, the EU's space policy, earth observation and space debris, and discussed these issues with the parliamentarians. Götz Neuneck, head of IFAR, spoke on "Banning or Restricting Space Weapons". The speeches were recorded and will be available on the e-Parliament website at www.e-parl.net as video podcast or reports.

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Presentation at the European Parliament

On 5 November 2007, Michael Brzoska presented a briefing paper to the European Parliament's Subcommittee on Security and Defence. The paper, commissioned by the European Parliament, addresses the question whether the nascent European Defence Technological and Industrial Base needs protective measures against foreign acquisitions of core capabilities. The briefing paper, which can also be found on the EP's document webpage, is available at http://www.ifsh.de/pdf/aktuelles/EP_MB_RUEIND_TEXT_PE381404EN.pdf.

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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, launched by the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF) and dedicated to studying the political, strategic and technological dimensions of a missile free zone in the Middle East/Persian Gulf region, held its second meeting in Athens from 1 to 3 November, 2007. 24 experts from 12 countries – among whom, for the first time, participants from Jordan, Kuwait and Palestine – discussed issues such as the impact of transparency in regard to missile arsenals and the development of norms on regional stability. The participants also exchanged assessments on regional missile capabilities and procurement strategies and dwelt on interests and intentions of regional and extra-regional actors.

The agenda also included non-state actors such as the Palestinian Hamas and the Lebanese Hezbollah, who have been employing short-range missiles in the Israeli-Arab conflict, and, from an Israeli view, constitute a strategic threat to the State of Israel. Under the chairmanship of Margret Johannsen (ZEUS/IFSH), a roundtable on "Hamas and Hezbollah as a Challenge to a Missiles Free Zone", with participants from Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Germany, discussed on arsenals, procurement, interests and intentions of both organizations, also touching on the problem of deficient control and legitimacy in the context of weak (pre-)states.

The meeting in Athens was sponsored by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation (FES), the Protestant Church in Hesse and Nassau (EKHN) and the Peace Research Information Unit Bonn (PRIUB).

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Hearing on participation of German armed forces in operations under chapter VII of the UN Charter

On 27 October 2007, Prof Hans J. Gießmann, head of ZEUS, was invited as an expert to a hearing of the Left Party parliamentary group. At present there are two competing views within the Left Party and its parliamentary group on whether the German participation in coercive measures is compatible with the peace imperative expressed in the preamble of the German Basic Law, particularly against the background of the legitimacy deficit in the UN system. The hearing focused on two position papers by Norman Paech and Paul Schäfer, members of the German Parliament, concerning the participation of German armed forces in operations under chapter VII of the UN Charter. Both papers had been critically examined by Prof Gießmann and the other expert Prof Werner Ruf (University of Kassel), who presented a detailed written review. This contributed to a lively discussion during the all-day event.

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Cercle Stratégique Franco-Allemand on Iran Crisis

The seventeenth meeting of the Cercle Stratégique Franco-Allemand took place in Berlin from 24 to 25 October 2007. Three topics were dealt with: “The Iran Crisis” (Gernot Erler, Under-Secretary of State of the German Foreign Office and Philippe Carré, Head of Department of the French Foreign Ministry), “The Future of the European Defence Agency” (Patricia Adam, Assemblée Nationale, Andreas Weigel, SPD MP, and Bertrand de Cordoue, Director of Research EDA) and “The EU Concept of Intervention” (Alain Richard, former Minister of Defence, and Bernhard Kampmann, Head of ESSP-Department). Dr Hans-Georg Ehrhart represented the IFSH.

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57th Pugwash conference on science and world affairs

This year’s meeting of the “Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs” was opened by the Italian Foreign Minister Massimo D’Alema, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and SF Author Arthur C. Clarke in Bari on 21 October 2007. The panel discussions focused on the Middle East, Kashmir and the future of arms control. Götz Neuneck gave a presentation on the latter topic, focussing on the situation in Europe. Jayantha Dhanapala, a former UN Under-Secretary-General, was elected as the new president of the Pugwash Conferences. Götz Neuneck was elected to the Executive Council.

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Research trip to Kosovo

From 9 to 20 October 2007, Jens Narten (CORE/IFSH) made a research trip to Kosovo, during which he conducted a total of 25 interviews with local politicians, representatives of the Kosovar self-government, the parliamentary assembly and various minority groups, as well as key representatives of the UN, OSCE and EU missions in Kosovo. The research trip

was supported by the German Foundation for Peace Research, the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and the OSCE Mission in Kosovo.

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Students of the 5th edition of the “Master of Peace and Security Studies” programme received their diplomas

On 17 October 2007, the M.P.S. graduation and opening ceremony took place at the University of Hamburg. The degree of “Master of Peace and Security Studies” was conferred upon 24 students who successfully completed the 5th M.P.S. academic year. On the same occasion the 27 students participating in the 6th edition of the M.P.S. programme were welcomed. Prof Holger Fischer, vice president of the University of Hamburg, and Prof Michael Brzoska, director of the IFSH, opened the ceremony, welcoming the graduates, the students and the guests to the yearly highlight of the master course.

This year’s lecture was given by Prof Dieter Senghaas, the best-known German peace researcher, who talked about “how to set peace to music”. He illustrated his lecture by many musical examples and finally received a warm applause by the audience.

In his speech, Prof Hans-Joachim Gießmann, chairman of the M.P.S. joint committee, mentioned all those who have been responsible for the constant success of the internationally appreciated master programme and thanked them for their commitment. Once again the University of Hamburg and the IFSH confirmed their support to the course, thus ensuring a solid basis for the continuation of this joint project in the future.

All students of 5th M.P.S. edition successfully passed the final examination and received their master diploma. The best student of the year, also author of the best master thesis, was Constanze Quosh, who spent the summer term at ZEUS. On behalf of the new graduates, Gabriel Hartmann and Tanja Carbone expressed their gratitude to the teachers and lecturers of the University of Hamburg, the IFSH and the other institutions involved in the Cooperation Network Peace Research and Security Policy (KoFrieS). A reception was held after the ceremonial act.

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Conference on security and co-operation in South Asia: a global perspective

From 8 to 10 October 2007, the IFSH in cooperation with the Science, Technology and Global Security Working Group at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), headed by Prof Professor Ted Postol and Subrata Ghoshroy, and the German Federal College for Security Studies (BAKS) organised a conference on “Security and Cooperation in South Asia: A Global Perspective”. The focus was on nuclear stability in South Asia, missile defence, energy supply in the region and space security. The conference was supported by the MacArthur Foundation and prepared by IFAR, in particular Jan Stupl and Götz Neuneck (both IFAR/IFSH), in close cooperation with the German Foreign Office and the Federal College for Security Studies. Jan Stupl gave a presentation, while Oliver Meier, Axel Schwanhäusser and Marcel Dickow (all IFAR/IFSH) acted as rapporteurs. About 60 experts from the USA, France, Canada, Russia, Japan, Germany, the UK, Pakistan and India

discussed current issues relating to arms control and regional security. The Permanent Representatives of Pakistan and Canada to the UN in Geneva, representatives of Russia's General Staff, the Livermore Laboratories, as well as several think tanks from India and Pakistan were among the participants. Amb. Lüdeking of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs gave a reception and Minister of State Gernot Erler held a keynote speech, stressing the importance of preserving multilateral arms control treaties. The conference ended with a boat trip on the river Spree. The outcomes of the conference will be summarised in an edited volume.

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IFSH-agreements with Chinese partners

On 11/12 October 2007, at the end of a project supported by the EU for the creation of a European Studies Center at the East China Normal University (ECNU) in Shanghai, in which the IFSH was involved as German partner institution, co-operation agreements in the field of teaching and research were signed by the ECNU, the University of Hamburg and the IFSH. Among other things, these institutions agreed on the exchange of teachers and doctoral students. Prof Hans J. Gießmann, project manager for the IFSH, and Bernt Berger, research fellow at the IFSH, participated in the closing conference in Shanghai. During this stay, Prof Gießmann gave a lecture on the differences between the regional security cooperation in the EU and in East Asia.

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Junior research conference of the Consortium for Peace and Conflict Studies

Sybille Reinke de Buitrago (ZEUS/IFSH) presented a paper on communication patterns in the fight against terrorism at the Junior Research Conference on "Security, Conflict, Peace: Current Knowledge put to Test" organised by the Consortium for Peace and Conflict Studies (*Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung*) in Schwerte (Ruhr) from 5 to 7 October 2007. The case study on the U.S. and Germany also explored possible factors with the potential of escalation or de-escalation. Due to an open call for papers, conference contributions covered a wide thematic spectrum and thereby offered an interesting overview of current peace and conflict research. An intensive exchange was made possible among the junior and other invited researchers.

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Expert meeting on "Institution building and regional identity raising in the EU and ASEAN" in Singapore

Isabelle Tannous (ZEUS/IFSH) participated as an EU expert in the roundtable on EU-ASEAN relations organised by the Singapore Office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. ASEAN is poised to enter a new phase, which includes the appointment of a new secretary general, who will assume office in January 2008, and the adoption of the ASEAN Charter.

The objectives of this meeting were (1) to look at the structure of the EU institutions and the ASEAN Secretariat in order to identify common issues and constraints, (2) to look at European experiences with programmes to raise people's awareness of their region and the creation of a regional identity, and (3) to consider a short policy paper, which could initiate new ideas for ASEAN thinkers and track-two institutions regarding the future of ASEAN and its institutions.

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Visiting scholar in Shanghai

From 1 August to 1 October 2007, Bernhard Rinke (ZEUS/IFSH) was visiting scholar at the Centre for European Studies of the East China Normal University (ECNU) in Shanghai in the framework of the EU-China Studies Centre Programme. During this time he gave lectures on different aspects of EU civil-military crisis management. Furthermore he wrote a working paper discussing the problem of internal governance of EU civil-military crisis management from a theoretical point of view.

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Conference: The second Asia-Europe Forum: "Eurasia's new opportunities and new challenges"

On 28/29 September 2007 the Center for European Studies of the East China Normal University (ECNU Shanghai), in cooperation with the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS London), organised the Second Asia-Europe Forum on "Eurasia's New Opportunities and New Challenges" in Shanghai. Prof Hans J. Gießmann moderated the panel discussion and Bernhard Rinke (ZEUS/IFSH), gave a lecture on "The EU as a Civil-Military Crisis Manager: an Emerging System of Security Governance?".

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Research trip to Macedonia

From 15 to 20 September 2007, Patricia Schneider and Naida Mehmedbegovic (both ZEUS/IFSH) visited Macedonia in preparation of the seminar "Macedonia. Security Sector Reform. Between Post-Conflict Peace Building and EU Integration". They met representatives of the University of Skopje, the South East European University in Tetovo, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defence, as well as officials from the German Embassy and representatives of several Macedonian NGOs. The seminar, which is a part of a long-term IFSH project aiming at setting up an Academic Network South East Europe, will take place in Skopje, Tetovo, Gostivar, Struga and Ohrid.

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OSCE Yearbook texts now available online

As of Monday 12th November 2007, the full texts of all the OSCE Yearbooks from 1998 to 2003 have been available to download as .pdf files from the CORE website at http://www.core-hamburg.de/CORE_english/pub_osce_jahrbuch.htm. Both the texts of the Yearbooks as a whole and the individual contributions can now be accessed by researchers, practitioners, students, and any other interested parties for no charge.

The OSCE Yearbook contains a wealth of writing on the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, its activities, topics of concern, and the participating States themselves. Contributors range from ambassadors and high functionaries, to academics, OSCE mission staff, representatives of NGOs, and many more. We hope that by increasing the accessibility of one of our flagship publications, we will gain new readers and raise the profile of the OSCE Yearbook, CORE and the IFSH.

Reinhard Mutz / Jens Narten / Thomas Bruha, The future of Kosovo [Zukunft des Kosovo], in: Hamburger Informationen zur Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik Nr. 42, November 2007, online available at:
<http://www.ifsh.de/pdf/publikationen/hifs/HI42.pdf>

For 8 years Kosovo has been under UN interim administration and thus in a state of uncertainty from a legal, political and economic point of view. On the one hand the resolution 1244, adopted by the UN Security Council in 1999 and still valid and binding according to international law, recognises Serbia's territorial integrity. On the other hand, it affirms that the solution of the Kosovo status shall be based on "the people's will". Now the Albanian majority in Kosovo, who, since 1999, has considered this as a commitment to Kosovo's independence, intends to declare it even without international consensus, if necessary.

The alternatives to an unilateral declaration of independence – but also the consequences thereof – were discussed on 8 October 2007 during a conference organised by the IFSH in cooperation with the United Nations Association of Germany (Deutsche Gesellschaft für die Vereinten Nationen). Reinhard Mutz, former managing director of the IFSH, described the determining political factors of the present unsatisfying situation, in which Kosovo's independence could be only prevented by force. Jens Narten, researcher and doctoral candidate at IFSH/CORE with long experience in Kosovo, discussed social and economic aspects concerning the future of Kosovo. Thomas Bruha, expert on international law and chairman of the United Nations Association of Germany, made an assessment of the legal basis of the future international engagement in Kosovo in case of unilateral declaration of independence. The three contributions were published in the series "Hamburg Information on Peace Research and Security Policy" [Hamburger Informationen zur Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik], No. 42.

Armin Wagner/Matthias Uhl, BND contra Soviet Army. West German Military Espionage in the GDR (Militärgeschichte der DDR, vol. 14). Berlin, Ch. Links, 2007, 295 pages, ISBN 978-3-86153-461-7.

On the basis of documents of the Federal Intelligence Service (*Bundesnachrichtendienst*, BND) and the counter espionage branch of the East German Ministry of State Security, now

accessible for the first time, the authors describe structures, methods and everyday life of West German intelligence operations at the front line of the Cold War, using the example of reconnaissance activities against Soviet troops in East Germany from the late 1940ies to the fall of the wall.

Matthias Uhl/Armin Wagner, The possibilities, but also the limits of intelligence service reconnaissance in an particularly comprehensible way. The Federal Intelligence Service and the Construction of the Berlin Wall, July – September 1961, in: Vierteljahrshefte für Zeitgeschichte 55 (2007), pp. 681-725.

“In the Summer of 1961, on 13th of August, we closed the border and nobody saw us” was the text of an East German propaganda song after the construction of the Berlin Wall. But documents of West Germany’s Federal Intelligence Service (*Bundesnachrichtendienst - BND*) tell a different story. As early as the end of July 1961, the BND, in one of its routine monthly reports, indicated to the Federal Government that an “effective blockade” of West Berlin by the GDR had to be considered as possible. While politicians in West Berlin and Bonn deemed diverse reactions by the East possible, from the point of view of the BND, immediately before and during the construction of the Berlin Wall there was substantial evidence that the GDR’s most likely course of action would be to close the sector boundary by force, thus isolating West Berlin.

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Chinese visiting fellows at IFSH

Between October and December 2007 four Visiting Fellows from the IFSH’s partner university East China Normal University (ECNU) in Shanghai visited the institute. Prof Dr Feng Shaolei is Dean of the Graduate School for Area and International Studies. His research focuses on the relations between Europe, Russia and the US. Prof Dr Xu Poling received a scholarship from the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. His research project deals with the Central Asian policies towards Russia. Ms Li Xin is studying the role of the OSCE in Central Asia. Finally, Prof Dr Yu Huachuan has been at the IFSH since spring 2007 in the framework of the common European Studies Centre Programme. His main focus lies on the EU’s Common Foreign and Security Policy.

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