

Strategy Workshop of the Academic Network Southeast Europe

From 24th to 27th January 2008 a strategy workshop focused on the further development of the Academic Network Southeast Europe took place at the IFSH. Thanks to the support of the DAAD, the IFSH could invite representatives of partner universities and stakeholders of the network from Southeast Europe.

The Academic Network Southeast Europe can look back on five years of successful cooperation. As all participants agreed, the purpose of the network was and still is to strengthen academic cooperation in research and teaching in support of the peace consolidation process in the region. In the future special attention should be directed to the development of project-oriented research cooperation as well as the establishment of educational projects in the field of peace research.

A variety of old and new topics were addressed during the workshop: for example, human resources, the further development and financing of joint activities, the possibility of establishing a joint summer school and participation in EU TEMPUS projects. In particular, it was agreed that the possibilities offered by new media should be increasingly used. While in the past the IFSH was assigned a key role in the coordination of joint activities, in future responsibility should be distributed among all network partners.

A strong, self-sustainable network can only function if all partner universities from the region also cooperate closely among themselves. The workshop showed once again that, thanks to increased mutual trust, there are good premises for closer cooperation within the network.

Among the participants were the M.P.S alumni Zlatan Bajramović (University of Sarajevo), Boris Dudaš (University of Rijeka), Đorđe Popović (Belgrade School of Security Studies) and Marko Ivković (Legal Aid Center, Podgorica). The universities of Belgrade, Prishtina, Tetovo, Skopje and Ljubljana were represented respectively by Miroljub Radojković, Afrim Hoti, Luan Eshtrefi, Tanja Miloševska and Uroš Svete. Dennis Gratz took part in the workshop in his role as president of the alumni association ACIPS, Sarajevo. The network's members from Hamburg were represented by project supervisor Hans J. Gießmann, Patricia Schneider (network coordinator), as well as PhD candidates Lejla Starčević-Srkalović, Goran Bandov and Naida Mehmedbegović. Natalie Majcenovič, a current M.P.S. student, and Heather Gilmartin (ZEUS) supported the realisation of the workshop, which was coordinated by Naida Mehmedbegović.

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Jürgen Trittin at the IFSH

Jürgen Trittin, deputy head of the parliamentary group of the Green Party (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen) and former Federal Minister for Environment, visited the IFSH on 5 February 2008. He first took part in a two-hour discussion in the framework of the weekly institute's research colloquium. After that he held a lecture on climate change and its effects on international security for the students of the Master of Peace and Security Studies.

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Workshop on “Coercive Arms Control” in Berlin

“Coercive Arms Control: The Paradigm Shift in Arms Control and Non-proliferation” was the title of a workshop jointly organized by the IFSH and the Department of International Relations at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (LMU), which took place on January 24/25 at the Representation of the City of Hamburg in Berlin. More than 40 participants from Europe, India, Israel and the United States joined the seminar and discussed new developments in arms control.

The purpose of the event was to evaluate the effectiveness and legitimacy of new non-proliferation approaches, like the Proliferation Security Initiative and UN Security Council Resolution 1540. Seventeen speakers from ten countries presented their views on the legal dimension and political consequences of such new instruments, discussing the prospects for a new arms control agenda. There were controversial discussions on whether a paradigm shift in arms control has actually occurred, how the new developments can be qualified and what consequences non-consensual approaches to arms control have for global and regional efforts to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

Alyson Bailes, former director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute and now visiting professor at the University of Iceland, gave the keynote speech and put the topic in its historical context. Michael Brzoska, Götz Neuneck and Oliver Meier of the IFSH gave presentations on, respectively, the role of sanctions, historical cases and technical options of prevention and preemption, as well as cooperation and coercion in arms control.

The workshop was funded by the Fritz-Thyssen-Foundation, the German Foundation for Peace Research, the German Federal Foreign Office and the Indian Foreign Office. The results will be published in an edited volume.

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Hearing on Defence Against Terrorism in German Territorial Waters

On 23 January 2008 Patricia Schneider gave an introductory presentation on “maritime and port security” at an internal hearing of the Free Democratic Party (FDP) parliamentary group dealing with counter-terrorism in German territorial waters.

Even Germany has become a potential target of terrorist activities. Modern societies and highly developed countries are structurally vulnerable to such threats, since they cannot be fully protected against them, neither technically nor militarily. Ship traffic and sea transport belong to so called 'critical infrastructures', the breakdown of which would have severe economic and social consequences.

After an introduction on terrorist strategies and threats, Patricia Schneider outlined eight different threat scenarios. Then the discussion, which also involved experts from the police, disaster prevention and legal authorities, moved to the defence capabilities currently available to governmental agencies. The participants also discussed on what capabilities should be developed in the future and what amendments may be necessary or desirable in order to improve maritime and port security.

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CORE Presentation at Friedrich-Schiller University Jena

On 18 January 2008 Marietta König participated in the sixth Ostblick Congress at the Friedrich-Schiller University Jena, dedicated to the renaissance of religious tendencies and its impact on transitional societies in Eastern and Southeastern Europe.

Ms König gave a keynote speech on the relations between religion and state in the Caucasus. A special focus was put on the close relationship between Georgia's politics and the interests of the Georgian Orthodox Church, whose special status is explicitly outlined in the Georgian constitution. Further keynote speeches dealt with religious aspects in Russia, Ukraine, Poland and the Balkans.

The conference was organized and carried out by the Berlin-based Ostblick Association, which was founded in 2002 to represent all German students of Slavic and Eastern European Studies. Support for this event was given by the Institute of Slavic Studies at the University Jena. About seventy students from all over Germany attended the conference.

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CORE Presentation at the International Wider Black Sea Conference in Yerevan

On 15 January 2008 Marietta König participated in the conference "Wider Black Sea: Perspectives for International and Regional Security" in Yerevan, Armenia. Her presentation dealt with prospects for regional security cooperation between the EU and the Wider Black Sea region.

This conference was organized and carried out by the Armenian International Policy Research Group (AIPRG), with the support of the OSCE and NATO. Keynote speakers were, among others, Peter Semneby, EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus, Matthew Bryza, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, and Robert Simmons, NATO's first ever Special Representative for the Caucasus and Central Asia.

This two-day conference aimed at bringing together regional and international scholars to discuss the still vague concept of a Wider Black Sea region, and develop strategic approaches for cooperation with and within this still conflict ridden region.

A follow-up to the conference is scheduled for November this year.

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CORE Report "Identifying the Cutting Edge" Presented at Helsinki Seminar

On 14 January 2008 the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA), in co-operation with the Finnish Foreign Ministry, organized a seminar on the future role of the OSCE in managing change in Europe.

The seminar, which was well attended by more than 200 participants, was opened by FIIA Director Raimo Väyrynen, who pointed to the Finnish public's ongoing interest in the OSCE despite the Organization's current crisis. After that, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Ilkka Kanerva, gave a keynote speech, presenting the Finnish Chairmanship programme for 2008. Addressing several key issues, such as the CFE Treaty, the development in Kosovo and election observation by the OSCE, the minister stressed that the OSCE will continue to shape the development of security across wider Europe. The special ambassador for the 2007 Spanish Chairmanship, Jose Angel Lopez Jorin, described his country's chairmanship as pragmatic. He also mentioned election observation as an increasingly contentious issue.

After a brief discussion, the second part of the seminar was opened by Wolfgang Zellner, Head of CORE, who presented the report “Identifying the Cutting Edge: The Future Impact of the OSCE”, commissioned by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and elaborated by CORE and an international task force of experts. Zellner diagnosed the OSCE’s current crisis as a political and moral one and recommended that the participating States undertake efforts to achieve a new basic consensus on the OSCE.

The presentation was followed by a general discussion. Particular comments were made by Rick Fawn from the University of St. Andrews, Oksana Antonenko from the International Institute of Security Studies in London, and Alice Ackermann, Senior Advisor at the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre.

The FIIA seminar clearly showed, once again, that the Finnish public – representatives of politics, academia as well as the media – is particularly interested in the OSCE multilateral policy approach.

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EU Election Observation Mission in Kenya

From 20 to 30 December 2007 Marietta König participated in the European Union Election Observation Mission in the Republic of Kenya as a short term observer. This mission was set up to observe the general – presidential, parliamentary and civic – elections which took place on 27 December.

Deployed in the Kiambaa district, Ms König was responsible for the Githunguri constituency, located some thirty kilometers Northwest from Nairobi and mostly inhabited by ethnic Kikuyus. Ms König’s task was to monitor the voting process, the opening and closing of a polling station, and the work of the district election commission.

While during election day only minor irregularities were reported, the tallying of results, especially of those relating to the presidential election, turned out to be problematic. After more than twelve hours waiting in the polling stations, most of the EU’s observers had to leave without final results. Just one day after elections bloody clashes between devotees of the officially reelected president Mwai Kibaki, an ethnic Kikuyu, and supporters of his strongest opponent Raila Odinga, an ethnic Luo, were reported.

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Panel Discussion on Climate Change and Security

On December 18 Michael Brzoska participated in a panel discussion on climate change and security in the Urania, Berlin. The discussion, moderated by Alfred Eichhorn (rbb), was aired by Inforadio Berlin Brandenburg (rbb) a few days later. The other participants were Claudia Kemfert (DIW Berlin), Jon Schellenhuber (PIK Potsdam) and Renate Künast, leader of the Greens parliamentary group in the Bundestag.

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Trilateral Research Project on Democratisation through External Actors

From 15 to 16 December 2007 Jens Narten participated in the first workshop of the international research project on 'External Democratisation in Post-Conflict States' in Berlin,

which is carried out in cooperation with the Free University Berlin, Stanford University and the FRIDE institute in Madrid. Jens Narten, author of a case study, presented a paper on statebuilding in Kosovo.

This project aims at evaluating the efficacy of available tools of democracy promotion and to discover what combination of domestic conditions and foreign interventions is likely to success in establishing democratic governments. One specific part of the project investigates whether and how countries affected by large-scale violence can emerge as stable and democratic polities, and how external support may influence the achievement of such process.

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German-Canadian Workshop on Afghanistan

After six years of engagement by the international community in Afghanistan the time is ripe for taking stock of the achievements made. In Canada and Germany the mission has increasingly become a subject of controversy. 2007 has been considered a decisive year for the future development of this conflict-torn country and for Nato as a prime security provider.

Against this background, the overall objective of the third German-Canadian workshop that took place at the German Armed Forces General and Staff Academy (Führungsakademie der Bundeswehr) in Hamburg on 13/14 December 2007 was to take stock of NATO's and the international community's engagement in Afghanistan.

Is this engagement a lost cause, as some opponents claim, or is it a long-term endeavour, the success of which is essential for Afghanistan, the whole region and NATO? This key question was tackled in seven panels, which focused on following issues: 1) the current state of Nato's and the international community's engagement in Afghanistan, as defined by the Afghanistan Compact (Mihai Carp, NATO HQ, and Citha Maass, SWP); 2) the aspect of civil-military relations with special focus on how the German and Canadian PRT approaches are functioning (LtCol Simon Hetherington, CAN Armed Forces, and LtCol Gerhard Klaffus, Füs III.6); 3) the German and Canadian approaches to security sector reform (David Law, DCAF, and Michael Brzoska, IFSH); 4) the challenges of peacebuilding seen from the perspective of Afghanistan and NGOs (Henning Plate, BMZ, and Andrea Charron, RMC); 5) the regional dimension of the problem and the role of Afghanistan's neighbours Pakistan and Iran (Michael Lüders, Consultant, and Janet Kursawe, GIGA); 6) the convergence of OEF and ISAF assessed from the Canadian and the German perspectives (Kim Nossal, QCIR, and Christoph Reuter, Stern). In a concluding panel discussion, challenges and lessons for NATO, as well as for Canada and Germany were debated (Joel Sokolsky, QCIR, Karen E. Johnson, and Peter Schmidt, SWP).

The tripartite workshop was organised by Hans-Georg Ehrhart (IFSH), Charles Pentland from the Queen's Centre of International Relations, Kingston/Ontario, and Roland Kaestner from the German Armed Forces General and Staff Academy. The main findings based on the participants' papers and the discussions during the workshop will be put together in a policy paper. The contributions to the workshop will be also published in a conference reader. The organizers are grateful to NATO's Public Diplomacy Division for funding the workshop.

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New ESPI/IFSH Memorandum on Space Security for the European Union

On 7 December 2007 the IFSH and ESPI (European Space Policy Institute) presented their memorandum on space and security in Brussels to a meeting of the European Council's Working Group on Global Disarmament and Arms Control (CODUN).

This concise memorandum contains a strategic view on the need to define rules and actions for the EU, as an actor in space, in order to safeguard its infrastructure. Based on the principles of the European Security Strategy (ESS), the memorandum advocates a cooperative, multilateral approach for space security and arms control in space, which should be set down in a new European Space Security Strategy (E3S).

The memorandum is addressed to the EU's E-Task Force on Space Security, with which the Portuguese EU Presidency continued a process initiated by the German Presidency to establish a European dialogue on space security and arms control in space. The ESPI/IFSH memorandum shall initiate and support a process aiming at developing a European Space Security Strategy (E3S). Further detailed research will have to be done in the fields of confidence building measures (CBM), arms control in space and the impact of space surveillance on security issues. A draft E3S will be presented by the IFSH and ESPI in 2008. The text of the memorandum can be downloaded at <http://www.ifsh.de/dokumente/Memorandum%20on%20E3S.pdf>

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European Master Programme on Human Rights and Democratisation (E.MA)

On 1 December 2007 Hans J. Gießmann was re-elected to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Venice-based European Master Programme on Human Rights and Democratisation (E.MA) for another two-year term.

E.MA is a two-semester advanced master programme carried out jointly by 41 universities from all EU member states for about 90 students annually. In 2007/2008 Anna Kreikemeyer, together with Aris Constantinidis from Cyprus and Zhanar Zagimabaeva from Kazakhstan, carried out a project week dealing with possibilities of promoting the Millennium Development Goals in Kazakhstan.

Four E.MA students will spend the second semester (starting in February 2008) at the IFSH to complete their master's thesis.

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CORE Workshop on "Secularism and Islam" in Almaty

On 30 November 2007 Arne Seifert and Elena Kropatcheva carried out a workshop in Almaty on "Secularism and Islam: What Connects Them in a Common State". The workshop was organised by CORE in cooperation with the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies (KISI) and the Central Asian Office of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, and supported by the German Federal Foreign Office.

The focus was on the difficult relationship between secularism and Islam, their discrepancies and similarities, as well as the possibilities for coexistence and cooperation.

Among the participants were representatives of the secular and islamic academic elites from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Russia and Germany.

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German-Italian Villa Vigoni Dialogue

From 29 November to 1 December 2007 the biennial conference of the German-Italian Villa Vigoni Dialogue took place in Lovenno di Menaggio near Milan. The meeting, dedicated to “Central Challenges for the European Union: German and Italian Perspectives”, was organized by the *Institut für Europäische Politik* (IEP) and the *Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale* (ISPI), with the support of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of both countries. Fifty participants from politics, administration, academia and the media discussed on present challenges faced by the EU in the field of institutional reform, neighbourhood policy, energy and climate policy, as well as the role of the EU as a global actor. The IFSH was represented by Hans-Georg Ehrhart, who gave a talk on “The EU as a global player in the field of security”.

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PUBLICATIONS

Hamburger Beiträge zur Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik

Luca Trinchieri, Is the 1998 Code of Conduct on Arms Exports Adequate to Support the EU’s Promotion of Human Rights?, Hamburger Beiträge zur Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik, No. 149, January 2007.

On the basis of three selected case studies, this analysis examines the tense relationship between the normative purposes contained in the EU’s Code of Conduct on Arms Exports and the economic interests of the European arms industry. In its conclusion, the study calls for a reform of the code of conduct.

Constanze Quosh, American Foreign Policy Towards Iran, Hamburger Beiträge zur Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik, No. 148, December 2007.

This study, awarded as the best M.P.S. master’s thesis of 2006/2007, provides a well-funded analysis of the development, main features and driving factors of the US-American policy towards Iran. The analysis is based on extensive interviews with representatives of the US State Department and concludes with a list of policy recommendations.

CORE Working Papers

Kreikemeyer Anna/Wolfgang Zellner (Eds.), The Quandaries of Promoting Democracy in Central Asia: Experiences and Perspectives from Europe and the USA. Report of a Transatlantic Workshop at the Centre for OSCE Research in Hamburg - February 2007, CORE Working Paper No. 18, Hamburg 2007.

http://www.core-hamburg.de/documents/CORE_Working_Paper_18.pdf

The workshop report contains the text of a keynote speech by Martha Brill Olcott on “Democracy Promotion in Central Asia: From High Expectations to Disillusionment” and summarizes the contributions of the participants.

Zellner, Wolfgang, Identifying the Cutting Edge - the Future Impact of the OSCE, CORE Working Paper No. 17, Hamburg 2008

http://www.core-hamburg.de/documents/CORE_Working_Paper_17.pdf

The report, which was commissioned by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, was elaborated by CORE and an international task force of experts. It diagnoses the OSCE’s

current crisis as a political and moral one, and recommends that the participating States undertake efforts to achieve a new basic consensus on the OSCE.

S+F. Sicherheit und Frieden/Security and Peace, No. 4/2007

Issue no. 4/2007 of “S+F Security and Peace” deals with privatisation of security and contains articles focusing on following questions: forms of security governance in regions of limited statehood; violent actors as spoilers in peace processes, using the example of Sri Lanka; the role of the private sector in peace negotiations; the security economy as a challenge for public management; the rise of private security and military companies; arguments for and against the involvement of private military companies in international peace missions. The final article is a theoretical contribution to the constructivist debate carried on by the European critical security research.

Outside the focus on privatisation of security, this issue also includes an article dedicated to the liberal theory of democratic peace.

Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg/IFSH (ed.), OSCE Yearbook 2007, Yearbook on the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Baden-Baden 2008, 421 pp., ISBN 978-3-8329-3355-5

The OSCE Yearbook is the only independent academic publication dedicated to the Organization, its work, and the issues that concern it. The 2007 edition contains another broad selection of insightful contributions by academics, diplomats, and practitioners.

It begins by considering two “Burning Issues” that greatly concerned the Organization during the year: Russia’s suspension of the CFE Treaty and potential consequences of the failure of efforts to resolve the Kosovo status question.

The special focus section on tolerance and non-discrimination includes a discussion by the OSCE Secretary General of the Organization’s contribution to the UN “Alliance of Civilizations” initiative. There is also a review of the history of the OSCE’s engagement in this field, a consideration of religion and the “dialogue of civilizations”, and contributions on anti-Semitism, discrimination against Muslims, policing hate crime, and the work of ODIHR.

States whose relations with the Organization are in the spotlight this year include Romania, Montenegro, and Kazakhstan, while further contributions look at the field presences in Croatia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and at the Organization’s work in South-eastern Europe and Central Asia as a whole.

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Bernt Berger/Uwe Wissenbach, EU-China-Africa Trilateral Development Cooperation: Common Challenges and New Directions, Discussion Paper 21/2007, Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik/German Development Institute (DIE), Bonn 2007, available online at http://www.die-gdi.de/die_homepage.nsf/FSdpub?OpenFrameset

The authors go beyond the widespread criticism of China’s engagement on the African continent. They stress the common challenges for the EU and China with regard to the stability of African states, and suggest cooperative and inclusive approaches in the field of development aid as well as in international organisations.

Margret Johannsen, Neue Verhandlungen im Palästina-Konflikt. Reelle Chance oder trügerische Hoffnung? [New negotiations in the Palestine conflict. Realistic chance or delusive hope?], in: Armed Forces Office of the Bundeswehr (ed.), Reader Sicherheitspolitik [Reader Security Policy], Supplement 12/2007, pp. 282-288.

Annapolis has become a synonym for revitalising the Middle East peace process. The article discusses the prospects of concluding a peace agreement and argues that without accomodating moderate representatives of political Islam a solution will remain elusive.

Laura Ryseck/Margret Johannsen, Das UN-Hilfswerk für Palästina-Flüchtlinge im Nahen Osten. Humanitäre Hilfe als Ersatz für politische Konfliktlösung? [The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. Humanitarian assistance as a substitute for political conflict solution?], in: Vereinte Nationen, Vol. 55, No. 6 (2007), pp. 228-233.

Since its Palestine partition plan of 1947, the United Nations have continuously been occupied with the conflict on Palestine. Its most important institution in the region is the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

Laura Ryseck, a 2007 graduate of the “Master of Peace and Security Studies” programme, and Margret Johannsen, Senior Research Fellow at ZEUS/IFSH, analyse the challenges that the agency’s crisis management has been facing, in view of failed peace efforts, chronic shortage of funds, growing demands and politically motivated hostility. The authors recognise that UNRWA performs a vital task and conclude that the agency should take sides. However, a political solution should be found through mechanisms other than UNRWA.

Oliver Meier, CWC Conference Boosts Treaty, Exposes Rifts, in: Arms Control Today, Vol. 37, No. 10, December 2007, pp. 42-43.

In view of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) Second Review Conference, planned for April 2008, the author analyses the outcomes of the Annual Conference of the states parties to the CWC, which took place in November 2007.

Oliver Meier, BWC States Tackle National Implementation, in: Arms Control Today, Vol. 38, No. 1, January/ February 2008, p. 50.

This article describes the contents and outcomes of the December 2007 meeting of states parties to the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) in Geneva, where issues concerning the national implementation of the convention were discussed.

Giovanni Gasparini, Götz Neuneck, Stephen Pullinger, Xavier Pasco: Missile Defence and European Security, Policy Department External Policies, European Parliament, Brussels, November 2007, available online at http://ifsh.de/dokumente/Study_Missile_Defence.pdf

With this study, commissioned by the Directorate General for External Policies of the European Parliament, the longstanding work carried out by IFAR on missile defence will contribute to the opinion-making process at the EU level.

Götz Neuneck: Remember Your Humanity: 50 Jahre Pugwash – 50 Jahre Göttinger Erklärung [Remember Your Humanity: 50 Years of Pugwash – 50 Years of the Göttinger Declaration], in: Wissenschaftler für den Frieden; Wissenschaft und Frieden – Dossier 55, Supplement to W&F, No. 4/2007.

This dossier, prepared by Götz Neuneck, contains texts on the contributions made by natural scientists to the Göttinger Declaration (by M. Kalinowski) and the Pugwash Movement (by K. Gottstein and G. Neuneck).

Rinke, Bernhard: Regionalisierung/Regionalismus [Regionalisation/Regionalism], in: Wichard Woyke (ed.), Handwörterbuch Internationale Politik [Concise Dictionary of International Politics], 11., revised and updated edition, Opladen & Farmington Hills 2008, pp. 444-453.

The article explains the term “regionalism”, describing and analysing different processes and forms of regionalisation in the international system.

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