

Peace Report 2008 presented in the Bundestag

In 2006 the world's 192 states spent USD 1,204 bn. on armed forces, armaments and military investments. In 2007 military expenditures amounted to USD 1,339 bn. and in 2008 they will increase again. The current massive arms build-up is comparable, in its volume and growth rate, to that of the Cold War. In view of the fact that an increase in military power is not likely to successfully handle the present and future threats to peace and international security, such development stands for a misallocation of economic resources and human energies.

This is the conclusion drawn by the Peace Report 2008, which was presented at the Federal Press Conference in Berlin on 3 June 2008. Representatives of the five editing institutes discussed the results and recommendations contained in the volume with the chairpersons of the Bundestag's Committee on Foreign Affairs (Ruprecht Polenz, CDU), Defence (Ulrike Merten, SPD) and Economic Cooperation and Development (Thilo Hoppe, The Greens), as well as with numerous Members of Parliament. A more extensive information meeting took place in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation with State Secretary Erich Stather.

The authors see the tendency to military over-insurance, justified by real or imaginary enemies, as the main reason behind the current weapons boom. On the one side, emergent regional powers reject the hegemonic claims of unilaterally operating states and groups of states, but, on the other side, imitate such behaviour. Armament is supposed to strengthen the self-perception and external perception of a country's status. High economic growth in key regions and an easy access to military technology facilitate competition for military power, which, in turn, foments reciprocal mistrust, legitimates the comeback of violence as political instrument and fuels illusions about the impact of military problem-solving. The competition for military power is not stopped either by arms control measures or a vigilant public opinion.

The handover of presidential power in both Moscow and Washington may be a chance to revitalise international arms control policies. In the USA, the campaign for a nuclear weapon-free world supported by the group of authors around Henry Kissinger, which is being backed by an increasing number of influential personalities, gives reason to hope for a fundamental change in the prevailing security policy thinking. Germany, which abandoned nuclear weapons ambitions once and for all, is expected to strongly support this campaign. As for the role of the EU, the Peace Report recommends that a group of member states takes the initiative in the field of disarmament, according to the "core Europe" model, without waiting to reach an unanimous consensus among the 27 member states.

Most analyses included in the volume deal with the crucial present and future challenges in the field of arms control, like nuclear armament and non-proliferation, missile defence and the militarisation of space, conventional armed forces in Europe and the worldwide arms trade. The relationship between climate change and conflicts, as well as between authoritarian regimes and regional instability are also among the topics treated.

Contributions to the Peace Report 2008 are authored, among others, by Michael Brzoska, Marcel Dickow, Hans-Joachim Gießmann, Reinhard Mutz, Götz Neuneck and Wolfgang

Zellner of the IFSH. Sabine Jaberg contributed as guest author, while Reinhard Mutz acted as co-editor and coordinator of the project.

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Dieter S. Lutz Lecture

On 7 July 2008, Prof Egon Bahr, Federal Minister ret. and director of the IFSH from 1984 to 1994, will hold a lecture on “Power – Law – Peace” at the University of Hamburg (Flügelbau Ost, Room 221, Edmund-Siemers-Allee 1), beginning at 18:00.

This event, to be opened by Prof Michael Brzoska, will be the first of a series of lectures established to commemorate Prof Dieter S. Lutz, director of the IFSH from 1994 to 2003, who died in 2003.

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German Foundation for Peace Research supports research on non-proliferation

The German Foundation for Peace Research will fund a project on the impact of technology transfers on efforts to control the spread of weapons of mass destruction. Götz Neuneck, head of the Interdisciplinary Research Group on Disarmament, Arms Control and Risk Technologies, will direct the project, while Oliver Meier will be the responsible researcher. Beginning in August 2008, the two-year project aims to analyse under which conditions measures to promote or control technology transfers strengthen the legitimacy of non-proliferation regimes. It will focus particularly on the impact of September 11, 2001 on the policies of industrialized, newly industrialising and developing countries. The project results will be discussed with decision-makers in various workshops and published in a book.

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Cercle Stratégique Franco-Allemand

On 21/22 Mai 2008 Hans-Georg Ehrhart (IFSH/ZEUS) attended the 18th meeting of the Cercle Stratégique Franco-Allemand in Paris. Four topics were on the agenda: 1. The situation in Afghanistan (Detlef Dzembitzki/MP, Francois Lamy, Philippe Vitel/MP); 2. The EU's Central Asia Strategy (Gernot Erler/Minister of State - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pierre Morel/EU Special Envoy for Central Asia); 3. EU-Nato Relations (Jörn Thießen/MP, Richard Duqué/Nato Ambassador); 4. The challenges of the EU in the Mediterranean (Serge Telle/ Ambassador, Günther Gloser/Minister of State - Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

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16th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum in Prague

This year's OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, held in Prague from 19 to 21 May 2008, was dedicated to the topic "Maritime and inland waterways co-operation in the OSCE area: increasing security and protecting the environment." The Forum was opened by Astrid Thors, Finland's Minister of Migration and European Affairs.

The three-day forum, the most important event of the OSCE's second dimension, brought together high-level representatives from governments of OSCE participating States, international organizations, NGOs, academia and the private sector, with a view to strengthen co-operation with local partners. In this context, a preparing seminar had been held in Turkmenistan in March 2008.

The German delegation in particular pointed to the regional research network "Water in Central Asia" initiated by Foreign Minister Steinmeier and supported by the GTZ. Frank Evers, deputy head of CORE, participated again in the forum as member of the German delegation.

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7th German-Chinese Security Dialogue

Prof Hans J. Giessmann was one of the two experts who joined the German delegation of Members of Parliament, led by the former State Secretary of Defence Walter Kolbow, in the 7th German-Chinese Security Dialogue held in Beijing on 13-14 May 2008. His presentation dealt with the determining factors of change in the world order and their implications for German-Chinese relations. The annual Dialogue has been co-organised by the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation since 2000. The speeches and a discussion summary will be published in both countries.

Prof Giessmann also held a presentation together with Prof Eberhard Sandschneider, Director of the DGAP Research Institute, focussing on the achievements and problems of China's opening policy since 1979. This was the basis of an open debate with leading officials from the CPC's International Department. In addition, Prof Giessmann discussed issues relating to China's human rights and Tibet policies, as well as China's relationship with Europe at Renmin University in Beijing.

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Conferences on Arms Control and Disarmament

On 13 May 2008, Oliver Meier chaired a panel on opportunities and risks for the international non-proliferation regime during the international symposium "The proposal for Nuclear Trade with India". The event was organized by the Heinrich Böll Foundation and the Arms Control Association.

On 5 May 2008, Hans-Joachim Gießmann and Oliver Meier spoke on a panel dedicated to “Perspectives of Arms Control and Disarmament” during a conference entitled “Towards a European Army: Perspectives for Cooperation, Integration and Disarmament”. The event in the Berlin Reichstag was organized by the Social Democrat Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag.

On 5-6 April 2008, Oliver Meier participated in the Pugwash Group on the implementation of the Chemical and Biological Weapons Conventions in Noordwijk, Netherlands. From April 7-9 he observed the opening of the Second Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention in The Hague, as a representative of the Arms Control Association.

The presentations held in the German Reichstag are available online at:
<http://www.ifsh.de/dokumente/EU%20SPD%20Vortrag%20Giessmann.pdf>
<http://www.ifsh.de/dokumente/EU%20SPD%20Vortrag%20Meier.pdf>

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Excursions of MPS Students

From theory to practice: a visit to Vienna

“International Organisations” was the topic of a seminar held in Vienna between the 4th and 9th of May 2008, organised by Prof Kurt P. Tudyka and Patricia Schneider for the students of the Master’s Degree in Peace and Security Studies and the European Master’s Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation. The seminar started with lectures about the present Austrian foreign policy at the Austrian Institute for International Affairs and the Austrian Ministry of Defence. These were followed by interesting visits to different institutions, such as the United Nations Organisation (UNO), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), permanent representations of EU Member States, the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID), the European Fundamental Rights Agency (EFRA) and the Institute of Political Science at the University of Vienna.

Visit to Europe’s second capital: an excursion to Strasbourg

From 20th to 25th April 2008, students of the Master’s Degree in Peace and Security Studies and the European Master’s Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation participated in a field trip to Strasbourg in the framework of the seminar entitled “Security Policy of the German Federal Republic Confronted by New Challenges”. The excursion was supervised by Patricia Schneider and Armin Wagner in cooperation with the *Streitkräfteamt* of the German Federal Armed Forces.

The excursion began with a visit to the Eurocorps Headquarters in Strasbourg, the Council of Europe and the European Parliament. Here the participants had the opportunity to attend a debate on the Galileo Programme and meet EP’s Vice President Mechtild Rothe.

At the "*Zentrum Innere Führung*" in Koblenz the concept of a soldier as a citizen in uniform was explained, enabling in particular foreign students to better understand the German approach to the definition of a soldier's duty. At the NATO Association in Geilenkirchen the group could learn more about the Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS). The seminar ended in Bonn with a guided tour through the "House of History" and a visit to the Federal Ministry of Defence.

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DSF Seminar on Climate Change and Conflicts

On 25 April 2008, a research seminar on climate change and conflicts, sponsored by the German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF), took place in Berlin. The DSF is considering to establish a research focus dedicated to this topic. Michael Brzoska gave a presentation on conflict prevention and conflict management in relation to climate-induced conflicts.

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New EU Project: European Security Economics

On 22 April 2008, the project EUSECON (European Security Economics) was launched at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) in Berlin. The IFSH is one of the 13 partners from 9 European countries who participate in the EU-funded project. Research will focus on the economic analysis of "insecurity", the economic effects of terrorism and organized crime, and the costs of countermeasures. The IFSH is responsible in particular for the analysis of the EU policy in this field.

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Round-table discussion on OSCE in Astana

On 21/22 April 2008, Wolfgang Zellner, Head of CORE, participated in a high-level round-table discussion on OSCE issues in the Kazakh capital Astana. Representatives of the Dutch (2003), the Belgian (2006) and the Spanish (2007) OSCE Chairmanships, as well as officials from the OSCE Secretariat came to Astana to share their experiences about this international organization and the preparation of the chairmanship with their Kazakhstani colleagues. Among the participants were Kazakhstan's Foreign Minister Marat Tazhin and Deputy Foreign Minister Kairat Sarybay. Subjects of discussion were, inter alia, the relations between the Chairmanship and the OSCE's executive structures, high-level appointments, and the decision-making and reporting process.

Zellner also gave a presentation on OSCE institutions and field operations at the Diplomatic Academy of Kazakhstan.

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Expert Network on the Economic Analysis of Terrorism

On 21/22 April 2008, Michael Brzoska participated in the first meeting of the Expert Network on the Economic Analysis of Terrorism (NEAT). NEAT is funded by the European Commission and chaired by Prof Tilman Brück of the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), Berlin.

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Kick-off Meeting of the Multipart Project

The kick-off meeting of the EU project "Multi-Stakeholder Partnership in Post-Conflict Reconstruction: The Role of the European Union" (Multipart) took place in Pisa on 18 and 19 April 2008. Multipart is financed by the European Commission within its 7th Framework Programme.

The consortium consists of the following members: Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Project Coordinator (Italy), Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (France), University of Bradford (UK), University of Amsterdam (Netherlands), Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (Germany), London School of Economics (UK), European Training and Research Centre (Austria), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), Royal Institute of International Relations (Belgium), International Security Information Service (Belgium), Institute for Security and International Studies (Bulgaria) and University of Florence (Italy).

Prof Michael Brzoska, Director of the IFSH, is member of the Steering Committee. Hans-Georg Ehrhart is coordinator of the Working Package 4a on security.

Further information will be available on the project website, which will be activated soon.

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Lectures in China

On 22 April 2008, Bernt Berger held a lecture at the Department of International Relations of the Beijing Language and Culture University, where he had been a student in 1994-1995. Subject of the presentation was the state of EU-China relations. In the following discussion, Berger addressed critical issues and mutual misunderstandings linked to the recent events in Tibet.

On 12/13 April 2008, Bernt Berger took part in a conference jointly organised by the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing (UIBE) and the Heinrich Böll

Foundation. The topic of the event was “Competition and Partnership: Key Issues of Economic Relations between China and the EU”. Berger’s presentation dealt with “Common Global Responsibilities of China and Europe: Fundamental Issues and Problems”. After the conference he spent two weeks in Beijing conducting interviews.

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Change in the Middle East – Peaceful Solution or Escalation?

On 14 April 2008, Margret Johannsen participated in the Flensburg Dialogue organised by the Julius Leber Forum of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. Knut Dethlefsen, Director of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation’s Office in East Jerusalem, gave a speech on “Change in the Middle East – Peaceful Solution or Escalation?”, and discussed the prospects of a negotiated settlement to the longstanding conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. He warned against developments that might undermine the two-state formula at the basis of a sustainable solution.

In the following discussion, Knut Dethlefsen and Margret Johannsen pointed to the lessons learned from other cases of constructive conflict transformation: in principle, dialogue between each party to a conflict should be possible and the exclusion of key players from negotiations would only lead to an impasse. In a third session, Dethlefsen and Johannsen took questions from the audience, many of which dealt with the role of international law in the Middle East conflict.

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Conference of Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago

From April 3-6, 2008 Sybille Reinke de Buitrago attended the 66th National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago. Basing on a selection of abstracts, she was invited to present a paper entitled "The Importance of Trust in Threat Perception: A Case Study on East Asia".

The conference is among the largest and most important in the area of political science in the USA, and has also a significant international attendance. One of the most interesting aspects of the conference is the great degree of interdisciplinarity and diversity of topics presented.

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Publications

Detlef Bald / Hans-Günter Fröhling / Jürgen Groß / Claus Frhr. von Rosen (Hrsg.), Zurückgestutzt, sinnentleert, unverstanden: Die Innere Führung der Bundeswehr [Cut

back, devoid of meaning, misunderstood: the concept of “Innere Führung” and the Bundeswehr] (Demokratie, Sicherheit, Frieden, Volume 187) Baden-Baden 2008, 170 pp., ISBN 978-3-8329-3508-5.

The increasing number of Bundeswehr international missions makes the democratic control over the armed forces more difficult. The eleven articles included in this volume highlight central aspects of the relationship between the military and democracy, considering different periods and perspectives. The contributions illustrate long-term undesirable developments of the “Inneren Führung” as well as present trends and risks, and suggest solutions to prevent the alienation of the armed forces from society. The book is addressed to defence policy-makers, soldiers and those interested in security policy issues. The authors are accounted experts who have been active in different departments of the Bundeswehr for many years and have already published numerous works in this field.

The IFSH Annual Report 2007 is available online at:

<http://www.ifsh.de/pdf/jahrbuch/JB2007.pdf>

Hans-Georg Ehrhart, EU Crisis Management in Africa: the Operation EUFOR Chad/RCA, in: Integration, 2/2008, pp. 145 – 158. Available online at:

http://www.iep-berlin.de/fileadmin/website/09_Publikationen/integration_2008/erhardt.pdf

The author presents the new ESDP Mission EUFOR Chad/RCA in Central Africa, analysing the interests of the involved actors, and discussing open issues and challenges of this crisis management operation.

Hans-Georg Ehrhart/Roland Kästner: Afghanistan: Scheitern oder Strategiewechsel? [Afghanistan: Failure or Strategy Change?] Hamburger Informationen zur Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik 43, May 2008. Available online at:

<http://www.ifsh.de/pdf/publikationen/hifs/HI43.pdf>

In this policy paper the authors argue for a comprehensive strategy change by the international community in Afghanistan.

Reinhard Mutz / Götz Neuneck, Manie der Unverwundbarkeit - Welche Sicherheit bietet die Raketenabwehr? [The Obsession of Invulnerability – What Security does Missile Defence Offer?] In: Andreas Heinemann-Grüder / Jochen Hippler / Markus Weingardt / Reinhard Mutz / Bruno Schoch (Hrsg), Friedensgutachten, Berlin 2008, pp. 55-65.

The authors explain why the planned US missile defence system in Eastern Europe has caused tensions between Washington and Moscow. Since, in the medium term, the American project will affect regional rather than global security concerns, the planned missile defence system challenges in particular Europe to take a stand.

Götz Neuneck / Jürgen Altmann, US-Raketenabwehr - ein Danaergeschenk für Europa und die Welt? [The US Missile Defence - A Greek Gift for Europe and the World?] In: Wissenschaft und Frieden: 1/2008, pp. 40-44.

The article analyses the limited capabilities of the planned US missile defence system in Europe and explains why, in spite of this, Russia does perceive this project as a provocation.

Götz Neuneck, Nichtverbreitung auf dem Prüfstand: Deutschlands Verantwortung und der indisch-amerikanische Atomdeal [Non-proliferation under Scrutiny: Germany’s Responsibility and the US-India Nuclear Deal], in: Lothar Schröter (Hrsg.): Nukleare Weiterverbreitung oder Kernwaffenabrüstung? Iran, Israel und Nordkorea – die Zukunft des Nonproliferationsvertrages, in Beiträge zur Militärgeschichte und Militärpolitik, Vol. 10, 2008, pp. 27-48.

The chapter describes the consequences of the US-India nuclear deal for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation efforts.

Oliver Meier, CWC Review Conference Avoids Difficult Issues, in: Arms Control Today, Vol. 38, No. 4, May 2008, pp. 32-35.

The article analyses the proceedings of the Second Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention and summarises the meeting's results.

Oliver Meier, The EU's Non-proliferation Efforts: Limited Success, in: Arms Control Today, Vol. 38, No.4, May 2008, pp. 20-26.

The article takes stock of current EU non-proliferation efforts, arguing that the U.S. presidential elections and the implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon will offer new opportunities to strengthen the EU's role in preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

Oliver Meier, Non-integrative Arms Control: Assessing the effectiveness of new approaches to preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction, in: S+F Sicherheit und Frieden, 26. Jg., Nr. 2, 2008, pp. 53-61.

Non-integrative arms control is a new instrument to control the flow of dual-use-technologies to states of concern and non-state actors. This article discusses the chances and difficulties of such approach.

Staff

Change in the IFSH's Board of Trustees

With the change of government in the City of Hamburg, Dr Herlind Gundelach, senator of Hamburg's Ministry for Science and Research, was appointed as new chairperson of the IFSH's Board of Trustees. Michael Brzoska thanked the outgoing Chair, State Secretary Dr Roland Salchow, for his support to the IFSH, in particular in relation to the relocation to the new premises in the building "Beim Schlump 83".

New Senior Researcher at the IFSH

Since March 2008 Martin Kahl has been working at the IFSH as a senior researcher. He joined the IFSH in March 2003 as a researcher. Martin Kahl gained a PhD from the University of Münster with a dissertation on U.S. nuclear strategy. He received two scholarships from the Volkswagen Foundation for research projects on arms control issues and the security policies of the Central European countries. From 1992 to 2003 he taught at the University of Osnabrück/Vechta, Jena, Giessen and Saarbrücken. From 1999 to 2003 he was researcher at the Institute for Political Science at the University of the Saarland. His current research focus is on terrorism and anti-terrorism efforts, the transnationalisation of security, the EU's neighbourhood policy and the transformation of warfare. Martin Kahl will coordinate research projects at the IFSH, will join the editorial staff of the journal "Security and Peace" and will teach in the Master's programme "Peace and Security Studies".

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Internship at the European Commission

Since March 2008, and until July, Dr Marcel Dickow has been completing an internship at the European Commission, Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry. In the framework of his research project on "European Security and Defence Policy and Space", funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, Marcel Dickow has been working on questions of space security and space surveillance in the European Space Policy Coordination Unit.

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Visiting Scholar from Almaty

From 14 April to 15 May 2008, Dr Galia Movkebaewa, lecturer of International Relations and History of Europe at the Faculty of International Relations of the Kazakh al-Farabi State University (KAZGU) in Almaty, was visiting scholar at CORE. In March 2008 she had been awarded a scholarship as "2007 Best Professor" by Kazakhstan's Ministry of Education. During her stay at CORE, she did research on the development of the EU's foreign policy strategy and worked on her habilitation.

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