

### **CORE leads OSCE training for Kazakh diplomats**

From the 2nd to the 28th of June, 2008 the Centre for OSCE research (CORE) conducted its second OSCE-related training course for members of the Kazakh foreign ministry, within the scope of its capacity-building activities. This course offers specific know-how on the duties of the chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).

At the Madrid Council of Ministers meeting in December 2007, the OSCE decided to accept the application of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the OSCE chairmanship for 2010. Thus, for the first time in the history of the organisation, a CIS state was selected for this position. The decision is connected with the expectation that Kazakhstan will undertake further reform steps in the direction of improved protection of human rights, more democratic elections and more rule of law.

Although in recent years many cooperative activities have been carried out with Western states, among them particularly the Federal Republic of Germany, there is still a need to catch up with respect to specific expertise in the area of cooperation in and with multilateral organisations. The Kazakh leadership is taking steps in this direction and already began in 2007 to train experts for the internationally responsible function of the OSCE chairmanship.

At an early stage, the German Federal Government had already supported the Kazakh application for the OSCE chairmanship and financed the CORE training course related to the OSCE chairmanship both in 2007 and in 2008. This 4-week intensive programme provides an introduction to the history and development of the OSCE, its political obligations, its activities in the political-military area, the human and economic-ecological dimension, its field operations, institutions and methods of operation. The programme also includes visits to the OSCE headquarters in Vienna (Secretariat, national delegations), the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in Warsaw and to Berlin (Federal Foreign Office, Bundestag).

Didactically, this programme aims at practically-oriented learning as well as practical abilities (different working and presentation technologies, professionalization of the English, technical terminology etc.) which are necessary for the political steering of a one-year OSCE chairmanship. This information is taught by seven CORE staff members and approximately 19 experts from the OSCE Secretariat and other OSCE institutions. During the excursions, the young diplomats can begin to apply the knowledge acquired in some 40 meetings with representatives of national delegations and with individual OSCE experts. A final colloquium gives the course participants the opportunity to switch their positions with the CORE team by giving short presentations and leading discussions.

Altogether CORE already successfully trained 15 young diplomats from the Kazakh foreign ministry in 2007 and 2008. Almost every one of them will be a member of the Kazakh CiO task force. After four hard training weeks a clear consciousness grew among the participants about how much broad know-how and what a huge amount of work is needed and which contact and dialogue skills are necessary to achieve a capacity to act and move within a big multilateral organisation. The German and the Kazakh foreign ministries as well as the OSCE Secretary General and ambassadors of OSCE participating states have emphasised, that with OSCE Capacity Building, CORE has found a practicable answer to

strengthening the institutional knowledge of the organisation. Future OSCE-chairmanship countries have already stated their interest in acquiring this knowledge through a CORE training programme.

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### **Summer Symposium of the Union of Concerned Scientists**

At the invitation of the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) Christian Alwardt participated in the 20th Summer Symposium on Science and World Affairs in Boston from July 23 until August 2, 2008. The prelude was a one-day conference „Global Security and World Affairs” with international experts at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The Summer Symposium, with 35 participants from 12 nations, was very well attended: Next to the USA and China delegations, Germany with six participants, three of them from Hamburg, was the third largest delegation. The basic idea and objective of this symposium, which started in 1989, is the promotion of the international exchange of ideas on arms control and international security issues, especially between established researchers and young scientists. This year, the meeting was particularly concerned with subjects such as nuclear proliferation, arms control and security in space. Other foci were the planned European missile defense component and climate issues. In his presentation, Christian Alwardt outlined the European efforts to establish its own space Situational Awareness System. This subject is also a research issue within IFAR.

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### **Research trip to Beijing**

From the 11th to the 27th of July 2008, Bernt Berger (ZEUS/IFSH) traveled with Axel Berkofsky (University of Milan/European Studies Center, Brussels) to Beijing on behalf of the Centro di alti Studi sulla Cina Contemporanea [Centre of Advanced Studies on Contemporary China] (CASCC). The goal of the research trip was to make the technical and political dimension of Chinese investments in Europe accessible. During their stay, they exchanged views with the representatives of Chinese think tanks and government institutions as well as foreign business representatives and the EU delegation. The trip was connected with a research project on these questions, jointly conducted with the University of Bologna and the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA)

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### **Lecture: Environmental Changes and Conflicts**

On 11. July 2008 Volker Böge, former staff member at IFSH and currently a scholar at the Australian Center for Peace and Conflict Research at the University of Queensland, visited IFSH. He held a lecture on the topic of environmental changes and conflicts. For it, he

drew on the lessons of the current research on climate change and security from the project ENMOD in which he participated in the 1990s.

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### **Berlin Seminar „Arms Control in Crisis Situations“**

On 10 and 11 July 2008, the German Federal Foreign Office together with the RACVIAC Centre for Security Cooperation in Zagreb / Croatia organized a seminar on “Arms Control in Crisis Situation” within the framework of the Berlin Seminars on Conventional Arms Control. For the middle of the holiday season, the seminar was very well attended with about 60 participants from 28 States. Wolfgang Zellner, the Head of CORE, gave a presentation on “Chances and Limits of Arms Control in Regional Conflict Situations: Success or Failure?”, mainly discussing experiences with some OSCE instruments as well as within the framework of UN peacekeeping operations. After two days of lively debate, almost all participants agreed that they wanted to return soon to the hospitable RACVIAC centre to continue discussions.

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### **Lecture of Prof. Egon Bahr**

On 7 July 2008, IFSH presented the first Dieter S. Lutz lecture in remembrance of its former director who died in 2003. Following an introduction by the Director of the Institute, Michael Brzoska, Federal Minister (ret.) Prof. Egon Bahr spoke on the topic „Power, Law, Peace”. After the lecture, Ego Bahr took questions from the large audience present. The lecture is available [in German] online at:  
<http://www.ifsh.de/pdf/aktuelles/Vortrag%20Egon%20Bahr%207-7-2008.pdf>

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### **Talks at International Organisations about Disarmament and Nonproliferation**

On 2nd July 2008, during a workshop in Istanbul organized by the CTBT-Organization, Oliver Meier gave a lecture on the political importance of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and the prospects for the entering-into-force of the CTBT. On 6th June he discussed the future role of Europe together with Annalisa Giannella, the Personal Representative for Non-Proliferation of WMD of the EU. The panel discussion was part of a workshop on the European responsibility for disarmament, which, in turn, was part of a conference organized by the EU Institute for Security Studies and the Italian Institute for International Relations in Rome under the title "The EU and Global Governance: Rules - Power - Priorities: European Interests and Strategic Options".

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## **CORE Head Held Keynote Speech at OSCE Annual Security Review Conference**

The Head of CORE, Wolfgang Zellner, held a keynote speech during Working Session I, “Transnational Challenges to Security in the OSCE Area”, at the OSCE Annual Security Review Conference in Vienna on 1 and 2 July 2008. Zellner stressed that the OSCE States should consider reviving the topic of thematic missions as an instrument for addressing transnational challenges and threats. In addition, he called upon the OSCE to make Central Asia a strategic priority. These positions were taken up by some delegations in the plenary debate as well as in informal discussions. Altogether, the conference was widely perceived as better structured and more interesting than last year’s, which unfortunately also reflects the fact that disputes and tensions have increased within the OSCE area.

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## **Symposium: Kosovo - Independently into Dependency?**

On 27 June 2008, at the 2nd Scientific Symposium on European Studies of the Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, held at the Leibniz University in Hanover under the title "Kosovo - Independently into Dependency?", Jens Narten gave a presentation on the "UN in Kosovo: From Autocracy into the Prisoner Dilemma". The presentation aimed at demonstrating structures of mutual dependencies between local and international actors in Kosovo before and after the unilaterally-declared independence, and at assessing potential developments in the future and the overall impact of Kosovo's independence on international politics. During the concluding discussion, the panellists also considered aspects such as the significance of the Kosovo case for European peace and security policy, as well as socio-political, international-legal and macro-economic problems in Kosovo in the aftermath of its independence and acts of recognition by other states.

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## **Conference on Missile Defense, Russia and the Middle East**

From 24 to 25 June 2008, the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF), in co-operation with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, organized the Third Transatlantic Conference on “Missile Defense, Russia and the Middle East: Coping with Transatlantic Divergence – Exploring Common Solutions”, which, like its two predecessors, took place in Berlin. In a number of keynote speeches and panel discussions, and under the close scrutiny of a well informed audience, experts and senior officials from 15 countries, including six from the Middle East, presented a wide range of technical analyses and political assessments on the topic of missile defense in the context of international and regional alliances, threat perceptions and stability concerns. Götz Neuneck chaired a panel discussion on “Missile Defense as a Response to Iran, Hamas and Hezbollah? Controversial Positions from the Region”, and Margret Johannsen led a discussion on “Coping with Proliferation in the Middle East: Bombarding, Sanctions, or Diplomacy”.

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## **Industry Conference: “The Utilization of Space“ in Berlin**

On 24 June 2008, Götz Neuneck chaired the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Quality and Productivity Center (IQPC), “The Utilization of Space” during which 30 participants from space firms, from ESA, the Ministry for Trade and Industry and research institutions gathered to discuss technical and industrial-political problems of “space surveillance”, supporting technology and the military use of space travel. Moreover, Neuneck held a lecture on dual-use potential of space travel technology and the threatening arming of space.

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## **Conference on a Missile Free Zone in the Middle East/Persian Gulf Region**

The Multilateral Study Group on a Missile Free Zone in the Middle East/Gulf, organized by the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF), met in Berlin for its third conference. From 21 to 23 June 2008, a forum of 31 experts from 13 countries, among them, for the first time, participants from Syria, Jordan and Lebanon, focused on verification strategies and discussed, inter alia, past verification experiences in the region and the role of confidence- and norm-building efforts in arms control. Non-state actors who possess large arsenals of short range rockets that are putting Israeli territory at risk, were the focus of a panel on “ Hamas and Hezbollah as a Challenge to a Zone – Combining Arms Control and Development Strategies“. On this panel, Margret Johannsen presented theses on the firing of Qassam-rockets from the Gaza Strip into Israeli territory. Johannsen also chaired the round table „Under What Circumstances is a Missile Free Zone Adequately/Effectively Verifiable and Domestically Acceptable?“ The conference was sponsored by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation (FES) and the Protestant Church in Hesse and Nassau (EKHN).

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## **FIV meeting of members at the IFSH**

The IFSH hosted the steering committee and the meeting of members of the Specialized Information Network International Relations and Area Studies (German abbr. FIV) on 16 and 17 June 2008. Every six months, representatives from the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), the Deutsch Französisches Institut [The German-French Institute] (DFI), the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations (IFA), the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (HSFK), the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI), the German Development Institute (DIE), the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy (IFSH) and, as the only foreign institute, the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS) gather for information exchange and decision-making on all matters related to their common database of literature references on international relations and area studies.

The database contains more than 700 000 literature references to articles from over 1000 journals that are regularly content-analysed as well as to books, anthologies, official publications, “grey literature” and online publications.

The FIV-database, which has been established gradually from 1974 on under the direction of the SWP – funded in the early years by the German Foreign Office, then by the Office of the Federal Chancellor and additionally by member institutes – was, until six years ago, a closed system to which except for the member institutes only the German Bundestag and the German Government had direct access. Since the year 2002 greater parts of the database have been available on the internet free of charge, but have been hardly visible integrated as they are into comprehensive library catalogue portals. Now the FIV has built up a portal of its own <http://www.ireon-portal.de>, in which, beside the FIV-data, 200 000 data sets from „Worldwide Political Science Abstracts“ have been included.

This year’s summer meeting in Hamburg at IFSH was therefore dominated by topics related to the new Ireon Internet Portal and plans for further enlargement of co-operation with other foreign database operators/providers.

The traditional joint evening meal of the FIV-representatives on Monday coincided this year with the German-Austrian European Championship football match, which was broadcast on TV and was also shown on a large screen TV in the background at the restaurant booked for this dinner - fortunately with the sound turned low. For some, a disturbing side-event; for the football enthusiasts among the FIV-representatives a lucky accident

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### **International Debate on Nuclear Weapons Free Zones in the Middle East**

From 16-18 June 2008 the School of Oriental and African Affairs at the University of London organised a “Workshop for the Establishment of a Zone free of WMD in the Middle East”. Representatives from the region, the European Union and the British Government gathered to discuss the conditions of, obstacles to and prospects for this demand which comes up repeatedly. After this event the „Institute for Security Studies“ of the European Union in Paris held a two-day meeting under the title “Middle East Security and WMD Non-Proliferation/Disarmament“. Götz Neuneck attended both meetings and was rapporteur of the Working Group „Nuclear Energy, Security and Regional Cooperation“ for this high-level meeting in Paris..

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### **2008 Peace Report presented in Brussels**

On 12th June 2008 the Peace Report 2008 was, for the first time, also presented to the European Parliament in Brussels. The directress of the International Security Information Service (ISIS) Giji Gya introduced the four speakers for this two-hour event. Andreas Heinemann-Grüder (BICC) gave an overview of the peace report Goetz Neuneck (IFSH)

discussed the problems of the planned missile defense component and space weapons and outlined possible arms control measures. Bruno Schoch and Giorgio Franceschini (HSFK) advocated for a renaissance of arms control and stronger involvement of the EU. The recommendations of the peace report were then discussed with the audience. The meeting was hosted by Angelika Beer, MEP.

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### **Panel discussion on Afghanistan**

A panel discussion on “Sense and Nonsense of the Military Engagement in Afghanistan” took place in the Auditorium Maximum of the Bucerius Law School on 6 June 2008. Dr. Peter Struck (Head of SPD Faction of the German Bundestag and former defence minister), Henning Voscherau (former First Mayor of the Free and City State of Hamburg), Yaqub Ibrahim (Afghan Journalist) and Hans-Georg Ehrhart (IFSH) held their debate before an audience of 150 participants. The chief correspondent of the Hamburger Abendblatt, Thomas Frankenfeld, chaired the meeting which was initiated by the head of the Hamburg Society for the Promotion of Democracy and International Law, Peter Krämer. The Hamburger Abendblatt reported in its edition of Monday, 9 June 2008. The article is available online at: <http://www.abendblatt.de/daten/2008/06/09/891518.html>

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### **„European Security and Co-operative Approaches to Arms Control“ Joint Pugwash and IFSH Workshop**

The continued existence of the European arms control architecture is in deep crisis. To find solutions for the blockade of the further development of arms control agreements in particular in Europe, twenty experts and high ranking diplomats from Germany, Italy, Greece, Great Britain, Poland, the Czech Republic and Turkey as well as from the USA and Russia met from the 6-9 June 2008 in Potsdam. The three-day discussions revolved around the future of the CFE- and the INF-Treaty, initiatives to boost the reduction of tactical nuclear weapons and the implications of the planned deployment of missile defense installations in Eastern Europe. Götz Neuneck and Wolfgang Zellner organized the event and chaired the six sessions. The workshop was financed by the IFSH and the Foreign Office.

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Katia Bianchini has been a staff member at IFSH and CORE since 15 June 2008. With support from the Max-Planck-Society and the Agency for Science and Research she will

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## Guest researchers at IFSH

Between June and August 2008, three guest researchers visited IFSH. Dr. Clara Portela from the European University Institute in Florence worked with Michael Brzoska on a research application on the question of coherence of the EU sanctions; Ms. Ayluna Utegenova of the Kazakh Al Farabi National University (KAZGU) which is involved in a cooperative project between CORE, the KAZGU and the Kazakh Institute for Strategic Studies; and Mr. Byoungwoo Lee, Major in the South Korean Air Force who is researching at IFAR the institutional possibilities for detecting weapons of mass destruction in case of a reunification of Korea

Further information on the guest researchers at: <http://www.ifsh.de/IFSH/personal/ma.htm>

## Publications

In June/July 2008 articles by Bernt Berger on a **new political orientation with respect to Burma/Myanmar** were published. Michael Brzoska described, in the “Development Policy Review”, the possibilities for an **international reporting instrument for security support** at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Together with Mark Bromley he wrote in the “European Foreign Affairs Review” about a politically binding behavioral code for **weapons exports from the member states of the European Union** as well as about coherence and the approvals practice for such exports. Hans J. Gießmann and Götz Neuneck have published a new commemorative volume for Reinhard Mutz under the title “Tame the Armed Forces, Create Security, Win Peace” in the Nomos Publishing Company’s Democracy, Security and Peace series. Oliver Meier criticized the agreement of Germany to a **control agreement between international atomic energy authorities and India** in the “Tageszeitung” and in “Arms Control Today” he analyzed the results of the second **Preparatory Meeting of the Member States of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty** for the verification conference of the treaty, taking place in 2010. In “S+F Sicherheit und Frieden” he examined the effectiveness of the new, non-integrative **approach to the control of weapons of mass destruction**. – Jürgen Altmann and Götz Neuneck clarified in the “INESAP Information Bulletin” why the planned US missile defense components represent a challenge to the Russian nuclear arsenal. In his article for the 2007/2008 Yearbook of the European Space Policy Institute, Götz Neuneck describes the known technical facts and the political reactions after the **Chinese anti-satellite test** of January 2007. Jan Stupl compiled a report on a project of the Berghof Foundation for Conflict Research, the simulation of scenarios in which short-, medium and long-range missiles can be intercepted using a **high energy laser**.

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