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Foreword

2018 marked the year of transition and generational change for the Centre for OSCE Research. On 1 December 2018 Dr habil. Cornelius Friesendorf took over the lead of CORE from Dr Wolfgang Zellner, who retired on 30 November after more than 24 years of working for the IFSH. Cornelius Friesendorf had already started work at CORE on 1 March 2018, thus a smooth transition and thorough handover was safeguarded. Together with the IFSH's new director, Prof. Ursula Schröder, Cornelius Friesendorf is bringing a new and highly welcome focus to the IFSH: Security sector governance and reform (SSG/R). The two had already been successful in securing a DFG-funded project titled "Multinational Police Assistance: What Foreign Experts Do and Why". This three-year project, which started in October 2018, will analyze how international police experts train, advise, and reform police services in fragile contexts. These are key questions for all kinds of international missions, including OSCE field operations.

Also in 2018, a series of Central Asia-related PhD dissertations was concluded. Early in the year, Nodira Aminova successfully defended her dissertation on "Coexistence between the Secular State and Islamist Actors: Barriers to the Secular-Islamist Dialogue in Tajikistan (1997-2014)". Azamjon Isabaev defended his study "Foreign and Security Policy of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan towards Afghanistan: Common Structures, Varying Outcomes" on 1 November 2018. Warm congratulations to both of you!

2018 also marked a year of transition for the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic institutions. Already in February 2018, Christian Nünlist (Center for Security Studies, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich) and Cornelius Friesendorf had replaced Wolfgang Zellner as new co-ordinators of the Network; a new and larger Steering Committee was also elected, all this by an electronic voting procedure invented by the IFSH IT specialists.

The OSCE Network also reached an all-time high of parallel projects: A New Concept for Conventional Arms Control (led by Wolfgang Zellner), Historical Narratives Workshops in Russia (Christian Nünlist), The OSCE in Central Asia (Irina Chernykh), Religion and Conflict (Philip McDonagh), and Cross-Regional Corridors of Dialogue (Marko Lehti and Cindy Wittke). All projects will be presented to the OSCE community and in capitals of OSCE participating States.

Much of what was done in 2018 would not have been possible without the generous support of the German Federal Foreign Office. CORE has profited greatly from this extremely productive collaboration. We are very grateful for the financial assistance CORE has received, as well as for the fruitful exchanges we have had with the Foreign Office staff, especially with the OSCE and Council of Europe Division of the Federal Foreign Office and with the Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE.

CORE is also grateful to all other donors – the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Austria, Ireland, Serbia, Slovakia and Switzerland, the Edward M. Kennedy Institute and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation – for their valuable contributions to CORE and Network projects, as well as for the many in-depth discussions we enjoyed having with them. This support encourages us in planning for the future.

Wolfgang Zellner

Cornelius Friesendorf

1. CORE Profile

The Centre for OSCE Research (CORE), which is part of the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH), is the only institution specifically dedicated to research on the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). It was founded in January 2000 in the presence of German Federal President Johannes Rau. CORE was headed by Dr Wolfgang Zellner until 30 November 2018. His successor is Dr habil. Cornelius Friesendorf.

The IFSH, established in 1971 as a civil-law foundation, analyzes threats to peace and international security, following a policy-oriented approach. Currently, the IFSH has about 50 employees. Its director is Prof. Ursula Schröder.

The IFSH's research agenda ranges across questions of European security, arms control, transition processes in Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy, transnational risks and threats as well as aspects of global governance. From its inception, the IFSH made regular contributions to research on the CSCE/OSCE process. This, in turn, paved the way for the creation of CORE.

CORE operates as a politically independent think tank, combining basic research on the evolution of the OSCE with demand-driven capacity-building projects and teaching. Addressing political actors, the academic community and the general public in Germany and abroad, CORE strives to contribute to the OSCE's development with analysis and critique that provide insight into the problems faced by and the opportunities open to the Organization. In support of the OSCE's goals of co-operative security, effective conflict prevention and settlement, democracy and good governance, CORE seeks to contribute to a realistic assessment of the capacities and limitations of the Organization. CORE focuses on the following:

- OSCE activities related to crisis prevention, conflict resolution, and peace building.
- OSCE contributions to a co-operative security regime in Europe with the ultimate goal of a Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian Security Community through, among other strategies, arms control and security dialogue.
- OSCE approaches to addressing transnational risks and threats.
- OSCE efforts to build peace and stability through democratization, good governance and security sector reform.
- The OSCE's institutional evolution and effectiveness.

In line with the OSCE's own priorities, much of CORE's work is concerned with the transition processes and security issues in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. CORE was among the founders of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions in 2013 and has taken on a co-ordinating role in it.

CORE strives to maintain an international outlook. Several CORE staff members are not only qualified academics, but have also acquired practical experience in OSCE field operations and/or field research. In addition, CORE projects frequently involve collaboration with local scholars in the countries and regions being studied. Regular contact with OSCE institutions and field operations keeps CORE's research programme oriented towards politically relevant questions.

2. Research Projects

2.1. Completed Research Projects

a) Policies of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan toward Afghanistan: Common Structures, Varying Outcomes (1991-2014)

In October 2013, Azamjon Isabaev from Uzbekistan started working on a PhD thesis funded by the DAAD. This dissertation aims at a comparative investigation of Tajikistan's and Uzbekistan's policies towards Afghanistan. The research is based on the observation that these two Central Asian states share many commonalities – borders, historical and cultural background and co-ethnicities. They share the same sort of commonalities vis-à-vis Afghanistan as well. Interestingly, however, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan practice rather different policies toward Afghanistan: a more open and closer Tajik-Afghan relationship contrasts with a quite restrictive and tightly controlled Uzbek approach to Afghanistan. Hence, the research raises the question of why such variations occur given the basic structures that Tajikistan and Uzbekistan have in common. The assumption is that there are differences in empirical manifestations of certain common variables, which are linked with differences in outcomes. Hence, based on the chosen theoretical (Neoclassical Realism, Regional Security Complex Theory, and Third Worldism) and methodological frameworks (“most-similar-systems design”) the dissertation identifies four variables of interest – ideational structure, political Islam, ethnicity and external actors – and analyses their meanings for each case as well as their relation to the given research question. Apart from an analysis of primary and secondary literature, semi-structured interviews with local experts make up one of the most important empirical sources for the dissertation. The thesis was successfully defended on 1 November 2018.

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2.2. Ongoing Research Projects

a) Multinational Police Assistance: What Foreign Experts Do and Why

Policing increasingly takes place across borders, and conflict-affected states are the main sites of international policing. In such states, foreign police experts undertake a variety of activities, including supporting recipient police agencies through the delivery of training, equipment, and advice on institutional reform. While research on international and transnational policing has grown, little is known about how members of multinational police missions and programs implement their mandates and about underlying causes. A better understanding of police assistance is also needed because of its potential to alter state-society relations; it is a deeply political, not merely technical, form of intervention.

This project, funded by the German Research Foundation over a period of three years (2018-2021), seeks to shed light on the role of police experts as global governors. Located in the field of International Relations and security studies and also drawing on insights from police studies, criminology, and organization studies, the project examines, first, the behavior of police experts. We analyze how these experts train, equip, mentor and advise, and institutionally reform police services in fragile contexts,

as well as conflicting international and transnational agendas, such as on levels of police militarization. As its second objective, the project explores the causal mechanisms underlying the behavior of police experts, showing how their institutional environments, especially the police agencies seconding personnel to foreign missions and programs, govern the implementation of police assistance on the ground.

With an empirical focus on EU operations and projects in the Western Balkans and post-Soviet countries, the project contributes to a better understanding of police assistance and reform. More generally, the project reveals the micro-processes of global governance and state-building.

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b) Peace Research in Europe and Eurasia, Part III:

How Perspectives of Hybridity Can Contribute to Peace Research

Eurasia as a region (post-Soviet space and neighboring countries) has gained momentum on the international agenda. However, genuine European peace research concepts are poorly received in Eurasia as they are confronted with political, normative and cultural barriers and different understandings of peace. In view of the crisis of liberal universalism, this project reflects on how European peace research is perceived and how – if at all – it can reach out to Eurasian societies. The project consists of three parts: First, it studied prospects for peace research in Eurasia (2016-2017), second, it organized the Eurasia Peace Studies Exchange (2017-2019); third, it investigated the added value of concepts of hybridity for peace research (2018).

An in-depth analysis of five approaches to hybridity in the context of the (post-)liberal debate on intervention asks if and how these approaches recognize forms and dynamics of hybridity, how they deal with heterogeneity and simultaneity, how they treat issues of power, ambivalence and dismissal and to which kind of peace strategies they relate. This investigation concludes that fruitful approaches to hybridity point rather to specification than generalization. Practices sensitive to hybridity do not permit quickly usable success and, thus, resist thinking in terms of efficiency as is still prevalent among practitioners of intervention. During 2018, a peer-reviewed article on the role of perspectives of hybridity was published and presented at a peace research conference in Marburg.

The overall findings of this three-part project will be submitted by Anna Kreikemeyer and four colleagues from Central Eurasia as a special issue to an international peer-reviewed journal in 2019. Furthermore, Kreikemeyer will submit a proposal for a networking workshop in 2019 together with Conrad Schetter, BICC Bonn and Christine Smith-Simonsen, CPS Tromsø.

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c) Russian Foreign Policy in the Field of European Security: Exploring Inconsistencies

Since the dissolution of the USSR in 1991, Russia has consistently declared the importance of international law and multilateral agreements. However, Russia's behavior has been inconsistent – both across time and across concrete cases – puzzling

Russia scholars and Western policymakers alike. It is difficult to define clear patterns and to predict how Russia will act, even in – what seem to be – similar external and domestic circumstances and in the same issue area. Despite the political relevance of Russian behavior for European and international security and the growth of theory-guided work and policy-oriented publications on Russian foreign policy (RFP), especially since the Russian-Georgian war in 2008, we still do not know 1. Why RFP has changed so much, as different theoretical schools offer different and contradictory explanations of the main drivers of Russia’s conduct; 2. How to explain inconsistencies in RFP – whether Russia is pursuing some “grand strategy” and inconsistency is a part of this strategy or whether Russia lacks a strategy at all and why this is so; 3. Which causal mechanisms and processes have been in play in shaping concrete – inconsistent – decisions made by Russian foreign policymakers. Rather than just stating that RFP is ambivalent and full of contradictions, we aim to explore the sources of this ambivalence by conducting a comprehensive, theory-guided and inductive examination of the causal mechanisms and processes which have shaped Russian foreign policy behavior. Neoclassical realism will be used to explain variations in Russian foreign policy. The project is conditioned upon funding. An application for funding will be submitted to the German Research Foundation (DFG) in 2019.

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3. Consultancy Projects

3.1. Completed Consultancy Projects

a) *Contribution to the OSCE Network Project “Religion and Security-Building in the OSCE Context: Involving Religious Leaders and Congregations in Joint Efforts”*

CORE provided managerial assistance in implementing a project of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions titled “Religion and Security-Building in the OSCE Context: Involving Religious Leaders and Congregations in Joint Efforts”, which aimed at giving recommendations on how to mobilize and include religious leaders, institutions and congregations in new coalitions and frameworks of engagement. The project was led by Ambassador Philip McDonagh of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute, National University of Ireland, in Maynooth. The first workshop took place in Maynooth on 13 April 2018, organized and financed by the Edward M. Kennedy Institute. The draft report was discussed among representatives of the OSCE Network, representatives of the International Dialogue Centre KAICIID, representatives of the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency and of the OSCE Secretariat and Conflict Prevention Centre on 15-16 October 2018 in Vienna. The final report ends with a set of recommendations and will be presented to the OSCE headquarters in Vienna in early 2019. The project was sponsored by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Ireland, Slovakia and Switzerland.

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b) *Co-ordination and Drafting of the OSCE Network Project “A New Concept for Conventional Arms Control”*

CORE was the lead institution for a project of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions titled “A New Concept for Conventional Arms Control.” Joint research and discussions under the project were bundled in two workshops held in Hamburg and Moscow in July and November 2018 with representatives of thirteen OSCE Network institutes, other research institutes and government officials. The outcome of the project was a report written by a group of authors with principal drafter, Wolfgang Zellner. The report focuses on risk reduction in the NATO-Russia contact zones, in particular the Baltic Sea area. It will be presented in Vienna in 2019. The project was jointly sponsored by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Austria, Germany and Switzerland, and by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation Regional Offices in Vienna and Moscow.

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c) *Assistance to the OSCE Network Project “Back to the Roots: The Unfinished Post-Cold War Settlement of 1990 – Historical-Narrative-Workshops in Moscow and St. Petersburg”*

CORE provided managerial assistance in implementing a project of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions titled “Back to the Roots: The Unfinished Post-Cold War Settlement of 1990 – Historical-Narrative-Workshops in Moscow and St. Petersburg”, which aimed at discussing the results of the 2017 OSCE Network Project titled “The Road to the Charter of Paris: Divergent Narratives and Lessons for the OSCE Today” in Russia. The project was led by Dr Christian Nünlist from the Center for Security Studies at the ETH Zurich and Prof. Juhana Aunesluoma of the Network for European Studies at the University of Helsinki. The co-operating institutions in Russia were St. Petersburg State University and the Russian International Affairs Council in Moscow. The project was jointly sponsored by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Germany and Switzerland.

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d) *Contribution to the OSCE Network Project “OSCE in Central Asia: National Perceptions”*

Along with managerial assistance, CORE provided expert advice for a project of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions titled “OSCE in Central Asia: National Perceptions”. The main objective of this project was to reconstruct national perceptions of the OSCE in Central Asia. The project explored the role and significance attributed to the OSCE in the foreign policies of these countries and expectations of the OSCE as a promoter of co-operative security in the Eurasian space. The project was led by Dr Irina Chernykh of the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The first workshop took place in Almaty with representatives from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Cornelius Friesendorf from CORE, on 28 June 2018; the second, including representatives of the OSCE field offices from the region and Jeannette

Klötzer as a CORE representative, in Bishkek on 3 November 2018. The final report will be presented with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Austria in early 2019. The project was jointly sponsored by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Austria, Germany and Serbia.

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e) Report "New Requirements for the OSCE Human Dimension. Assessment, Possible Steps, Concerted Action"

Commissioned by the OSCE Division of the German Federal Foreign Office, CORE produced an internal report on the future development of OSCE human dimension formats and working instruments. The paper's background is the gradual questioning and degradation of human rights and democratic principles east and west of Vienna and the increasingly radical and confrontational disputes within societies and between states. The paper is based on interviews conducted with representatives of the OSCE as well as national delegations to the OSCE in Vienna, Copenhagen, Warsaw and The Hague. It suggests making OSCE HD issues a dossier of the political directors in the capitals, striving to set a cooperative tone at Vienna Hofburg and conducting concerted action within an informal group of friends of the human dimension. Further suggestions are made to enlarge OSCE advisory capacities, modernize the OSCE HD events and provide sufficient extra-budgetary contributions and secondments to OSCE HD structures and events.

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f) Report "The Future of OSCE Field Operations (Revisited)"

Commissioned by the German Federal Foreign Office, CORE produced an internal report on prerequisites, expectations and formats for running OSCE field activities in the years to come. The paper profits from discussions with representatives of the OSCE Secretariat, OSCE institutions as well as OSCE field operations and think tanks in South Eastern and Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia. It is also based on an analysis of OSCE documents and academic publications. The overall intention of the paper is to look into the European governments' key opinions on whether, under which conditions and how to strategically develop OSCE field operations. The paper reflects on the changing influence of regional and global players on the European continent. It leads to recommendations that particularly consider the special value of the established OSCE on-site mechanisms for security dialogue, civil society contact and collective conflict management.

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g) Conducting Training Courses for "Preparing for the Slovak 2019 OSCE Chairmanship"

CORE conducted two training courses on "Preparing for the 2019 Slovak OSCE Chairmanship" in Vienna in September 2018. These compact two-day events were provided for the team members of the Slovak 2019 OSCE Chairmanship Task Force and the Slovak Delegation to the OSCE. They combined academic know-how with practical insight and aimed at creating a largely homogenous state of knowledge of OSCE affairs among the team members. The courses were a joint exercise of CORE, the

OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC), the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), the Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on Minorities (HCNM) as well as the Austrian, Belgian, Italian and Slovak Delegations to the OSCE.

Since 2007, CORE has been continuously offering training courses of this kind for incoming OSCE Chairmanships – so far twelve courses, added to by one special politico-military-dimension course in preparation of a country's FSC Chairmanship.

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3.2. Current Consultancy Projects

CORE's ongoing consultancy efforts include the co-ordination of the activities, communications and fund-raising efforts of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions and the maintenance of the OSCE Network website, the OSCE depository library and the CORE website.

a) OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions

The OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions was launched by a group of 16 institutions in Vienna on 18 June 2013 within the framework of the OSCE Security Days in the presence of the-then OSCE Secretary General, Ambassador Lamberto Zannier. The OSCE Network is an autonomous OSCE-related Track II initiative. It is neither an OSCE structure nor is it subordinated to the OSCE or its participating States. By the end of 2018, it had 85 member institutions from 42 states.

In February 2018, Cornelius Friesendorf (CORE/IFSH) and Christian Nünlist (Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich) followed Wolfgang Zellner as Coordinators of the Network, for a period of two years. Members of the Network's Steering Committee are, in addition to the two Network Coordinators: Barbara Kunz (French Institute of International Relations, IFRI), Sonja Stojanović Gajić (Belgrade Centre for Security Policy), Marko Lehti (Tampere Peace Research Institute, TAPRI), Ambassador (ret.) Philip McDonagh (Edward M. Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention at NUI Maynooth), Ambassador (ret.) Philip Remler (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace), Stefan Wolff (Institute for Conflict, Cooperation and Security, University of Birmingham, ICCS), and Andrei Zagorski (Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, IMEMO). Naida Mehmedbegović Dreilich supported the Network Coordinators as well as Network project leaders in the implementation of their projects. Frank Evers was also involved in the Network, facilitating especially the project on Religion and Conflict.

In 2018, the Network implemented a record number of five projects: A New Concept for Conventional Arms Control (led by Wolfgang Zellner), Historical Narratives Workshops in Russia (led by Christian Nünlist), The OSCE in Central Asia (led by Irina Chernykh), Religion and Conflict (led by Philip McDonagh), and Cross-Regional Corridors of Dialogue (led by Marko Lehti and Cindy Wittke). Financial support was provided by Austria, Germany, Ireland, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the Edward M. Kennedy Institute at the University of Maynooth and the University of Tampere.

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b) Assistance to the OSCE Network Study Project “Cross-Regional Corridors of Dialogue: Developing a Complementing Track for Transforming Long-Standing Conflicts”

CORE provided managerial assistance in implementing the first part of the project of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions titled “Cross-Regional Corridors of Dialogue: Developing a Complementing Track for Transforming Long-Standing Conflicts”, which aims at enhancing and spreading knowledge about the supportive role of Track II processes for conflict transformation. The project is led by Prof. Marko Lehti of Tampere Peace Research Institute (TAPRI). Its co-head is Dr Cindy Wittke, Research Group Frozen and Unfrozen Conflicts, Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) in Regensburg. In 2018, three field trips to Armenia, Georgia and Moldavia were organized and a workshop titled “Experiences and Opportunities: The OSCE as Mediator and Facilitator of Civil Society Dialogues in Long-Standing Conflicts” took place on 22-23 November 2018 in Vienna. In the second phase of the project in 2019, further field trips to the region are planned, as well as a three-day experimental Cross-Regional Corridors of Dialogue Forum in Stuttgart in April 2019. The project will be concluded with a final report based on the experiences collected during the field trips, the workshop in 2018 and the experimental dialogue forum. The German Federal Foreign Office and the University of Tampere sponsored the first phase of the project.

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c) OSCE Depository Library and CORE Website

With the establishment of CORE, an OSCE Depository Library was set up within the IFSH Library with the support of the German Federal Foreign Office. Its current inventory includes CSCE/OSCE documents, both grey and published literature on the OSCE itself, and books with a focus on transformation processes, nation-building, nationalism and majority-minority relationships in the OSCE countries. Since the end of 2016, most of the documents have been available in electronic form. References to literature can be searched in the online catalogue of the Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Hamburg (Campus Katalog): kataloge.uni-hamburg.de. The library and the documentation centre of IFSH/CORE compile two different bibliographies on OSCE-relevant publications:

- The bibliography of the OSCE Yearbook, which covers documents from the OSCE itself as well as articles and books on the OSCE.
- A quarterly bibliography with the latest OSCE-related publications:
www.ifsh.de/en/core/services-ressources/ausgewaehlte-bibliographie.

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The CORE website (www.ifsh.de/en/core/profile) provides constantly updated information on the structure of CORE, its projects, staff, activities, and events. Not only can CORE Working Papers, CORE News (cf. 4.2), and OSCE bibliographies be

downloaded, but also the individual articles of all the OSCE Yearbooks from 1995 to 2016, of which there are more than 400, are also available to read online or be downloaded in full. A keyword search function is available to help readers find relevant articles (www.ifsh.de/en/core/publications/osce-yearbook).

A special page of our website summarizes the results of CORE's research on Central Asia (publications, seminars, and research projects) over the last 15 years. (www.ifsh.de/en/core/central-asia).

Direct access to the WAO (World Affairs Online) database, which contains more than 4,000 references to OSCE/CSCE-related articles and books (many of them with links to the full online text), assists readers in finding OSCE/CSCE-specific information. The website also contains information on vacancies and internships at CORE.

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4. Publications

CORE publications include the production of the OSCE Yearbook, of CORE Working Papers and CORE News.

4.1. OSCE Yearbook

The OSCE Yearbook 2018 is the 24th edition of this flagship CORE publication. Surveying the OSCE, its 57 participating States, and comprehensive security in the OSCE area, it contains a wide variety of writings by both experts and practitioners.

The IFSH has published the OSCE Yearbook in English, German, and Russian since 1995. The international co-editors are Dr Pál Dunay (George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen), Prof. P. Terrence Hopmann (Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, DC), Prof. Adam Daniel Rotfeld (Member of the Executive Board of the European Leadership Network, Warsaw), and Prof. Andrei Zagorski (Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations/IMEMO, Moscow). The editorial staff members are based at the IFSH in Hamburg. Ursel Schlichting, editor-in-chief, is assisted in the tasks of editing and translating by Susanne Bund, Roman Dobrokhotov, Elena Kropatcheva, Anastasia Raevskaya, Sergei Rastoltsev, Caroline Taylor, and Michael Weh.

The German and English editions are published by Nomos in Baden-Baden, while the Russian edition is printed by Izdatelstvo "Prava Cheloveka" in Moscow. The German Federal Foreign Office funds the printing of the Yearbook and some of the staff costs associated with its production. Additional funds are earmarked for the distribution of free copies to, among others, members of parliaments, foreign ministries, and OSCE institutions, including the Secretariat. The OSCE Yearbook is used for teaching purposes at universities in CIS countries, at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, at the MGIMO, and elsewhere. The 2018 OSCE Yearbook is currently in preparation and will be published in winter 2018/19, with the German edition following in autumn 2019. The Russian edition of the OSCE Yearbook 2017 will be published in winter 2018/19.

The entire texts of all previous editions of the OSCE Yearbook in English and German up to 2016 are available to read or download at the CORE website: www.ifsh.de/en/core/profile.

The Yearbook 2018 starts with contributions by Christian Nünlist, Florian Raunig and Julia Peer, and Wolfgang Zellner on current developments in European security in the shadow of the crisis in and around Ukraine and potential long-term OSCE reform.

This year, there is a special focus on the Western Balkans/South-Eastern Europe, featuring contributions on the EU accession prospects for Albania and Serbia, and the peaceful reintegration of the Croatian Danube Basin, as well as contributions discussing the EU's role in addressing the challenges posed by rising authoritarianism and increasing migration in the region, and the agreement between Athens and Skopje.

In the section on conflict prevention and dispute settlement, Lukasz A. Mackiewicz describes the work of the Special Monitoring Mission's Human Dimension Unit. Former Head of the OCSE Mission to Moldova, William H. Hill, looks at efforts to revive the Transdnistria conflict settlement process. Further contributions discuss reasons for the OSCE's engagement in insider mediation, and status-neutral approaches to addressing conflict between state and non-state actors in Eastern Ukraine and Transdnistria.

Under the heading of comprehensive security, Stefano Volpicelli explores a successful model for the integration of refugees in Italy, and Arne C. Seifert examines the context-specific approaches required in the prevention of religious radicalisation in Central Asia. A further contribution looks at community policing as a key element in combating crime.

Finally, in the section on the organizational aspects relating to the OSCE, Juraj Nosál discusses ways in which the OSCE can build the capacities of state or non-state actors to counter transnational threats and challenges.

As always, the OSCE Yearbook includes extensive annexes comprising facts and figures on all 57 participating States, a list of recent conferences, meetings, and events, and a selected bibliography of current literature.

The OSCE Yearbook is intended for politicians, policy- and decision-makers at all levels, OSCE staff, particularly in the OSCE Missions, students and researchers, journalists, and the general public. The publisher's goal is to contribute to the political and academic discussion of European security in national, regional, and international contexts and to create links among academic circles, political practice, and the public. Although the Yearbook is not an official OSCE publication, it is strongly supported by the Organization, and particularly by the Secretariat in Vienna.

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4.2. Other Publications

CORE Working Papers

Frank Evers, In Retrospect: Points for Dialogue with Russia in the OSCE Context. Conclusions from Russian Scientific Periodicals 2010 – 2015, Hamburg 2018 (CORE Working Paper 31).

Frank Evers/Jeanette Klötzer/Arne C. Seifert/Esther Somfalvy, Civilian Prevention of Radicalization in Central Asia, Hamburg 2018 (CORE Working Paper 30).

Kaan Sahin, Status-Neutral Confidence-Building and Arms Control Measures: Options for Transdnistria and Ukraine, Hamburg 2018 (CORE Working Paper 29).

CORE News

The electronic newsletter, CORE News, provided information on current CORE activities and events until spring 2018. It can be downloaded from the CORE website, at: www.ifsh.de/en/core/publications/core-news.

5. Teaching

CORE teaching activities in 2018 comprised its staff members' contributions to the postgraduate Master's programme on "Peace and Security Studies" (MPS) and the work of PhD students on their dissertations.

5.1. Master of Peace and Security Studies (MPS)

Within the framework of the co-operation network, "Peace Research and Security Policy", and under the supervision of the IFSH, a postgraduate Master's programme on "Peace and Security Studies" (MPS) was initiated at the University of Hamburg in 2002. This programme is both practical and interdisciplinary. It combines structured teaching with a learning-by-doing approach to help students acquire the skills needed to work in relevant fields. The course teaches the methods and findings of peace studies and prepares participants for careers in research or international organizations.

Members of the co-operation network are research and academic institutions: the Faculties of Law, of Business, Economics and Social Sciences, of Humanities, and of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences at the University of Hamburg, the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV) at the Ruhr University Bochum, the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), the Berghof Foundation, Berlin, the Institute for Theology and Peace, Hamburg (IThF), the Bundeswehr Command and Staff College, Hamburg, the Protestant Institute for Interdisciplinary Research (FEST), Heidelberg, the Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker Centre for Science and Peace Research (ZNF), Hamburg, the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg, the Institute for Development and Peace (INEF) of the University of Duisburg-Essen, the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI), Flensburg, the Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF), Berlin, the Institute for International Policy at the Helmut Schmidt University of the Federal

Armed Forces (HSU), Hamburg, the Federal Academy for Security Policy (BAKS), Berlin, the Centre of Ethical Education in the Armed Forces (zebis), Hamburg, the Austrian Institute for International Affairs (oiip), Vienna, the Centre for Peace Studies (CPS), University of Tromsø, the MPS Alumni Association and the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH).

The programme is implemented in close co-operation with the institutions mentioned above. During the second semester, the students are divided among these institutes, where they participate in research and write their Master's theses. The 2017/2018 course had 24 participants from nine countries. Upon completion of the programme, the M.A. diploma is certified by the University of Hamburg.

CORE staff members are currently contributing to the 2018/2019 teaching programme: Anna Kreikemeyer acts as an IFSH focal point for the MPS co-operation with the Centre for Peace Studies at the University of Tromsø, Norway. Cornelius Friesendorf offers, together with Hans-Georg Ehrhart, a seminar on "European Security Orders: The Role of the OSCE, NATO and EU", Elena Kropatcheva a course on "Russian Energy Policy: Capacities and Limits of Russia's Energy Power", and Naida Mehmedbegović Dreilich a course on "Intercultural Communication and Co-operation."

5.2. PhD Dissertations

In 2018, two PhD students completed their dissertations at CORE. Nodira Aminova completed and defended her dissertation on "Coexistence between the Secular State and Islamist Actors: Barriers to the Secular-Islamic Dialogue in Tajikistan (1997-2014)". On 1 November 2018, Azamjon Isabaev, PhD student from Uzbekistan, successfully defended his dissertation on "Policies of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan toward Afghanistan: Common Structures, Varying Outcomes (1991-2014)".

6. Inter-Institutional Co-operation and Conferences

6.1. Co-operation and Guests

On 17-19 January 2018, Frank Evers and Wolfgang Zellner had meetings with OSCE Secretary General Thomas Greminger, representatives of the OSCE Secretariat and those of a number of national delegations to the OSCE in Vienna.

On 28 February 2018, Frank Evers met with representatives of the OSCE Division of the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin.

On 14/15 March 2018, Frank Evers and Cornelius Friesendorf met with representatives of OSCE participating States and the OSCE Secretariat in Vienna to present projects of the OSCE Network in 2018. Cornelius Friesendorf, together with Christian Nünlist, also presented the OSCE Network at a lunch meeting for delegations of OSCE participating States, hosted by the Bulgarian delegation.

On 20 March 2018, Frank Evers and Arne Seifert had a discussion on the matter of radicalisation prevention in Central Asia with representatives of the Department for

International Cooperation against Terrorism, Drug Trafficking and Organized Crime of the German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin.

On 21/22 March 2018, Frank Evers and Cornelius Friesendorf visited the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in Warsaw to discuss challenges in the human dimension and to present CORE and the OSCE Network.

On 18/19 April 2018, Frank Evers and Cornelius Friesendorf visited the High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM) in The Hague to discuss challenges in the human dimension and to present CORE and the OSCE Network.

On 23/24 April 2018, Frank Evers and Cornelius Friesendorf visited the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Copenhagen to discuss challenges in the human dimension and to present CORE and the OSCE Network.

On 4 May and on 26 September 2018, Anna Kreikemeyer had talks with Prof. Conrad Schetter from the Bonn International Centre for Conversion (BICC) on a joint research project. In the second meeting, Dr Marc von Boemcken and Dr Hafiz Boboyorov, both from BICC, participated as well.

On 4 June 2018, Frank Evers met with representatives of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana.

On 4 June 2018, Frank Evers took part in a conversation with Kazakh Foreign Minister Kairat Abdrakhmanov and leaders of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation in Astana.

On 4 June 2018, Frank Evers met Prof. Aidar Abuov, Director of the International Center of Cultures and Religions established by decision of the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions in Astana.

From 26 June until 26 August 2018, Dr Nurgul Kazak Kyzy, researcher at the Faculty for Political Science at the Kyrgyz State University Bishkek, visited the IFSH to work on a research project (DAAD Visiting Fellowship Program).

On 28 June 2018, Cornelius Friesendorf participated in a workshop in Almaty (Kazakhstan) discussing Central Asian perspectives on the OSCE. This was the first of two workshops of an OSCE Network project examining narratives regarding the OSCE in Central Asia and led by Irina Chernykh (KISI).

On 10 July 2018, Frank Evers, Cornelius Friesendorf and Wolfgang Zellner met with Ambassador (ret.) Philip McDonagh in Hamburg to discuss the OSCE Network Project "Religion and Conflict".

From 10 July until 10 August, cand. phil. Bakhtygul Kasenova, from the Faculty for International Relations at the Eurasian University Astana, visited the IFSH to work on her PhD thesis (DAAD Visiting Fellowship Program).

On 12 July 2018, Frank Evers, Cornelius Friesendorf and Wolfgang Zellner met with officials from the German Federal Foreign Office to discuss OSCE-related matters.

On 19/20 July 2018, Cornelius Friesendorf moderated two panels at a workshop on "A New Concept for Conventional Arms Control". This workshop was part of an OSCE Network project led by Wolfgang Zellner and took place at IFSH in Hamburg.

From 1 August until 30 September 2018, Javida Mohammad Sediq, MA student at the American University of Central Asia (AUCA), Bishkek visited the IFSH to work on her master's thesis (Eurasia Peace Studies Exchange).

On 13 September 2018, Cornelius Friesendorf met with representatives of the German Police University (Deutsche Hochschule der Polizei) at the IFSH in Hamburg to discuss synergies between the University's current work on evaluating international police missions and the IFSH's ongoing, DFG-funded research project on such missions.

From 17-21 September 2018, Frank Evers, Cornelius Friesendorf and Wolfgang Zellner provided training to officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia in preparation of the 2019 Slovak OSCE Chairmanship, Vienna.

On 19 September 2018, Frank Evers, Cornelius Friesendorf and Wolfgang Zellner conducted meetings with OSCE Secretary General Thomas Greminger, OSCE CPC Director Marcel Pesko, and other leading representatives of the OSCE Secretariat and national delegations to the OSCE in Vienna.

On 15 October 2018, Frank Evers and Naida Mehmedbegović Dreilich took part in a meeting of OSCE Network experts with Adama Dieng, Under Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the UN Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, in Vienna.

On 15/16 October 2018, Frank Evers and Naida Mehmedbegović Dreilich participated in a workshop titled "Religion and Conflict Prevention", conducted by the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions in cooperation with European Agency for Fundamental Rights and International Dialogue Centre KAICIID, in Vienna.

From 16 October 2018 until 16 January 2019, Nurai Syrgak, MA student at the American University of Central Asia (AUCA), Bishkek, participated in the IFSH MPS program (Eurasia Peace Studies Exchange).

From 29 October – 2 November 2018, Frank Evers conducted a series of meetings with German Ambassador Matthias Kiesler, representatives of the international community and experts from Armenian think tanks in Yerevan.

On 6 November 2018, Frank Evers met with Artur Kuko, Ambassador of the Republic of Albania in Berlin.

On 7 November 2018, Cornelius Friesendorf, Naida Mehmedbegović Dreilich and Wolfgang Zellner participated in a workshop in Moscow titled "Conventional Arms Control in Europe", conducted by the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions in cooperation with the Russian International Affairs Council.

On 8 November 2018, Cornelius Friesendorf and Naida Mehmedbegović Dreilich participated in a workshop in Moscow titled "The Road to the Charter of Paris: Historical Narratives and Lessons for the OSCE Today", conducted by the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions in cooperation with the Russian International Affairs Council.

On 19/20 November 2018, Frank Evers conducted a series of meetings with representatives of the OSCE and the diplomatic community in Kyiv.

From 21-23 November 2018, Frank Evers conducted a series of meetings with representatives of the OSCE and the diplomatic community in Tirana.

From 10 December 2018 to 10 February 2019, cand. phil. Valeriya Gergieva, from the Faculty for International Relations at Odessa State University, worked on her PhD thesis at the IFSH and participated in the IFSH MPS program (Eurasia Peace Studies Exchange).

6.2. Conferences Organized by CORE

a) *Second Eurasia Peace Studies Exchange Co-ordination Meeting at IFSH*

The Eurasia Peace Studies Exchange (EPSE) aims at sharing, bridging and managing diversities by network building (*site.uit.no/epse/*). EPSE has built a platform for student and staff exchange and strives for a better understanding of Eurasia/intra-Eurasia/Europe relations. Through coordination meetings and intensive workshops, EPSE develops, refines and evaluates three intensive courses in peace studies related to Eurasia issues. The EPSE network partners are the Centre for Peace Studies at the University of Tromsø, the American University in Bishkek, the Ilia State University Tbilisi, the Centre for International Studies at Odessa State University, the International Institute for Social Psychology at Kyiv State University and the IFSH.

The second EPSE Coordination Meeting took place on 21/22 March 2018 at the IFSH. In an informal exchange of views on the perspectives of peace research in Europe and Eurasia, a roundtable on the key issue of “Prospects for Peace in/with Ukraine and Russia” moderated by Anna Kreikemeyer, in which teams of the Faculties for International Relations of the Odessa State University (Volodymyr Dubovyk, Deniz Kuzmin, Sergyi Glebov) and Tiflis (David Aphrasidze, Giorgi Gvalia, Archil Abashidze), the Academy for Educational Sciences in Kiev (Iryna Hubeladze, Vadym Vasiutynsky), the Department for Social Anthropology of the American University of Central Asia in Bishkek (Cholpon Chotaeva, Aida Abdykanova), the Centre for Peace Studies at the Arctic University Tromsø (Christine Smith-Simonsen, Elizabeth Sandersen) and the IFSH (Regina Heller, Elena Kropatcheva, Hans-Georg Ehrhart) took part. After the evaluation of the last workshop in Tbilisi in October 2017, the group turned to the preparation of this year’s workshops in Kyiv and Odessa in June 2018. Thereby, it became clearer that, since the first coordination meeting in April 2017 in Tromsø, a good level of trust has developed among the core participants. The three year project is supported by the Norwegian Centre for International Co-operation in Education (SIU).

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b) *OSCE Network Workshop “A New Concept for Conventional Arms Control”, Hamburg, 19/20 July 2018*

CORE organized the workshop “A New Concept for Conventional Arms Control” on 19/20 July 2018 in Hamburg. The workshop was jointly sponsored by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, the German Federal Foreign Office and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, and was attended by 24 participants, including OSCE Network representatives.

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- c) *OSCE Network Workshop “Conventional Arms Control in Europe”, Moscow, 7 November 2018*

In co-operation with the Russian International Affairs Council, CORE organized the workshop “Conventional Arms Control in Europe” on 7 November 2018 in Moscow. The workshop was sponsored by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation Regional Offices in Vienna and Moscow, as well as the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, the German Federal Foreign Office and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and was attended by about 30 participants, including OSCE Network representatives and Russian experts. The participants discussed the draft report “Reducing the Risks of Conventional Deterrence in Europe. Arms control in the NATO-Russia Contact Zones” that no longer refers to conventional arms control in the whole of Europe, but focuses on the sensitive contact zones between NATO and Russia.

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- d) *OSCE Network Workshop “The Road to the Charter of Paris: Historical Narratives and Lessons for the OSCE Today”, Moscow, 8 November 2018*

CORE helped organize the workshop “The Road to the Charter of Paris: Historical Narratives and Lessons for the OSCE Today” on 8 November 2018 in Moscow. The workshop was jointly sponsored by the German Federal Foreign Office and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. The Russian translation of the report of the 2017 project “The Road to the Charter of Paris: Historical Narratives and Lessons for the OSCE Today” was presented to the Russian audience.

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- e) *OSCE Network Workshop “Experiences and Opportunities: The OSCE as Mediator and Facilitator of Civil Society Dialogues in Long-Standing Conflicts”, Vienna, 22/23 November 2018*

CORE helped organize the workshop “Experiences and Opportunities: The OSCE as Mediator and Facilitator of Civil Society Dialogues in Long-Standing Conflicts” on 22/23 November 2018 in Vienna. The workshop was sponsored by the German Federal Foreign Office and was attended by about 30 participants, including OSCE Network representatives and international experts.

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- f) *Public Event on “Protecting Soldiers or Civilians? Western Ways of War”, 27 November 2018*

Cornelius Friesendorf, representing IFSSH, organized this public event, together with the Institute for International Affairs, Faculty of Law, University of Hamburg; University of the Federal Armed Forces Hamburg; and the Institute for Theology and

Peace Hamburg (itfh). Scholars from different disciplines discussed risk management in military missions, focusing on possible trade-offs between force protection and the protection of civilians and practical, legal, and moral implications.

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g) Meeting of the OSCE Network Steering Committee, Hamburg, 29 November 2018

On 29 November, CORE hosted a meeting of the OSCE Network Steering Committee. Members reviewed the state of the Network and its projects implemented in 2018, and discussed future activities and projects for 2019. In the evening, they convened for a panel discussion “Which Europe? And to What End?” (Barbara Kunz, Philip Remler, Ursula Schröder, Sonja Stojanović Gajić, Wolfgang Zellner) followed by a farewell reception for Wolfgang Zellner, who retired on 30 November.

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h) 5th Central Asia Day “New Tendencies in and around Central Asia: Domestic Developments, Regional Cooperation and External Relations”, Hamburg, 7 December 2018

Azamjon Isabaev and Marten Ennen organized the 5th Central Asia Day at the IFSH on 7 December 2018 titled “New Tendencies in and around Central Asia: Domestic Developments, Regional Cooperation and External Relations”. At this conference, researchers from Germany, Europe and Central Asia gathered to present their ongoing research on Central Asia as well as discuss the developments in the region. Grouped into three thematic panels, participants discussed “Local Perspectives on Peace and Activities of NGOs”, “Domestic Political and Economic Developments” and “Central Asia and China”.

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6.3. Conferences Attended and Lectures Given by CORE Staff

During 2018, CORE staff members attended more than 40 conferences and workshops (see also 6.1 Co-operation and Guests) where they acted as presenters, speakers and/or rapporteurs.

a) Frank Evers

- Delivered a speech at a workshop on “Religion, Conflict and the OSCE” under the auspices of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions hosted by the Edward M. Kennedy Institute of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, and the St. Patrick’s College Maynooth, 13/14 April 2018.
- Spoke at the opening session of the International Conference “Astana: The City of Peace” hosted by Kazakh Foreign Minister Kairat Abdrakhmanov in Astana, 5 June 2018.

- Participated in the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly’s 27th Annual Session, Berlin, 8 July 2018.
- Moderated, together with representatives of the ETH Zurich, a workshop on “Religion and Conflict Prevention and the OSCE Context” conducted under the auspices of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks by the Edward M. Kennedy Institute of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency and the International Dialogue Centre KAICIID, Vienna, 15/16 October 2018.

b) Cornelius Friesendorf

- Presented, together with Christian Nünlist, the OSCE Network before the OSCE Forum for Security Cooperation, Vienna, 25 April 2018.
- Participated in a workshop in preparation for the Geneva OSCE Focus Conference, Center for Security Studies, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, 15 May 2018.
- Moderated a panel on military incidents and accidents at the conference “In Times of Eroding Cooperative Security: How to Save Conventional Arms Control in Europe?” organized by the Lutheran Academy of Loccum, 13-15 June 2018.
- Participated in the OSCE Focus Conference (convened by DCAF), and provided comments to a draft framing paper, Geneva, 12/13 October 2018.
- Provided introductory remarks and moderated a panel at a workshop of the OSCE Network project “A New Concept for Conventional Arms Control in Europe”, jointly organized by the OSCE Network, the Russian International Affairs Council, and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation’s Regional Offices in Vienna and Moscow, 7 November 2018.
- Provided opening remarks at the 5th Central Asia Day at IFSH on “New Tendencies in and around Central Asia: Domestic Developments, Regional Cooperation and External Relations”, Hamburg, 7 December 2018.

c) Anna Kreikemeyer

- Contributed to the panel “A Paradigm Shift? Identifying a Unique Research Agenda from the Global South” at the international conference “Peace and Conflict Studies: Perspectives from the Global South” organized by the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at the University of Erfurt, 4 May 2018.
- Presented a paper on “Prospects for Peace Research in Central Eurasia. Between Discourses of Danger, Local Social Orders and Hybridizations” at the panel “How (Not) to Do Research on Development, Peace and Security in Central Eurasia: Reflections, Lessons, and New Ways Forward” and spoke on lessons learnt from the Eurasia Peace Exchange Project in the Research Workshop “Security Theory, Expertise and Practice: Past Experiences and New Approaches to Collaboration”, both at the Annual Conference of the British Studies Association (BISA) in Bath, 13-15 June 2018.

- Taught a ten day seminar on “Peace Research in Europe and Eurasia” in the Master’s Program “Regional Studies” of the German-Kazakhstani University in Almaty, 10-18 September 2018.
- Presented a poster on “Communal Conflict Containment in the Fergana Valley. The Local in-between Authoritarian, Liberal and Transnational Influences” at the International Research and Policy Workshop Building “Sustainable Peace in Post-Conflict Processes” at the German Institute for Developmental Studies (DIE), Bonn, 26 September 2018.
- Presented a paper on “‘Third Spaces’. What Peace Research Could Learn from Hybridity” at the Zentrumstage on “Space in Peace and Conflict”, held by the Centre for Conflict Studies at the Philipps University Marburg, 19 October 2018.
- Made a presentation on “‘Third Spaces’. On the Relevance of Perspectives of Hybridity in Peace Research” at the IFSH internal workshop on the work programme 2013-2018, “Peace Research in the Era of Globalization”, 26 October 2018.
- Acted as a discussant in the IFSH research colloquium for a paper by Solveig Richter, Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at the University of Erfurt, on “Blended Legitimacy in Post-conflict States? EU Peace Missions and Informal Power Networks”, 27 November 2018.
- Gave a presentation on “Peacebuilding in the Fergana Valley. Communal and External Concepts” and acted as a chair in the panel “Domestic political and economic developments” at the 5th IFSH Central Asia Day, 7 December 2018.

d) Elena Kropatcheva

- Attended the International Studies Association Annual Conference in San Francisco, where she presented her paper “Neoclassical realism and the cases of USSR’s Cuba and Russia’s Crimea power expansion”, 4-7 April 2018.
- Gave a lecture on “Russia and the role of the OSCE: a forum for dialogue and conflict resolution or a battlefield of interests?” at the Eurasia Peace Studies Exchange Network Summer School “Searching for paths to peace in post-Soviet Eurasian space” in Kyiv and Odessa, 11-16 June 2018.
- Made a presentation on “The War in Ukraine and External Democracy Promotion” at the workshop “International Democracy Promotion: State of the Research and Prospects of this Research Field” at the Center for the Study of Democracy (ZDEMO) at the Leuphana University in Lüneburg, 29/30 June 2018.
- Presented a paper on “Neoclassical realism and the cases of USSR’s Cuba and Russia’s Crimea power expansion” at a workshop “Re-Appraising Neoclassical Realism” at the London School of Economics, 29 November 2018.

e) Naida Mehmedbegović Dreilich

- Lectured on “Intercultural Communication and Co-operation” at the Berufsakademie Hamburg, 20 January and 3 March 2018.
- Gave training on “Intercultural Internship Preparation” at GIZ’s Regional Office North in Hamburg, 8 February 2018.

- Gave a course on “Intercultural Competence” at the University Oldenburg, 9/10 and 17 February 2018.
- Took part in the conference “Western Balkans Back in Focus: How to Shape Europe’s Reengagement with a Region in Crisis?” organized by the Lutheran Academy of Loccum, 14-16 May 2018.
- Gave training on “Intercultural Communication” at the University of Bonn, 9/10 June and 24/25 November 2018.
- Gave training on “Intercultural Competence” at the University of Hamburg, 16/17 June 2018.
- Participated, together with Frank Evers, in an OSCE Network Workshop on “Religion and Conflict Prevention”, Vienna, 15/16 October 2018.
- Gave a block seminar on “Intercultural Communication and Co-operation” at the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg, 25/26 October 2018.
- Participated, together with Cornelius Friesendorf and Wolfgang Zellner, in an OSCE Network Workshop on “A New Concept for Conventional Arms”, Moscow, 7 November 2018.
- Participated, together with Cornelius Friesendorf, in an OSCE Network Workshop on “The Road to the Charter of Paris: Historical Narratives and Lessons for the OSCE Today”, Moscow, 8 November 2018.
- Took part in the panel discussion “Den Frieden bewältigen. Veteranen stellen sich ihren Traumata” [Building Peace – Veterans of war face their traumata], organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation Regional Office Hamburg, 19 November 2018.
- Lectured on “Intercultural Competence” at the University of Hamburg in the winter term 2018/19.

f) Arne Seifert

- Participated in a ceremony on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and conveyed a letter of congratulation by CORE, Moscow, 29 October 2018.

g) Wolfgang Zellner

- Gave a lecture on “Russland und der Westen – Gibt es Alternativen zur Konfrontation” [Russia and the West – Are there Alternatives to Confrontation] as part of an interdisciplinary lecture series at the University of Hamburg, 25 January 2018.
- Presented on “Die Zukunft konventioneller Rüstungskontrolle in Europa in Zeiten erodierender Sicherheit” [The Future of Conventional Arms Control in Europe in Times of Eroding Security] at a conference on the future of conventional arms control, organized by the Lutheran Academy of Loccum, 13-15 June 2018.
- Gave a presentation on “Security Policy Challenges in Europe and Options of Conventional Arms Control” at the second meeting of a study group of the Association of German Scientists [Vereinigung Deutscher Wissenschaftler/VDW], Hamburg, 5 July 2018.

- Presented a paper on “Sufficiency as a New Lead Concept for Future European Conventional Arms Control Agreements” at the workshop “A New Concept for Conventional Arms Control” of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions”, Hamburg, 19/20 July 2018.
- Lectured on “Konturen einer gemeinsamen europäischen Ordnung” [Outline of a Common European Order] at the annual meeting of the Association of German Scientists, 5 October 2018.
- Presented on “Challenges to the Human Dimension” at the 2018 OSCE Focus Conference “The OSCE at Crossroads: Recognizing and Seizing Opportunities”, Geneva, 12/13 October 2018.
- Introduced the draft report “Reducing the Risks of Conventional Deterrence in Europe. Arms Control in the NATO-Russia Contact Zones” at a workshop of the OSCE Network project “A New Concept for Conventional Arms Control”, Moscow, 7 November 2018.
- Participated in a brainstorming at the Friedrich Ebert Foundation on the future of the European security order, Berlin, 20 November 2018.
- Gave an introduction to panel 2 “Conventional Arms Control/Structured Dialogue” of the Working Group Disarmament of the German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, 22 November 2018.

7. Personnel and Budget

During 2018, the Head of CORE managed a staff of ten to twelve, which included five to seven researchers and a PhD student (cf. Annex 1: CORE staff as of 2018). In addition, two staff members (one senior researcher/editor, one translator/editor) were responsible for publishing the OSCE Yearbook, and one for language editing. The permanent staff is supported by further translators. Over the course of the year, four students completed their internships (www.ifsh.de/en/teaching/internship).

Less than half of the CORE budget is financed through the IFSH budget. Project funding covers the greater part of the expenditures. In the year 2018, CORE projects – including PhD and OSCE Network projects – were funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, the German Federal Foreign Office, the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the National University of Ireland and the University of Tampere.

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- 2018, Civilian Prevention of Radicalization in Central Asia, Hamburg (CORE Working Paper 30), (with Jeannette Klötzer/Arne C. Seifert/Esther Somfalvy).
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