

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

In Times of Eroding Cooperative Security *How to Save Conventional Arms Control in Europe?*

Wednesday 13 - Friday 15 June 2018

Conventional arms control in Europe is in crisis. Since the early 2000s important agreements that aim to monitor, control and verify the possession, acquisition, and the use of major conventional weapons systems such as tanks, heavy artillery or warplanes became fragile, incomplete or even irrelevant. Efforts to stop the erosion of this important pillar of Europe's cooperative security architecture have been lukewarm and halfhearted. With the deteriorating relations between Russia and the West after 2014, the lack of a working system of arms control became in particular obvious. The deployment of troops and military hardware in Eastern Europe's border regions, large scale fighting exercises and the rising danger of unintended military incidents in sensitive areas have substantially increased the urgent need to avoid further weakening of conventional arms control.

With this conference we, the organizer – the FES Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe (ROCPE) of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Vienna and the Protestant Academy Loccum – intent to scrutinize causes and symptoms of the current security crisis in Europe, explore new and innovative ideas how to save conventional arms control in Europe, test the feasibility of these proposals to improve the tense relations between Russia and the West (see scenario workshop), and identify new partners and forums for future debates on arms control related issues.

DAY 1

WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2018

13.00 -13.30

Registration and Welcome Coffee (or tea)

(Guests who travel from abroad are welcomed to arrive the day before (Tuesday, 12 June 2018))

14.00-14.10

WORDS OF WELCOME**Reinhard Krumm**

Head, Friedrich Ebert Foundation's Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe (ROCPE), Vienna

Thomas Müller-Färber

Program Director, International and Security Affairs, Protestant Academy Loccum

14.10-14.20	<p>WELCOME ADRESS (Video Message)</p> <p>Ambassador Dr. Patricia Flor, Federal Government Commissioner for Disarmament and Arms Control, German Foreign Office, Berlin [confirmed]</p>
14.20-16:00	<p>SCRUTINIZING THE STATUS QUO OF EUROPE’S ERODING COOPERATIVE SECURITY ARCHITECTURE <i>Debating Conflicting Threat Perceptions and Security Challenges</i></p> <p>The system of cooperative security in Europe is in crisis. In this opening discussion, we want to scrutinize the causes and symptoms of the current situation. What are the nature and impact of threat perceptions in Europe, the United States, and Russia? Which security challenges are in particular urgent and alarming? How intense is the current crisis? Is narrative of a new Cold War justified? Etc.</p> <p>Sergey Utkin [confirmed] Head of Strategic Assessment Section at Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) and Head of Foreign and Security Policy Department at the Centre for Strategic Research (CSR), Moscow</p> <p>Christian Strohal [confirmed] Ambassdor at the Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE, Vienna</p> <p>Graeme P. Herd [confirmed] Professor of Transnational Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen</p> <p>Moderation: Christian Nünlist [confirmed] Center for Security Studies, ETH Zürich</p>
16.00-16.30	<p>Coffee Break</p>
16.30-17.00	<p>EFFORTS TO REFORM ARMS CONTROL IN EUROPE: WHAT HAPPENED SO FAR? <i>From the “Steinmeier Initiative” to the “Structured Dialogue” and Beyond</i></p> <p>The erosion of conventional Arms control in Europe, which began by the early 2000s, became in particular obvious with the war in Ukraine. Since then several efforts were made to prevent this downward trend – among them the initiative of the German Foreign Minister, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, which led to a joint decision at the OSCE-Summit in Hamburg 2016 and set up the informal “Structured Dialogue” aiming to identify the way forward in security and arms control. How is the “Structure Dialogue” evolving? What role do the different OSCE member states play in this effort to save arms control in Europe? What are future steps – within the format “Structured Dialogue” and beyond? Etc.</p> <p>Hans-Joachim Schmidt [confirmed] Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF/HSFK), Frankfurt a.M.</p>
17.00 - 18.30	<p>PAST MISTAKES, HISTORICAL BEST PRACTICES, AND LESSONS FOR THE FUTURE <i>What did European Arms Control Achieve in the Past? And What Can it Accomplish Today?</i></p> <p>In the past decades, the system of conventional arms control in Europe has seen many ups and downs. In this panel discussion, we want to take a fresh look into history with the intention to derive lessons for today. What mistakes were made in European arms control in the past? What are historical “best practices” and are they still relevant for today? What can arms control accomplish in the current situation? Is arms control really one of the remaining “island of cooperation” in the Russian-Western relations with the potential of positive spillovers in other more contested policy fields? Etc.</p>

	<p>Wolfgang Zellner [confirmed] Deputy Director of the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg; Head of the Centre for OSCE Research (CORE), Hamburg</p> <p>William Alberque [invited] Director of the NATO WMD Arms Control, Disarmament, and Non-Proliferation Centre (ACDC), Brussels</p> <p>Andrey Zagorski [confirmed] Head of Department, Institute of International Relations and World Economy (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow</p> <p>Moderation: Thomas Müller-Färber Program Director, International and Security Affairs, Protestant Academy Loccum</p>
18.30	Dinner
19.30-21.00	<p>SQUARING THE CIRCLE <i>How to Juggle Defence, Deterrence, and Dialogue?</i></p> <p>Defence, deterrence, and dialogue are fundamental elements in security policy. Even in the heat of the Cold War these three central components occurred in parallel on numerous occasions. In this elderly statesperson talk, we want to address the relationship between these dissimilar foreign policy strategies which are fundamental for the future of arms control in Europe. Today, it is often said that we need as much defence and deterrence as necessary and as much dialogue as possible. But how to balance the equilibrium between defence, deterrence, and dialogue? Is dialogue undermining deterrence or is it making it more stable? Etc.</p> <p>Klaus Scharioth [confirmed] Dean of the Mercator College, Professor at Tufts Fletcher School, former German Ambassador to the United States (2006-2011) and State Secretary of the German Foreign Office (2002-2006), Essen/Cambridge MA</p> <p>Karsten D. Voigt [confirmed] Former Foreign Policy Spokesperson of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) at the German Bundestag (1983-1998) and Coordinator for the German-US Relations at the Foreign Office (1999-2010), Berlin</p> <p>Marieluise Beck [confirmed] Center for Liberal Modernity, former member of the German Bundestag, and Spokesperson for Eastern European Policy of Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin/Bremen</p> <p>Moderation: Reinhard Krumm [confirmed] Head, Friedrich Ebert Foundation's Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe (ROCP), Vienna</p>
21.00	Finale and Informal Come-Together

DAY 2

THURSDAY 14 June 2018

8.15-8.30 Morning prayer (optional)

8.15

Breakfast

BRAINSTORMING IDEAS HOW TO SAVE CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL IN EUROPE

Despite the current crisis in Europe's security architecture, numerous proposals were made in recent years on how to save arms control in Europe. Recommendations for a re-launch of arms control included for example the definition of regional ceilings, minimum distances and transparency measures especially in militarily sensitive regions such as the Baltic or Black Sea; up-dating arms control agreements to new military capabilities, strategies, and weapons systems; the handling of military incidents and accidents; effective cooperative verification; arms control agreements applicable to areas with disputed territorial status. In this brainstorm session, we will give experts room to summarize policy recommendations that are debated in the field and propose new ideas.

9.15-10:45

BRAINSTORM SESSION PART I: Trust and Verify *How to Avoid Hazardous Incidents, Increase Transparency and Build Cooperative Verification?*

Theses Presenter: **Wolfgang Richter** [confirmed]
Research Division on International Security, SWP German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin

Discussants: **Oleg Shakirov** [confirmed]
PIR Center, Moscow

Pál Dunay [confirmed]
Professor of NATO and European Security Issues, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Hartwig Spitzer [confirmed]
Professor (ret.), Institut für Experimental Physics, Hamburg

Moderation: **Cornelius Friesendorf** [confirmed]
Senior Researcher, Centre for OSCE Research (CORE) and Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy (IFSH), Hamburg

10:45-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-12:30

BRAINSTORM SESSION PART II: Conventional Arms Control 2.0 *How to Handel New Weapon Systems, Strategies, and Military Capacities?*

Theses Presenter: **Niklas Schörnig** [confirmed]
Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF/HSFK), Frankfurt a.M.

Discussants: **Mika Kerttunen** [confirmed]
Director of Studies, Cyber Policy Institute in Tartu and Adjunct Professor in Military Strategy at the Finnish National Defense University, Helsinki

Nora Vanaga [confirmed]
Senior Researcher, Centre for Security and Strategic Research, National Defence Academy of Latvia, Riga

Amy J. Nelson

Robert Bosch Fellow in residence at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Research at the Center for International and Security Studies at the University of Maryland, Berlin

[confirmed]

Moderation:

Simon Weiß

Research Associate, Friedrich Ebert Foundation's Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe (ROCPE), Vienna

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12.30

Lunch

14.00-15.30

TESTING THE PROPOSALS TO SAVE ARMS CONTROL IN EUROPE

A Scenario Workshop

In this scenario workshop session, we will put the policy recommendation outlined in the previous brainstorm section to the test. Are these proposals crisis-proof, effective, and capable to improve the current security in Europe – in particular during times of escalation? Etc.

15.30-16.00

First Scenario Session

--- followed by plenary discussion ---

16.00-17.30

Coffee and Cake

Second Scenario Session

--- followed by plenary discussion ---

18.30

Dinner

19.30-20.00

GERMANY'S ROLE IN CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL

Norman Walter Head of Division, Conventional Arms Control, Confidence and Security Building Measures (CSBM) in the OSCE Area, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

[confirmed]

20.00-21.00

BEYOND CONVENTIONAL

How Nukes and Missiles Affect Future Efforts on Conventional Arms Control – and Vice Versa?

Arms control of conventional weapons in Europe does not take place in a vacuum. The growing tension in the nuclear field – such as efforts to modernize national nuclear arsenals or the dispute about the INF treaty and the Europe based missile defence system – create additional burden and implies the danger of negative spillover effects. How does the conflict about nukes and missiles affect current and future efforts on conventional arms control – and vice versa? Etc.

Oliver Thränert

Head of Think Tank, Center for Security Studies (CSS), Zürich

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Ian Anthony

Director of the European Security Programme, SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute), Stockholm

[confirmed]

Sergey Rogov

Scientific Director of the RAS Institute of US and Canadian Studies, Moscow

[confirmed]

Moderation: **Thomas Müller-Färber**

Program Director, International and Security Affairs, Protestant Academy Loccum

21.00

Finale and Informal Come-Together

DAY 3

FRIDAY 15 JUNE 2018

8.15

Morning prayer (optional)

8.30

Breakfast

9.30 -11.15

WINNING NEW PARTNERS AND FORUMS

How to Raise Awareness for Arms Control?

Conventional arms control has an image problem. While it attracted the attention of the wider public in the 1980s, debates on how to control, monitor, and verify conventional weapons and military system have withdrawn to the enclave of a small and shrinking expert community. In light of the relevance of arms control for the future of Europe's security, how to raise awareness for this policy field? How to win new partners, multipliers, and idea leaders? How to identify and enter new and relevant forums that allow fruitful discussion on pressing issues of Europe's security? Etc.

Stephanie Liechtenstein

Web Editor-in-Chief Security and Human Rights Monitor, freelance journalist, Vienna

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Karl-Hinrich Manzke

Bishop of the Protestant Church of Schaumburg-Lippe, Bückeburg

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Xanthe Hall

Board Member and Co-Founder, ICAN Germany (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) and IPPNW Germany (International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War), Berlin

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Karl-Heinz Brunner

Member of Parliament (Social Democrats SPD), Defence Committee and Sub-Committee on Disarmament and Arms Control, German Bundestag, Berlin

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Moderation: ***Simon Weiß***

Research Associate, Friedrich Ebert Foundation's Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe (ROCPE), Vienna

11.15-11.30

Coffee Break

11.30-12.30

WAY AHEAD?

How to Save Conventional Arms Control in Europe?

What have we learned? What questions remained unanswered? How shall the debate about a relaunch of conventional arms control in Europe evolve in the future?

Open Plenary Discussion introduced by comments from:

Karl-Heinz Brunner

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Member of Parliament (Social Democrats SPD), Defence Committee and Sub-Committee on Disarmament and Arms Control, German Bundestag, Berlin

Wolfgang Richter

[confirmed]

Research Division on International Security, SWP German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin

12.30

Goodbye Lunch

13.20

Departure Shuttle bus to Wunstorf train station

German-English translation will be constantly provided

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FORMAT:

Conferences at the Protestant Academy Loccum provide forums for open-minded discussions on urgent and pressing issues. They endeavor to establish dialogues between actors from different fields and backgrounds with the intention to provide impetus to “think out of the box”. The Protestant Academy Loccum hosts meetings over 48 hours/two nights for between 70 to 90 participants and is open to those with the expertise to share or an interest in the subject. To allow a free exchange of thoughts, simultaneous translation will be provided throughout the conference (English <> German). The conference is off-camera and off-record and strictly follows the Chatham House rules which allow participants to use the information received freely but neither reveal the identity nor the affiliation of the speakers or any other participant.

VENUE:

The village of Loccum (about 3000 inhabitants) is part of the small rural town Rehburg-Loccum. It is situated about 50 kilometers west of Hannover in Lower Saxony/Germany, and about 10 kilometers west of the “Steinhuder Meer”, the largest lake in Northwestern Germany. Loccum is famous for its medieval Cistercian monastery, and the Protestant Academy as a place for highly regarded conferences and seminars of public interest.

ACCOMMODATION & FEE

Participants who are not listed in the program as speakers are welcomed to lodge at the conference venue (<http://www.tagungsstätte-loccum.de/>).

- For a two-night stay including all meals (breakfast, lunch, cake, dinner) we charge **195 Euro**.
- For Freelancer, we offer a reduced fee of **140 Euro**
- For students, we offer a reduced fee of **75 Euro**.

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REGISTRATION:

Please register with name, email, address, institution/organization by e-mail to Miriam Kamber (Miriam.Kamber@evlka.de). Registrations will be confirmed by email. Should you need to cancel, please contact us as soon as possible. Cancellations after 06. June 2018 will cause compensation of 25 % of the fee.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE:

Loccum is located 50 kilometers west of Hanover in Lower Saxony, Germany. The nearest airport is Hanover (HAJ). The nearest train stations are in Wunstorf, Stadthagen, Minden and Nienburg. Detailed travel directions will be sent to all registered participants.

SHUTTLE BUS:

(Please book a seat in advance!): Wednesday, 13 June, departing in Wunstorf train station at 12:50 (please follow the station exit marked "ZOB"). Friday, 15 June, arriving in Wunstorf at approx. 14:00 p.m.

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