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EVENTS / AKTIVITÄTEN

NATO Advanced Research Workshop on "Environmental Security and Public Safety – Problems and Needs in Conversion Policy and Research after 15 Years of Conversion in Central and Eastern Europe", Cottbus (8 - 12 October 2005)/

NATO Advanced Research Workshop zur Thematik "Environmental Security and Public Safety – Problems and Needs in Conversion Policy and Research after 15 Years of Conversion in Central and Eastern Europe", Cottbus (8. – 12. Oktober 2005)

Peter Croll wird aktiv am NATO Advanced Research Workshop zur Thematik "Environmental Security and Public Safety – Problems and Needs in Conversion Policy and Research after 15 Years of Conversion in Central and Eastern Europe" vom 8. bis 12. Oktober in Cottbus teilnehmen. Der Workshop umfasst einen weiten thematischen Rahmen für wissenschaftliche Beiträge bezogen auf Zentral- bzw. Osteuropa, z.B. Excess Explosives, Ammunition and Equipment oder Public Safety and Security. Detaillierte inhaltliche und organisatorische Angaben sind auf der Website www.nato-arw.de zu finden.

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11th EADI General Conference "Insecurity and Development – Regional issues and policies for an interdependent world", Bonn (21 - 24 September 2005)/

Elfte EADI Konferenz zum Thema "Insecurity and Development – Regional issues and policies for an interdependent world", Bonn (21. – 24. September 2005)

From 21 to 24 September the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) will hold its 11th General Conference entitled "Insecurity and development: regional issues and policies for an interdependent world" in the international congress center located in the building of the former German Parliament. In the context of this conference, BICC will organize a workshop on "Considerations in the Design of Small Arms Control Training Material", which is to take place on Friday, 23 September at 2.30 p.m. Throughout the event, BICC will also present its exhibition on small arms issues.

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Photo exhibition "Millennium Development Goals 2015 – Acting Globally for

Poverty Reduction, Peace and Development", Bonn (23 August - 16 September 2005)/

Fotoausstellung „Millenniumsziele 2015 – Global handeln für Armutsbekämpfung, Entwicklung und Frieden", Bonn (23. August – 16. September 2005)

The photo exhibition "Millennium Development Goals 2015 – Acting Globally for Poverty Reduction, Peace and Development" will be presented from 23 August to 16 September in the Wissenschaftszentrum Bonn, Ahrstr. 45. This photo exhibition is a co-production of BICC and the photo agency laif (Cologne). Photographs and texts document the impact of conflict and conflict prevention on the Millennium Development Goals. The exhibition is sponsored by InWEnt gGmbH (Capacity Building International, Germany) out of resources from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and supported by the representative of the UN Millennium Campaign in Germany.

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Field research in Macedonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina for the Small Arms Survey (SAS), (22 August - 3 September 2005)/
Feldforschung für den Small Arms Survey (SAS) in Mazedonien und Bosnien-Herzegovina, (22. August – 3. September 2005)

Julie Brethfeld and Tobias Pietz are going to undertake field research in Macedonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina for the Small Arms Survey (SAS) from 22 August to 3 September. The aim is to review UNDP's activities on Small Arms and Light Weapons in these countries and to find best practices for future endeavours of UNDP in that field. The two field studies by BICC as well as an additional desk study on Albania will be part of the overall Strategic Review of UNDP Programming in the Area of SALW which has been issued to SAS by the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery of UNDP and which comprises a world wide review of UNDP SALW activities.

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International Conference of Eastern European Studies, Berlin (26 - 29 July 2005)/
Internationale Konferenz zu Osteuropa-Studien, Berlin (26. – 29. Juli 2005)

At the International Conference of Eastern European Studies (ICEES), taking place in Berlin on 26 - 29 July 2005 Andreas Heinemann-Grüder will present a paper on Russia's ethnic federalism and conflict management.

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Global Conference "From Reaction to Prevention: Civil Society Forging Partnerships to Prevent Violent Conflict and Build Peace" (GPPAC), New York (19 - 21 July 2005)/
Globale Konferenz „Von Reaktion zu Prävention: Zivilgesellschaft schließt Bündnisse zur Vermeidung gewalttätiger Konflikte und zur Schaffung von Frieden“ (GPPAC), New York (19. – 21. Juli 2005)

Peter Croll and Michael Ashkenazi attended the Conference on Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) that took place in NY on 19-21 July. Together with Saferworld and the Quaker UN Office, BICC was actively involved in a working group on small arms and light weapons. The conference discussed the way forward in civil society conflict prevention and aimed at promoting a shift from the reaction to the prevention of violent conflict.

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Panel discussion on "Capacity-Building on SALW Control in (Sub-)Regional Organizations", New York (14 July 2005)/

Diskussionsveranstaltung zum Thema: "Capacity-Building im Hinblick auf die Kleinwaffenkontrolle bei (Sub)regionalen Organisationen, New York (14. Juli 2005)

In cooperation with the organisations NUPI (Norway) and Saferworld (United Kingdom), BICC held a side event panel discussion on "Capacity-Building on SALW Control in (Sub-)Regional Organizations" on 14 July, which was very well attended. In the evening of 14 July, German Ambassador to the UN, Dr. Pleuger and Mr. Peter Croll, Director of BICC, together with Ms Rima Salah, deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, hosted the opening of the exhibition of BICC "Small Arms – A Global Threat" in the German Mission, New York. Opening addresses were given by Ambassador Pleuger, as well as Mr. Peter Croll, Ms Salah, and Ambassador Pasi Patokallio, the president of the BMS. The exhibition raises awareness on the threats posed by small arms, but

equally offers solutions on how to tackle these threats. The exhibition will be on display until 4 August 2005.

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Second UN Biennial Meeting of States on Small Arms, New York (11 - 15 July 2005)/
Second UN Biennial Meeting of States zu Kleinwaffen, New York (11. – 15. Juli 2005)

From 11 - 15 July 2005, Peter Croll, Michael Brzoska, Michael Askenazi, Christine Beeck and Jonas Horner attended the Second UN Biennial Meeting of States (BMS) to consider the implementation of the "Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects" (PoA) in New York. This conference not only constituted an opportunity for an exchange of information on the implementation of the PoA among states, regional and international organizations and civil society, but also highlighted successes and best practices in controlling and curbing the spread of illicit small arms and light weapons and identified areas where greater attention is needed.

Both states and organizations now have a better understanding of the direction that SALW control (as laid out in the PoA) is taking, as well as a better understanding of the collective effort that is needed to tackle the issue. All speakers stressed the need and importance of stronger action at the international level, with many voicing concerns about the link between illicit SALW, terrorism, drug trafficking and organized crime. But while it was generally welcomed that the work continues on these SALW and related issues, many claim not enough is being done.

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Meeting of the International Program Council of the Small Arms Survey, New York (11–17 July 2005)/

Treffen des Internationalen Programmrats des Small Arms Survey, New York (11. – 17. Juli 2005)

In addition to observing the BMS in New York, Michael Brzoska attended the meeting of the International Program Council of the Small Arms Survey and visited a number of foundations in New York between 11 and 17 July.

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9th Bonner Wirtschaftsgespräche, Bonn (5. July 2005)/

9. Bonner Wirtschaftsgespräche, Bonn (5. Juli 2005)

Peter Croll hat an den 9. Bonner Wirtschaftsgesprächen teilgenommen; einem Dialog zwischen Wirtschaft, Politik und Verwaltung auf lokaler Ebene zur Vorstellung innovativer Projekte und Institutionen.

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The geographic department of the University of Bonn visited BICC, Bonn (1 July 2005)/
Exkursion des Geographischen Instituts der Uni Bonn besuchte das BICC, Bonn (1. Juli 2005)

Zusammen mit Prof. Bohle vom Geographischen Institut der Universität Bonn, Abteilung 3.1 Geographische Entwicklungsforschung, besuchte am 1. Juli eine Studentengruppe im Rahmen eines Seminars „Entwicklungspolitik für Geographie Studierende“ das BICC.

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Meeting of the German delegates for the "Global Conference – From Reaction to Prevention: Civil Society Forging Partnerships to Prevent Violent Conflict and Build Peace", Berlin (30 June 2005)/
Treffen der deutschen Delegierten zur Konferenz „Von Reaktion zu Prävention: Zivilgesellschaft schließt Bündnisse zur Vermeidung gewalttätiger Konflikte und zur Schaffung von Frieden“, Berlin (30. Juni 2005)

Peter Croll nahm am 30. Juni in Berlin am Treffen der deutschen Delegierten zur Vorbereitung der internationalen Konferenz „Von Reaktion zu Prävention: Zivilgesellschaft schließt Bündnisse zur Vermeidung gewalttätiger Konflikte und zur Schaffung von Frieden“ teil. Diese fand vom 19. bis 21. Juli 2005 in New York statt.

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FriEnt Round Table on Colombia, Bonn (28 June 2005)/
FriEnt Rundtisch zu Kolumbien, Bonn (28. Juni 2005)

Peter Croll nahm am FriEnt Rundtisch zu Kolumbien teil. Der Termin war eine Folgeveranstaltung des Internationalen Fachgespräches vom 3./4. November 2004 zum Thema „Demobilisierung, Reintegration und Straflosigkeit in Kolumbien – Chancen für externe Akteure“.

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International Conference "The De-Institutionalization of War: Legality and Legitimacy of Political Violence and the Use of Force", Hamburg, (23 - 25 June 2005)/
Internationale Konferenz zum Thema: "The De-Institutionalization of War: Legality and Legitimacy of Political Violence and the Use of Force, Hamburg (23. – 25. Juni 2005)

At the conference, taking place at the Hamburg Institute for Social Research, Marc von Boemcken presented a paper on "Private Military Companies (PMCs) as Actors in Contemporary Warfare". Whilst providing for a general overview of the private military industry, the paper specifically focussed on the legal status of military contractors on the battlefield and the problem of regulation.

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Working groups "International Affairs and Local Agenda" and "Europe, Foreign and Security Policy" of the local CDU visited BICC, Bonn (23 June 2005)/
CDU-Arbeitskreise besuchten das BICC, Bonn (23. Juni 2005)

Der Arbeitskreis „Internationales und lokale Agenda" der CDU-Stadtratsfraktion sowie der CDU-Arbeitskreis „Europa, Außen - und Sicherheitspolitik" besuchten am 23. Juni das BICC. Peter Croll und Susanne Heinke informierten über die Arbeit des Konversionszentrums.

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Membership in the working group on peace and conflict research, Berlin (21 June 2005)/
Teilnahme an der Arbeitsgruppe zu Friedens- und Konfliktforschung, Berlin (21. Juni 2005)

Michael Brzoska has been invited by Georg Dick, Director of the Planning Unit at the German Foreign Office, to become a member of the Working Group on Peace and Conflict Research at

the Planning Unit and join the group for its next meeting on 21 June to discuss the outcomes of the review conference of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS / NEUE PUBLIKATIONEN

Internationalisierung und Privatisierung von Krieg und Frieden, by Herbert Wulf, BICC/DCAF
Schriften zu Sicherheitssektor und Konversion – BICC/DCAF Security Sector Governance and
Conversion Studies, No. 11, Nomos, Baden-Baden (July 2005)
<http://www.bicc.de/publications/studies/no11/content.php>

Press Release: "Small Arms: Control Measures and Regional Capacity-Building against a Global
Threat" (12. July 2005)

http://www.bicc.de/press/releases/presseerklaerung_bicc_new_york.php

Gemeinsame Presseerklärung von Unicef und BICC: "Internationale Konferenz vom 11. bis 15.
Juli in New York: Jährlich 500.000 Todesopfer durch Kleinwaffen" (11. Juli 2005)

http://www.bicc.de/press/releases/presseerklaerung_bicc_unicef_new_york.php

Upcoming:

brief 31: Demobilizing and Retraining for the Future – The armed forces in Serbia and
Montenegro, by Tobias Pietz (July 2005)

Extensive list with online publications added to BICC's website on private military companies
(PMCs)/

Ausführliche Liste mit online-Publikationen zum Thema Private Militärfirmen auf der BICC
Website

The page was built to facilitate search for the most important online articles dealing with PMCs. It
provides a wide range of information on many sectors concerning the privatization of warfare as
well as a list of PMC-websites.

The list is arranged by the names of the articles, not the authors, because most of the
contributions were found by the title. Who wants to search for articles by the name of the writer or
any other keyword can do so by using the function "Search Site", on top of the page.

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paper 43: To End a War: Demobilization and Reintegration of Paramilitaries in Colombia by
Markus Koth (June 2005)

<http://www.bicc.de/publications/papers/papers.php>

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