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EVENTS/AKTIVITÄTEN:

Justice and Security Sector Reform Conference, Oslo (10–11 April 2003)
Konferenz zur Justiz- und Sicherheitssektorreform, Oslo (10.–11. April 2003)

The Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery and the Bureau for Development Policy of UNDP are performing an international conference on justice and security sector reform. The purpose of the conference will be to acknowledge the comparative strength of different organizations in order to move towards collaborating more effectively in the field. Michael Brzoska, Head of the Research Department at BICC, is going to participate in the conference.

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Participants of parliamentary internship program visiting BICC, Bonn (4 April 2003)
Parlamentspraktikanten besuchen BICC, Bonn (4. April 2003)

Im Rahmen eines internationalen Parlamentspraktikums, das vom Deutschen Bundestag in Zusammenarbeit mit der Humboldt-Universität Berlin organisiert wird, besucht eine 20köpfige Gruppe aus den USA, Frankreich und Osteuropa das BICC, um in die Arbeit des Zentrums und einiger seiner Projekte eingeführt zu werden.

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Visit of Arturo Garcia, Head of the "Fundación Ideas para la Paz", Bonn (31 March 2003)
Besuch von Arturo Garcia, Leiter der "Fundación Ideas para la Paz", Bonn (31. März 2003)

Arturo Garcia, Head of the "Fundación Ideas para la Paz", Bogotá, will visit BICC on 31 March and discuss the possibilities of cooperation.

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Terrorism, extern and intern security (13th Spring Academy for Security Policy 2003), Lambrecht (Pfalz), (28. March–11. April 2003)

Terrorismus, äußere und innere Sicherheit (13. Frühjahrsakademie Sicherheitspolitik 2003), Lambrecht (Pfalz), (28. März–11. April 2003)

Die Hessische Stiftung für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (HSFK) und die Atlantische Akademie Rheinland Pfalz (AARP) veranstalten die 13. Frühjahrsakademie Sicherheitspolitik 2003 zum Thema "Terrorismus, äußere und innere Sicherheit". Neben Vorträgen und Arbeitsgruppen ist eine Exkursion nach Brüssel und Luxemburg geplant. Am 1. April wird Dr. Corinna Hauswedell, BICC, einen Vortrag zum Thema "Gewalt als Konfliktkultur? Zur Bedeutung des Terrorismus im Nordirland-Konflikt" halten.

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Forum on "Women, Peace and Security", Bonn (28 March 2003)/
Forum zu "Frauen, Frieden und Sicherheit", Bonn (28. März 2003)

Unifem Germany organizes on behalf of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the Heinrich Boell Foundation a meeting on 28 March to initiate the founding of a German Forum "Women, Peace

and Security". The meeting, in which Renée Ernst from BICC will participate, aims to provide a platform to discuss the idea to monitor and support the German security policy in the UN Security Council from a gender peace perspective.

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Evaluation of "Tools for Arms project" (TAE), Mozambique (26 March–2 April 2003)/
Evaluierung des Projekts "Werkzeuge für Waffen", Mosambik (26. März–2. April 2003)

From 26 March to 2 April, Sami Faltas (Project leader at BICC) will be in Mozambique to evaluate the Tools for Arms (TAE) project in co-operation with TAE, World Vision International and the Canadian volunteer organization CUSO. Wolf-Christian Paes will also be in Mozambique for part of this period. Both will revisit Mozambique in May for follow-on activities.

Information:
http://www.bicc.de/weapons/helpdesk/3_experiences/profiles/mozambique.html
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Course in microdisarmament, South Africa (25 March 2003)/
Kurs zur praktischen Abrüstung, Südafrika (25. März 2003)

Sami Faltas will teach in a microdisarmament course for Angolan organizations at the Institute of Security Studies in Pretoria, South Africa.

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Meeting of the German Platform on Civil Conflict Prevention, Bonn (20–22 March 2003)/
Treffen der Deutschen Plattform für zivile Konfliktprävention, Bonn (20.–22. März 2003)

Renée Ernst will participate in the annual meeting of the German Platform on Civil Conflict Prevention, in which BICC is part of the Steering Committee. The annual meeting will deal with challenges of conflict resolution, lessons learned, new trends and open questions. Besides the possibility to exchange experiences among the different organizations, there will be a keynote speech on "Theoretical orientation to handle violence" and several workshops like on the Iraque Crisis, how to deal with human rights and conflict prevention strategies, the potential spill over effect of the crisis in Zimbabwe in other southern African countries and the necessity to intervene

in time.

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Diplomats training course "International and regional conflict management and crisis prevention", Bonn (20 March 2003)/

Diplomaten Trainigskurs "Internationales und regionales Konfliktmanagement und Krisenprävention", Bonn (20. März 2003)

On 20 March, several BICC colleagues will participate in a programme at BICC for the InWEnt diplomats training course "International and regional conflict management and crisis prevention". There will be an introduction to BICC, as well as a video presentation of the SALIGAD project "Small Arms in the Horn of Africa" and a discussion about small arms and the BICC Help Desk for Practical Disarmament.

On 18 March Renée Ernst will also give a lecture on "Gender Aspects of African Conflicts" as part of the training course (Gustav-Stresemann-Haus, Bonn)

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"Facilitating Transboundary Water Management", Kyoto (20 March 2003)

"Moderation von grenzüberschreitendem Wassermanagement", Kyoto (20. März 2003)

In the frames of the Conference 3rd World Water Forum, Kyoto (16-23 March 2003), the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) is organising the session "Facilitating Transboundary Water Management" on 20 March 2003, 12:30 – 18:30 at the Ensemble Hall, Biwako Hall in Shiga.

Successful and cooperative management of transboundary waters is a necessity and a catalyst for peace. But – how can external actors assist riparian states and other stakeholders in setting up a process of transboundary water management? The main objective of the GTZ-session on Facilitating Transboundary Water Management is to improve the facilitation process for transboundary water management by discussing the subject with government and catchment representatives as well as water resources specialists. Peter Croll, director of BICC, will participate in the session as international facilitator; Lars Wirkus, BICC, will participate too, having cooperated in preparing the event.

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Conference "Small Arms and Light Weapons in Macedonia: Priorities for Action", Skopje (19 March 2003)/

Konferenz "Kleinwaffen in Mazedonien: Handlungsprioritäten", Skopje (19. März 2003)

Wolf-Christian Paes (project leader at BICC) and Hans Risser (Research Associate) will attend the international roundtable discussion on Small Arms and Light Weapons in Macedonia. The conference is being co-hosted by Saferworld, BICC and the Macedonian Presidential Cabinet. The plan is to focus on the problem of SALW proliferation in Macedonia and give the government a chance to present their initiatives to tackle the problem in Macedonia through the proposed voluntary weapons collection program. This will be followed by open discussion on the subject, particularly focusing on how it will be implemented and the role and needs of local government. The conference will be followed by the EAPC/SEEGROUP (NATO) conference in Skopje on "the collection of small arms and light weapons and regional control regimes" on the 20 and 21 March.

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United Nations Subregional Conference on "the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects in South Eastern Europe", Ljubljana, Slovenia (11–12 March 2003)/

Konferenz der Vereinten Nationen zum "illegalen Kleinwaffenhandel in Südosteuropa", Ljubljana, Slovenien (11.–12 März 2003)

On 11 and 12 March, Sami Faltas attended a UN/OSCE conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on the UN Programme of Action in South Eastern Europe.

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<http://disarmament.un.org/cab/salw-seeconf.html>

2nd Peace Counts Forum, Berlin (11 March 2003)

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Das 2. Peace Counts Forum (Veranstalter Michael Gleich in Zusammenarbeit mit der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit, GTZ) am 11. März, 19.00 Uhr, hatte das Thema: Nordirland: Ehemalige Undergroundkämpfer werben für Gewaltlosigkeit". Peter McGuire, ein protestantischer ex-Paramilitär, und John Doherty, ein ehemaliges Mitglied der Irisch

Republikanischen Armee, berichteten von ihren Initiativen, Jugendliche für gewaltlose Alternativen zu gewinnen. Eine Einführung gab Dr. Corinna Hauswedell, BICC.

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Meeting of ECAAR (Economists Allied for Arms Reduction), Bonn (6 March 2003)/

Treffen von ECAAR (Vereinigte Ökonomen für Rüstungsreduzierungen), Bonn (6. März 2003)

BICC hosted a meeting on 6 March 2003 to establish a German branch of ECAAR (Economists Allied for Arms Reduction) on the initiative of Prof. Wolfram Elsner of the University of Bremen. ECAAR was founded in the USA in the 1980s by a number of well known economists and has since established affiliates in a number of countries.

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Preparation of follow-up conference on small arms, Berlin (6 March 2003)/

Vorbereitung einer Nachfolge-Konferenz zum Thema Kleinwaffen, Berlin (6. März 2003)

On 6 March, Sami Faltas attended a meeting in Berlin of German federal ministries and agencies to discuss the July 2003 meeting of states in New York that will review the implementation of the UN Programme of Action against the illicit trade in small arms. A follow-up conference to the New York conference on small arms in 2001 is planned.

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Signing of „Memorandum of Understanding“ with DCAF, Bonn (5 March 2003)/

Unterzeichnen eines Rahmenabkommen in Form eines „Memorandum of Understanding“ mit DCAF (5. März 2003)

On 5 March Amb. Dr. Theodor Winkler and Mr. Marc Remillard from DCAF (The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces) visited BICC. During the reception a Memorandum of Understanding was signed (MoU) between DCAF and BICC. DCAF has gained substantial expertise in the area of reform as well as the civilian and parliamentary oversight of the security sector. BICC has accumulated very considerable expertise in the field of conversion, demobilization and many related areas. Both organizations are convinced that their activities are complementary and, therefore, have decided to strengthen their cooperation.

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Workshop "Community Policing - The Police in Democratic States", Mainz (26–28 February 2003)

Workshop "Bürgerpolizei-Die Polizei im demokratischen Rechtsstaat, Mainz (26. –28. Februar 2003)

From 26 to 28 February 2003 Michael Brzoska and Tobias Pietz from BICC attended a workshop by the GTZ and the Landeskriminalamt (LKA) of Rhineland-Palatinate on "Community Policing - The Police in Democratic States". After an overview of the historical development and the actual structures of the German Police System, the participants got also an inside look on day-to-day police work by visiting the Police Inspektion 1 and the Landeskriminalamt Mainz. In addition, the concepts of preventive policing and community policing were discussed, highlighting the importance of acknowledging the diverse approaches on policing worldwide and their possible influence on police reform in post-conflict settings.

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Meeting of the German Action Network to Stop Small Arms, Bonn (12 February 2003)/
Treffen des Deutschen Aktionsnetz Kleinwaffen Stoppen (DAKS), Bonn (12. Februar 2003)

On 12 February, Wolf Paes and Sami Faltas attended a meeting of the German Action Network to Stop Small Arms (Deutsches Aktionsnetz Kleinwaffen Stoppen, DAKS) in Bonn.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS/NEUE PUBLIKATIONEN:

paper 27 (upcoming)

João Gomes Porto and Imogen Parsons

Sustaining the Peace in Angola: An Overview of Current Demobilisation, Disarmament and Reintegration

<http://www.bicc.de/new.html>

PRESS RELEASES/PRESSEERKLÄRUNGEN:

DCAF and BICC intensify cooperation

http://www.bicc.de/info/pubrel/releases/pressrel_mou_dcaf.html

DCAF und BICC intensivieren Zusammenarbeit

http://www.bicc.de/info/pubrel/releases/presseerklaerung_dcaf.html

Iraq: There are alternatives to war!

http://www.bicc.de/info/pubrel/releases/pressrel_iraq.html

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