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EVENTS/AKTIVITÄTEN

Presentation on "The Role of the U.S. in the Post-Saddam World" (16 July 2003)/
Vortrag zum Thema "Die Rolle der USA in der Post-Saddam Welt" (16. Juli 2003)

Dennis Sandole, Professor of Conflict Resolution and Present International Relations at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR) of the George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, held a presentation at BICC on 16 July. His speech about "The Role of the U.S. in the Post-Saddam World" was followed by a lively discussion. Dennis Sandole came to BICC courtesy of the American General Consulate in Cologne.

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Lecture on "Water and Conflicts", Bonn (16 July 2003)/
Vortrag zum Thema "Wasser und Konflikte", Bonn (16. Juli 2003)

Lars Wirkus (BICC Projektleiter) hielt im Rahmen der Öko-Ringvorlesung der Uni Bonn einen Vortrag zum Thema "Wasser und Konflikte". Der Schwerpunkt des Vortrages lag auf dem Konflikt- und Konfliktlösungspotential grenzüberschreitender Flüsse.

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Experts meeting on Small Arms and Gender, New York (12-13 July 2003)/
Expertentreffen zum Thema Kleinwaffen und Geschlechterrollen, New York (12.-13. Juli 2003)

Renée Ernst participated in an experts meeting on Small Arms and Gender in New York on 12-13 July. The meeting followed the First Biennial Meeting of States on the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the 2001 UN Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

As part of its long-term research agenda the Small Arms Survey Project, together with other partners such as UNIFEM, the United Nations University and BICC has initiated a research project on small arms and gender. The aim of the project is to understand and measure the gendered impacts of small arms availability, proliferation and misuse in various settings. The meeting in New York brought together a wide range of experts on gender issues to help defining the conceptual framework, and content, of the proposed research project on small arms and gender.

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Workshop "Training Programmes for Lesser Developed Countries – Building Capacity for Small Arms Control", New York (9 July 2003)/
Workshop zum Thema "Entwicklungszusammenarbeit und Kleinwaffenkontrolle", New York (9. Juli 2003)

On 9 July 2003 BICC organized a workshop in New York to discuss 'Training Programmes for Lesser Developed Countries – Building Capacity for Small Arms Control'. The workshop was sponsored by the German Federal Foreign Office and took place during the UN Biennial Meeting of States to Review the Implementation of the UN Programme of Action to Combat the Illicit Trade in Small Arms. Bringing together government officials and members of the NGO community from both donor as well as recipient countries, it developed a concise catalogue of recommendations for future training programmes in small arms action. Participants exchanged ideas on how to enhance governmental weapons-control, how to raise public awareness of small arms problems and how to promote a gendered approach to SALW training measures. Further cooperating partners of BICC were the Carl-Duisberg-

Society (CDS), InWEnt Capacity Building International, the GTZ and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

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Meeting of Women's Security Council, Berlin (9 July 2003)/

Treffen des Frauensicherheitsrats, Berlin (9. Juli 2003)

Am 9. Juli 2003 fand ein Treffen von Staatsministerin Kerstin Müller und drei Vertreterinnen des Frauensicherheitsrats im Auswärtigem Amt in Berlin statt. Renée Ernst, Mitglied der Steuerungsgruppe des Frauensicherheitsrats, nahm als Vertreterin des BICC teil. Nach einer Kurzvorstellung der bisherigen Arbeit des Frauensicherheitsrats wurden mögliche Kooperationsmaßnahmen angedacht. Anhand der konkreten Beispiele Afghanistan und Irak wurde über die Bemühungen der Bundesregierung, die Umsetzung der Resolution 1325 voranzutreiben, gesprochen. Konkret vereinbart wurde die inhaltliche Mitwirkung des Frauensicherheitsrats bei den beiden kommenden Veranstaltungen des Auswärtigen Amtes "Forum globale Fragen". Näheres über den Frauensicherheitsrat siehe <http://www.glow-boell.de>, unter dem Suchbegriff: "Frauensicherheitsrat".

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Conference "Friedensgutachten 2003" (annual German peace report), Schmitten (7-8 July 2003)/

Tagung "Friedensgutachten 2003", Schmitten (7.–8. Juli 2003)

Vom 7. bis 8. Juli 2003 veranstalteten die Evangelische Akademie Arnoldshain und die Katholische Akademie Rabanus Maurus die Tagung "Friedensgutachten 2003. Nach dem Irak-Krieg – Perspektiven einer zukünftigen Friedensforschung". Corinna Hauswedell, FGA-Herausgeberin am BICC (federführend 2003) sprach zum Thema "Wider die Remilitarisierung von Politik".

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Consultancy on civil-military dialogues in Thailand, Chiangmai (16-28 June 2003)/

Beratung zu zivil-militärischem Dialog in Thailand, Chiangmai (16.-28. Juni 2003)

Renee Ernst and Michael Brzoska advised the YMCA for Northern Development Foundation (YNDF), an NGO based in Chiangmai, Thailand, on a planned project on civil-military dialogues between 16–28 June. The organization wants to promote a more active role of the Thai military in the provision of development assistance to minority groups in the border area with Burma/Myanmar. Their approach is to embed this in a broader process of dialogues with the armed forces on military reform. BICC was asked by the Evangelische Entwicklungsdienst (eed) to provide background information on military reform and the opportunities and pitfalls of NGO interaction with the military to the YNDF.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS/NEUE PUBLIKATIONEN:

paper 30

Henri Myrntinen, Base Conversion in Central and Eastern Europe 1989-2003

<http://www.bicc.de/bases/paper30/content.html>

Anna Matveeva and Wolf-Christian Paes, The Kosovo Serbs: An ethnic minority between collaboration and defiance

(co-publication of BICC, the Friedrich Naumann Foundation and Saferworld)

http://www.bicc.de/general/report_saferworld_II/content.html

BICC bulletin No. 28
Feature: Atomic Graveyard by Peter A. Huchthausen
<http://www.bicc.de/general/bulletin/bulletin28.pdf>

Peter J. Croll, Voces y opiniones del desarme: Enseñanzas adquiridas de la experiencia de Bonn Internacional Center for Conversion, BICC, en otros países
(joint publication with the Centro de Estudios Socioculturales e Internacionales CESO, Universidad de los Andes, Columbia)

PRESS RELEASES/PRESSEERKLÄRUNGEN:

BICC Workshop in New York: "Training Programmes for Lesser Developed Countries - Building Capacity for Small Arms Control"
http://www.bicc.de/info/pubrel/releases/pressrelease_ny_workshop.html

UN-Kleinwaffenkonferenz in New York - BICC-Workshop zu Entwicklungszusammenarbeit und Kleinwaffenkontrolle
http://www.bicc.de/info/pubrel/releases/presseerklaerung_ny_workshop.html

Jährlich 500.000 Todesopfer durch Kleinwaffen (Joint press release of UNICEF and BICC)
http://www.bicc.de/info/pubrel/releases/presseerklaerung_ny_conference.html

Afghanistan: Assessing the Progress of Security Sector Reform, One Year After the Geneva Conference - Final Report
http://www.bicc.de/info/pubrel/releases/pressrel_afg_e-conference_report.html

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