

**BICC Newsletter 12/2012 (December 2012)/
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EVENTS / AKTIVITÄTEN

**GKKE publishes its arms exports report 2012, Berlin (10 December 2012)/
GKKE veröffentlicht Rüstungsexportbericht 2012, Berlin (10. Dezember 2012)**

Kritik an der Zunahme von Rüstungsexportgenehmigungen an Drittstaaten, also an Länder außerhalb von NATO und EU, übte die GKKE bei der Vorstellung ihres diesjährigen Rüstungsexportberichtes vor der Bundespressekonferenz am heutigen Tag in Berlin. Mit 42 Prozent machten sie in 2011 annähernd die Hälfte aller Ausführungsgenehmigungen aus.

Bei seinem Statement vor der Bundespressekonferenz in Berlin am 10. Dezember ging Jan Grebe, neuer Vorsitzender der Fachgruppe Rüstungsexporte, kritisch auf die Überprüfung des Gemeinsamen Standpunktes der EU ein.

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<http://www.bicc.de/press/press-releases/press/news/gkke-publishes-its-arms-exports-report-2012-weapons-do-not-create-stability-339/>

<http://www3.gkke.org/>

**Training for gold- and silversmiths, Essen (6 December 2012)/
Fortbildung für Gold- und Silberschmiede, Essen (6. Dezember 2012)**

„Woher kommt mein Gold?“ Marie Müller und Experten von Südwind referierten am Berufskolleg für Gold- und Silberschmiede in Essen über Weltmarkt, Produktionsbedingungen, Konfliktlinien im Goldbergbau sowie Fairtrade-Ansätze zur Beschaffung.

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**COARM NGO Conference, Brussels (5 December 2012)/
COARM NGO Konferenz, Brüssel (5. Dezember 2012)**

Jan Grebe participated in the annual European Union COARM (Council Working Group on Conventional Arms Exports) NGO Conference in Brussels on 5 December. The meeting was entitled "The end of the affairs: concluding the Common Position review and ATT negotiations" and discussed issues concerning European Arms Export Control. Grebe chaired a session on "New technologies, new patterns of industrial cooperations, new control mechanisms, and their implications for EU transfer controls".

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**Inaugural lecture of Dr. Elke Grawert, Bonn (5 December 2012)/
Antrittsvorlesung von Dr. Elke Grawert, Bonn (5. Dezember 2012)**

On 5 December, Dr. Elke Grawert held her inaugural lecture at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University of Bonn and afterwards, the Dean, represented by the Deputy Dean, appointed her an adjunct member of the Faculty of Philosophy. The topic of the public lecture was "Regime Types and Wars in Africa between 1960 and 2010".

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**Conference "In Focus: Media – Conflict – Migration", Bonn (4 December 2012)/
Konferenz "In Focus: Media – Conflict – Migration", Bonn (4. Dezember 2012)**

On 4 December, the Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen (Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations – IFA) together with Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC) and Deutsche Welle (DW) conducted the conference "In Focus: Media – Conflict – Migration. The conflict potential of the media coverage regarding migration from the countries of the Arab Spring to Europe". Representatives of the media, politics, research as well as civil society engaged in lively discussions in three panels. An edited volume on the issue will follow by IFA.

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http://www.bicc.de/fileadmin/Dateien/pdf/events/2012/Conference_Programme_Media-Conflict-Migration.pdf

<http://www.ifa.de/en/foerderprogramme/forschungsprogramm-kultur-und-aussenpolitik/projekte/#c119441>

Roundtable discussion “The Rise of China and Other Emerging Powers”, Bonn (3 December 2012)/

Rundtischgespräch “The Rise of China and Other Emerging Powers”, Bonn (3. Dezember 2012)

On 3 December, BICC conducted a roundtable discussion with Alexander Lennon, Editor in Chief of Washington Quarterly and CSIS Senior Fellow, on “The Rise of China and Other Emerging Powers”. Lennon was in Germany on the invitation of the US consulate in Dusseldorf.

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Public lecture on stakeholder workshop, Juba, South Sudan (1 December 2012)/

Vorlesung zum Stakeholder Workshop, Juba, Südsudan (1. Dezember 2012)

On 1 December, the organizers of the Stakeholder Workshop “Social dimensions of oil exploitation in South Sudan” presented their findings to the public at the University of Juba. Students, lecturers, NGO workers, Worldbank and UN representatives attended the event and commented and discussed the presentations.

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Annual Small Arms Symposium, Geilenkirchen (28 November 2012)/

Jahressymposium zu Kleinwaffen, Geilenkirchen (28. November 2012)

On 28 November, Christof Koegler and Dr. Michael Ashkenazi participated in the annual SALW symposium of the Zentrum für Verifikationsaufgaben der Bundeswehr (Federal Armed Forces Verification Center) along with representatives from concerned units of the German Armed Forces, government agencies, and major NGOs. In addition to reviewing and discussing several ongoing projects, many of them implemented by BICC, Ashkenazi presented a proposal for a course on "Project Management Coordination in Post-Conflict Countries."

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Stakeholder workshop “Social dimensions of oil exploitation in South Sudan”, Juba, South Sudan (27–28 November 2012)/

Stakeholder Workshop „Soziale Aspekte der Öl-Ausbeutung im Südsudan“, Juba, Südsudan (27.-28- November 2012)

On 27 and 28 November, Dr Elke Grawert organized and conducted a stakeholder workshop on the social dimensions of oil exploitation in South Sudan together with Kathelijne Schenkel and Egbert Wesselink, IKV-Pax Christi/ECOS and the Sudan Council of Churches SCC Juba.

The workshop took place in the Aron International Hotel in Juba, South Sudan, and provided invited guests with the opportunity to be informed and provide feedback about four researches conducted by IKV-Pax Christi as well as about the BICC research in Melut County, Upper Nile State of 2011 regarding "oil investment in a field of overlapping conflicts".

72 participants from all relevant stakeholder groups - local leaders from communities in the oil areas, officials of county governments, representatives of the oil consortia of Dar Petroleum Operating Company (DPOC), Greater Pioneer Operating Company (GPOC) and Total, members of state legislative assemblies and of the national parliament - discussed the controversial issues and relationships among the stakeholders, including questions of damage, compensation and development. The Minister of Petroleum and Mining, Hon. Stephen Dhieu Dau opened the workshop with a speech, and the Director General of Petroleum Mohamed Lino Benjamin highlighted the Petroleum Act of 2012.

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**Kimberley Process Plenary meeting, Washington D.C., USA (27-30 November 2012)/
Kimberley Process Plenartreffen, Washington D.C., USA (27. -30. November 2012)**

BICC-Researcher Marie Müller attended the plenary meeting of the international diamond trade regulation scheme as part of the civil society observer coalition. On 27 November she delivered the opening speech of the KP Civil Society Coalition.

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http://www.bicc.de/fileadmin/Dateien/pdf/events/2012/KP_Civil_Society_Plenary_speech.pdf

Multinational Small Arms and Ammunition Group Meeting, Paris, France (18-22 November 2012)

Treffen der multinationalen "Small Arms and Ammunition Group", Paris, Frankreich (18. -22. November 2012)

Marius Kahl and Dr. Michael Ashkenazi participated in the semi-annual MSAG (Multinational Small Arms and Ammunition Group) meeting in Paris, 18-22 November. At this meeting of experts from arms control verification centers of NATO countries, BICC presented ongoing and upcoming projects. Marius Kahl presented the ongoing PSSM (Physical Security and Stockpile Management) project he heads in South Sudan. In addition to presenting and reviewing the project, BICC's experience also fed into upcoming PSSM projects by MSAG members in other countries.

Michael Ashkenazi presented some of the conclusions that have emerged from his team's study of MANPADS, focusing on PSSM and regulation aspects. Finally, Ashkenazi together with Lt. Col. Gundlach of the Verification Center of the German Armed Forces presented a proposal for a course on "Project Management Coordination in Post-Conflict Countries."

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**Expert talk "Artisanal gold from Peru and the DR Congo", Bonn (20 November 2012)/
Fachgespräch „Gold von Kleinschürfern aus Peru und DR Kongo“, Bonn (20. November 2012)**

Am 20. November stellten Friedel Hütz-Adams, Südwind, und Marie Müller, BICC, die Ergebnisse ihrer gemeinsamen Studie zu Zertifizierungen im Kleinbergbau in Peru und der DR Kongo einem Kreis von Entwicklungsexperten sowie aus Unternehmen und interessierter Öffentlichkeit vor. Die Studie ist als BICC brief 46 erschienen.

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<http://www.bicc.de/publications/publicationpage/publication/auf-der-suche-nach-dem-sauberen-gold-kleinbergbau-von-gold-in-peru-und-dr-kongo-348/>

**DITAC- Meeting, Frankfurt (16-17 November 2012)/
DITAC-Treffen, Frankfurt (16. -17. November 2012)**

On 16 and 17 November, Dr. Michael Ashkenazi participated in an extraordinary meeting of the curriculum work package of the DITAC (Disaster Training Curriculum) project of which BICC is a participating partner. Work on the package so far was discussed, and new assignments were allocated for structuring and fleshing out the curriculum.

DITAC is a multi-year project funded by the EU, with fourteen partners from across Europe. The work will continue for another two years and will include the publication of a complete curriculum, simulation tools, and a pilot course.

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Civil Society Workshop "Oil production and compensational justice?", Bonn (14–15 November 2012)/

Zivilgesellschaftlicher Workshop „Oil production and compensational justice?“, Bonn (14.-15. November 2012)

BICC, together with Group Chad, held a workshop on different compensation models in the oil and mining sector in Africa. This assembled experts from non-governmental organizations and research institutes to discuss alternatives to existing compensation schemes, as applied by varied companies such as ExxonMobil and China National Petroleum Corporation.

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http://www.bicc.de/fileadmin/Dateien/pdf/events/2012/Programme_Workshop_compensation_oil_sector_final_logos.pdf

PRESS RELEASES / PRESSEERKLÄRUNGEN

10 December 2012 / 10. Dezember 2012

GKKE veröffentlicht ihren Rüstungsexportbericht 2012 - Waffen schaffen keine Stabilität (in German)

<http://www.bicc.de/press/press-releases/press/news/gkke-publishes-its-arms-exports-report-2012-weapons-do-not-create-stability-339/>

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Deutsche Rüstungsexporte - „Ertüchtigung statt Einmischung“ (in German)

<http://www.bicc.de/press/press-releases/press/news/german-arms-exports-strengthening-instead-of-interference-338/>

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In Focus: Media – Conflict – Migration (in English)

<http://www.bicc.de/press/press-releases/press/news/in-focus-media-conflict-migration-337/>

27 November 2012/ 27. November 2012

Interview: Privatisierung von Sicherheit durch private Sicherheits- und Militärfirmen (in German)

<http://www.bicc.de/press/press-releases/press/news/meeting-of-the-network-privatization-of-security-by-private-security-and-military-companies-3/>

NEW PUBLICATIONS / NEUE PUBLIKATIONEN

UPDATE: BICC's Global Militarization Index (GMI) 2012 (in English)

http://www.bicc.de/fileadmin/Dateien/pdf/press/2012/Update_GMI_2012_Fact_Sheet_e_neu.pdf

Update: Der Globale Militarisierungsindex (GMI) 2012 des BICC (in German)

http://www.bicc.de/fileadmin/Dateien/pdf/press/2012/Update_GMI_2012_Fact_Sheet_e_neu.pdf

Jerry Sommer. 2012. "Cyprus–Prejudice and Bias Prevent Reunification". In *Digital Development Debates*; Issue 09

<http://www.digital-development-debates.org/issues/09-prejudice/conflict/cyprus-prejudice-and-bias-prevent-reunification/>

Jerry Sommer. 2012. "Iran–Nuclear Conflict: Prejudices, Myths and Facts". In *Digital Development Debates*; Issue 09

<http://www.digital-development-debates.org/issues/09-prejudice/conflict/iran-nuclear-conflict-prejudices-myths-facts/>

Michael Ashkenazi / Jan Grebe. 2012. „Traditionelle Konfliktbearbeitung“. In PD Dr. Andreas Heinemann-Grüder / Isabella Bauer, M.A. (Hg.). *Zivile Konfliktbearbeitung. Vom Anspruch zur Wirklichkeit*. 51379 Leverkusen-Opladen: Verlag Barbara Budrich (i.E.)

BICC IN THE MEDIA / BICC IN DEN MEDIEN

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Stern.de: Report: Mehr deutsche Waffenexporte in Problem-Länder (in German)

<http://www.stern.de/politik/deutschland/mehr-deutsche-waffenexporte-in-problem-laender-1939828.html>

DW Themen: Rüstungsgeschäft: Kirchen kritisieren deutsche Waffenexporte (in German)

<http://www.dw.de/kirchen-kritisieren-deutsche-waffenexporte/a-16440865>

Süddeutsche Zeitung: Kirchen kritisieren Waffenexporte (in German)

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/65t38L/1022236/Kirchen-kritisieren-Waffenexporte.html>

Wolfenbuettelheute.de: EKD: GKKE veröffentlicht Rüstungsexportbericht 2012 – “Waffen schaffen keine Stabilität” (in German)

<http://wolfenbuettelheute.de/ekd-gkke-veroeffentlicht-ruestungsexportbericht-2012-waffen-schaffen-keine-stabilitat/>

Neues Deutschland: Heftige Kritik der Kirchen (in German)

<http://www.neues-deutschland.de/artikel/806885.heftige-kritik-der-8232-kirchen.html>

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Funkhaus Europa (Mittagsmagazin Piazza): Interview mit Marc von Boemcken zur deutschen Rüstungsexportpolitik

Servus tv (Österreich): Interview mit Jan Grebe zur deutschen Rüstungsexportpolitik

RTL Nachtmagazin: Interview mit Jan Grebe zur deutschen Rüstungsexportpolitik

Tagesschau.de: „Sicherheitsstrategie mit Boomerang-Gefahr“. Interview mit Jan Grebe zur deutschen Rüstungsexportpolitik (in German)

<http://www.tagesschau.de/inland/ruestungsexport102.html>

Deutsche Welle: „Müssen ins Ausland exportieren.“ Interview mit Marc von Boemcken zur deutschen Rüstungsexportpolitik (in German)

<http://www.dw.de/boehmcken-m%C3%BCssen-ins-ausland-exportieren/a-16425011>

15 November 2012 / 15. November 2012

Israelhayom (Israel): Report: Israel is world's most militarized country (in English)

http://www.israelhayom.com/site/newsletter_article.php?id=6419

[Antiwar.com](http://original.antiwar.com/lobe/2012/11/14/israel-ranked-worlds-most-militarized-nation/) (USA): Israel Ranked World's Most Militarized Nation (in English)

<http://original.antiwar.com/lobe/2012/11/14/israel-ranked-worlds-most-militarized-nation/>

Literarni Novyni (Chekh Republik, in Chekh): [Opravdu známe názory nového šéfa syrské opozice?](http://www.literarky.cz/tereza-spencerova/12489-opravdu-zname-nazory-noveho-efa-syrske-opozice/)

<http://www.literarky.cz/tereza-spencerova/12489-opravdu-zname-nazory-noveho-efa-syrske-opozice->

news.walla (Israel): Israel is the most militarized country in the world (in Hebrew)

<http://news.walla.co.il/?w=/2689/2585834>

AJN (Spain): Investigación: Israel considerado el país más militarizado del mundo (in Spanish)

<http://www.prensajudia.com/shop/detallenot.asp?notid=31240>

Trouw (Netherlands): Israël meest gemilitariseerde land ter wereld (in Dutch)

<http://www.trouw.nl/tr/nl/4496/Buitenland/article/detail/3348053/2012/11/15/Israel-meest-gemilitariseerde-land-ter-wereld.dhtml>

AsiaTimes: Israel ranked as most militarized nation (in English)

http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Middle_East/NK15Ak02.html

14 November 2012 / 14. November 2012

Alwafd (Egypt): Israel is the most militarized country in the world (in Arabian)

<http://www.alwafd.org/%D8%B5%D8%AD%D9%81/303025-%D8%AF%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%B3%D8%A9-%D8%A5%D8%B3%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%A6%D9%8A%D9%84-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AF%D9%88%D9%84%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A3%D9%83%D8%AB%D8%B1-%D8%B9%D8%B3%D9%83%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D9%81%D9%89-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85>

Almasryalyoum (Egypt): Israel is the most militarized country in the world, Syria on position 3 (in Arabian)

<http://www.almasyalyoum.com/node/1240186>

Arabian business news (web portal): Gulf states among world's most armed – study (in English)
<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/gulf-states-among-world-s-most-armed-study-479550.html>

Vesti (Azerbaijan): Azerbaijan among the among the Top ten of most militarized countries (in Russian)
http://vesti.az/news/136873/%D0%90%D0%B7%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%B1%D0%B0%D0%B9%D0%B4%D0%B6%D0%B0%D0%BD_%D0%B2%D0%BE%D1%88%D0%B5%D0%BB_%D0%B2_%D0%B4%D0%B5%D1%81%D1%8F%D1%82%D0%BA%D1%83_%D1%81%D0%B0%D0%BC%D1%8B%D1%85_%D0%B2%D0%BE%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%B8%D0%B7%D0%B8%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%BD%D1%8B%D1%85_%D1%81%D1%82%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD

BICC staff wishes you all a Happy New Year 2013!