

EVENTS / AKTIVITÄTEN

**International conference “Mobilizing Religion: Networks and Mobility”, Bonn (18–19 July 2013)/
Internationale Konferenz “Mobilizing Religion: Networks and Mobility”, Bonn (18. -19. Juli 2013)**

From 18 to 19 July, the “Crossroads Asia Project” is organizing an international conference entitled “Mobilizing Religion: Networks and Mobility”. On 19 July, Conrad Schetter will chair the panel “Religious and Secular Aspects in Political Processes.”

The conference will take place at the Institute of Oriental and Asian Studies in Bonn. Crossroads Asia is an association of seven German research institutes conducting research on the concepts of mobility and of conflict, migration and development—in particular on the relevance of these concepts in defining ‘area’. The geographical focus of Crossroads Asia’s research lies on the area extending from eastern Iran to western China and from the Aral Sea to northern India.

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**Fruitful talks in Khartoum, Sudan, and Juba, South Sudan (25 June–3 July 2013)/
Fruchtbare Gespräche in Khartum, Sudan, und Juba, Südsudan (25. Juni – 3. Juli 2013)**

From 25 June to 3 July 2013, Conrad Schetter, Director for Research, and Michael Dedek, Director for Administration, visited projects and cooperation partners in Khartoum, Sudan, and Juba, South Sudan. In South Sudan, BICC is running two projects; one provides technical support for DDR in South Sudan (Capacity-development and technical advice), and is financed by Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW). The other is a project funded by the German Foreign Office and deals with the small arms and ammunition stockpile in South Sudan.

In Khartoum (Sudan), both Directors visited a project also funded by the German Foreign Office in which BICC gives technical assistance to the Sudanese DDR-Commission.

The Directors met with the project staff as well as with representatives of the South Sudanese/ Sudanese partners, GOs and NGOs (e.g. UN, EC, GIZ, KfW, MAG) and the German embassies. The cooperation partners both in Khartoum as well as in Juba underlined their appreciation for BICC’s work and expertise.

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**SYMIN final project workshop at European Space Agency (ESA), Rom, Italy (2 July 2013)/
Abschlussworkshop des SYMIN-Projekts bei der Europäischen Raumagentur (ESA), Rom, Italien (2. Juli 2013)**

The SYMIN Project uses satellite images and interpretation techniques to locate, map, and monitor artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) operations to assist mining authorities with the regulation of informal mining activities. On 2 July, SYMIN project partners GAF AG, the Institute for Environmental Security (IES), Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC) presented and discussed the project’s findings with the European Space Agency, which funded the research. During the workshop, Lars Wirkus presented the results of the SYMIN expert meeting BICC had organized on 24 April 2013 on the topic “Can satellite imagery contribute to resource governance and conflict prevention?”.

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<http://www3.gaf.de/symin/>

**Conference on arms and ammunition management, Juba, South Sudan (2 July 2013)/
Konferenz zur Verwaltung von Waffen und Munition, Juba, Südsudan (2. Juli 2013)**

On 2 July, BICC, in collaboration with the South Sudan Bureau for Community Security and Small Arms Control, organized a conference in Juba to discuss the way forward for arms and ammunition management in South Sudan. Senior officers of all the armed forces were present, as well as

representatives of international NGOs, UN agencies, and the Verification Centre of the German Federal Armed Forces.

The fruitful discussions focused on the needs and priorities of the organized forces, and on where international assistance could be of greatest added value. Another question considered was how existing knowledge in arms and ammunition management could best be retained and spread. It was decided that joint inter-service teams would be set up for assessments of storage facilities, so that knowledge gained during trainings would be used on a daily basis.

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**5th European Conference on African Studies (ECAS), Lisbon, Portugal (27–29 June 2013)/
5. Europäische Konferenz zu Afrikastudien (ECAS), Lissabon, Portugal (27. -29. Juni 2013**

Marie Müller participated in the 5th European Conference on African Studies on 27 to 29 June where she presented a paper entitled "What really is contentious about resources? Modes of governing mineral extraction in South Kivu, DR Congo" on the panel "Conflict minerals, property rights and transnational resource governance: a new African 'resource curse'?" (P21).

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<http://cea.iscte.pt/ecas2013/>

**UN-SPIDER expert meeting on early warning, Bonn (25–26 June 2013)/
UN-SPIDER Expertentreffen zu Frühwarnung, Bonn (25. -26. Juni 2013)**

From 25 to 26 June, Lars Wirkus participated in the United Nations/Germany expert meeting on the use of space based information in early warning systems, jointly organized by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs/UN-SPIDER and the German Aerospace Center (DLR). Lars Wirkus took part in the exchange of experiences and lessons learned, especially focusing on identifying areas where space-based information can improve the functionality of existing early warning systems and on strategies that can facilitate access to and use of space-based information in early warning and preparedness.

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**Training on Physical Security and Stockpile Management, Nairobi, Kenya (24–28 June 2013)/
Training über physische Kleinwaffensicherheit und -Lagerhaltung, Nairobi, Kenia (24.-28. Juni 2013)**

From 24 to 28 June, the International Peace Support Training Centre in Nairobi hosted a five-day training on Physical Security and Stockpile Management. The training was for representatives of the armed forces of a number of East-African countries, and was funded by the Government of Denmark in the framework of the Multinational Small Arms and Ammunition Group (MSAG). During the training, BICC presented the Starter Guide Towards Strong Arms and Ammunition Management Practices, which BICC has developed in collaboration with numerous international partners. The Guide offers a step-by-step approach to improving arms and ammunition management, and is specifically designed for practitioners working in challenging environments.

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<http://www.bicc.de/publications/publicationpage/publication/starter-guide-towards-strong-arms-and-ammunition-management-practices-381/>

**Hearing "Fair Gold?", Mainz (20 June 2013)/
Hearing „Faires Gold?“, Mainz (20. Juni 2013)**

Auf dem Expertenhearing „Faires Gold' – eine Perspektive – für die Menschen in Peru, für uns?“ zu Goldförderung und -handel sprach Marie Müller in Mainz zu Kriterien und Voraussetzungen für ein Label „FairGold“. Die Kampagne "Bergwerk Peru - Reichtum geht, Armut bleibt" war Veranstalter der Diskussion.

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<http://www.infostelle-peru.de/web/veranstaltungen/>

**G-SEXTANT project workshop, Madrid, Spain (19–20 June 2013)/
G-SEXTANT Projekt Workshop, Madrid, Spanien (19. -20. Juni 2013)**

Lars Wirkus attended the second G-SEXTANT (Geospatial intelligence in support of EU External Action) workshop which took place from 20 to 22 June. At the meeting at consortium leader's INDRRA premises, San Fernando de Henares/Madrid, discussed the scenario and portfolio review. As a member of G-SEXTANT's Ethics Board, Lars Wirkus facilitated the board meeting.

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**BICC workshop at the Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum 2013, Bonn (18 June 2013)/
BICC Workshop beim Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum 2013, Bonn (18. Juni 2013)**

"The Future of Growth – Economic Values and the Media" was the topic of the sixth Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum from 17 to 19 June at the World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB). On 18 June, BICC conducted the workshop "Commodities and Foreign Investors - Protecting the Rights of Communities and Conflict Prevention (the Chad example)".

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<http://www.dw.de/commodities-and-foreign-investors-protecting-the-rights-of-communities-and-preventing-conflict-the-chad-example/a-16687932>

Expert Talk: The World Bank's environmental and social safeguard policies, Bonn (18 June 2013)/

Expertengespräch: Soziale und Umweltstandards der Weltbank, Bonn (18. Juni 2013)

On Tuesday, 18 June 2013, BICC invited to an expert talk "Under review: The World Bank's environmental and social safeguard policies" with Dr. Korinna Horta, expert for international finance, environment and human rights at the premises of BICC.

Dr. Korinna Horta gave an assessment of the risks and potentials surrounding the review of the WB's environmental and social safeguard policies.

An mp3-file with the discussion can be found at

<http://www.bicc.de/press/press-releases/press/news/under-review-the-world-banks-safeguard-policies-373/>

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**Conference "Smart Technology in SALW Control", Berlin (17–18 June 2013)/
Konferenz "Smart Technology in SALW Control", Berlin (17. -18. Juni 2013)**

On 17 and 18 June, the international conference "Smart Technology in SALW Control: Civilian Protection, the UN-PoA, and Transfer Control" (SmartCon), planned and organized by BICC and the German Foreign Office, took place at the premises of the Foreign Office in Berlin.

The six panels looked at the issue of information technology in small arms and light weapons control, ranging from the technological side to legal frameworks, like the United Nations Programme of Action (UN-PoA) on Small Arms and Light Weapons. This included questions regarding the applicability in least developed countries and post-conflict settings, shipment, tracing, and access limitations as in so-called smart guns.

The keynote speech of Ambassador Rolf Nickel, German Foreign Office, and the welcome address of Conrad Schetter can be found at

<http://www.bicc.de/press/press-releases/press/news/salw-conf-372/>

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**Discussion "Europe's weapons for the world?", Brussels, Belgium (18 June 2013)/
Diskussion „Europas Waffen für die Welt?“, Brüssel, Belgien (18. Juni 2013)**

Am 18. Juni diskutierten im Haus der EKD in Brüssel Marc von Boemcken, federführender Herausgeber des Friedensgutachtens 2013, Brigadegeneral Bernd Schulte Berge, Leiter des Arbeitsbereichs Militärpolitik der Ständigen Vertretung, Dr. Franziska Brantner MdEP, Mitglied im Ausschuss für Auswärtige Angelegenheiten und Außenpolitische Sprecherin der Fraktion Grüne/EFA, Jan Grebe, BICC und Vorsitzender der Fachgruppe Rüstungsexporte der Gemeinsamen Konferenz

Kirche und Entwicklung (GKKE), Prof. Dr. Michael Brzoska, Institut für Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik an der Universität Hamburg (IFSH) sowie Georg Wilhelm Adamowitsch, Hauptgeschäftsführer des Bundesverbands der Deutschen Sicherheits- und Verteidigungsindustrie (BDSV), in Verbindung mit der Vorstellung des Friedensgutachtens 2013 über Rüstungsexporte im Spannungsfeld von Wirtschafts- und Außenpolitik.

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<http://www.friedensgutachten.de/index.php/id-2013.html>

**SIPRI Conference on Economics and Security, Stockholm, Sweden (14–15 June 2013)/
SIPRI Konferenz zu Wirtschaft und Sicherheit, Stockholm, Schweden (14. –15. Juni 2013)**

Lena Guesnet participated in the 17th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security at SIPRI in Stockholm from 14 to 15 June and presented a paper on "Oil, conflict and military expenditure: The Chad example".

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<http://www.sipri.org/research/armaments/milex/ICES2013>

PRESS RELEASES / PRESSEERKLÄRUNGEN

16 July 2013 / 16. Juli 2013

Parliamentary control and transparency of arms exports (in German)

http://www.bicc.de/fileadmin/Dateien/pdf/press/2013/Ruestungstransferstudie_160713.pdf

20 June 2013 / 20. Juni 2013

Global Media Forum 2013: Participants demand release of jailed journalists in Chad (in German)

<http://www.bicc.de/press/press-releases/press/news/global-media-forum-2013-participants-demand-release-of-jailed-journalists-in-chad-371/>

NEW PUBLICATIONS / NEUE PUBLIKATIONEN

Conrad Schetter (2013): Book Review: Policing Afghanistan by Antonio Giustozzi. International Affairs 89 (4): 1074-1075

Jan Grebe. „Parlamentarische Kontrolle und Transparenz von Rüstungsexporten“. Bonn: BICC (in German).

<http://www.bicc.de/publications/publicationpage/publication/parlamentarische-kontrolle-und-transparenz-von-ruestungsexporten-390/>

Jan Grebe. “Harmonized EU Arms Exports Policies in Times of Austerity? Adherence to the Criteria of the EU Common Position on Arms Exports”. Bonn: BICC (in English).

<http://www.bicc.de/press/press-releases/press/news/harmonized-eu-arms-exports-policies-in-times-of-austerity-369/>

BICC IN THE MEDIA / BICC IN DEN MEDIEN

12 July 2013 / 12. Juli 2013

Econoafrika: Mursi entmachtet (in German)

<http://www.econoafrika.com/?hp=1581>

8 July 2013 / 8 Juli 2013

DW Themata : „Ο στρατός έχει τη στήριξη του λαού“ (in Greek)

<http://www.dw.de/o-στρατός-έχει-τη-στήριξη-του-λαού/a-16935637>

7 July 2013 / 7. Juli 2013

DW Themen: „Ruhe vor dem Sturm“. Interview mit Ahmed Khalifa (in German)

<http://www.dw.de/khalifa-ruhe-vor-dem-sturm/a-16934205>

DW Top Stories: „Quiet before the storm”. Interview with Ahmed Khalifa (in English)
<http://www.dw.de/quiet-before-the-storm/a-16934575>

DW Actualidad: „Egipto vive calma antes de la tempestad”. Interview with Ahmed Khalifa (in Spanish)
<http://www.dw.de/ahmed-jalifa-egipto-vive-calma-antes-de-la-tempestad/a-16934606>

4 July 2013 / 4. Juli 2013

FinanzNachrichten.de: Mursi entmachtet: Das ägyptische Militär hat wieder ein Mal ihren Präsidenten entmachtet. Seit Mittwochabend... (in German)
<http://www.finanznachrichten.de/nachrichten-2013-07/27314266-mursi-entmachtet-das-aegyptische-militaer-hat-wieder-ein-mal-ihren-praesidenten-entmachtet-seit-mittwochabend-465.htm>

2 July 2013 / 2. Juli 2013

p-magazin.de: Neue Märkte für deutsche Waffen: Regierung Merkel verletzt Menschenrechte (in German)
<http://pressefreiheit-in-deutschland.de/neue-maerkte-fuer-deutsche-waffen-regierung-merkel-verletzt-menschenrechte-4022/>

DW: Friedensgespräche mit ‚den‘ Taliban (in German)
<http://www.dw.de/friedensgespr%C3%A4che-mit-den-taliban/a-16909016>

26 June 2013 / 26. Juni 2013

DW: Talks with ‘the’ Taliban (in English)
<http://www.dw.de/talks-with-the-taliban/a-16909435>

25 June 2013 / 25. Juni 2013

bundeswehr-journal: Droht ein Kontrollverlust über die Kriegsführung? (in German)
<http://www.bundeswehr-journal.de/2013/droht-ein-kontrollverlust-uber-die-kriegsfuehrung/>

rough-polished.com: Meeus Lashes Out at Diamond Industry NGOs (in English)
<http://rough-polished.com/en/news/78812.html>

21 June 2013 / 21. Juni 2013

diamonds.net: Meeus Lashes Out at Diamond Industry NGOs (in English)
<http://www.diamonds.net/News/NewsItem.aspx?ArticleID=43536&ArticleTitle=Meeus%2BLashes%2BOut%2Bat%2BDiamond%2BIndustry%2BNGOs>

20 June 2013 / 20. Juni 2013

Information.dk: Lang vej til fred i Afghanistan (in Danish)
<http://www.information.dk/464319>

19 June 2013 / 19. Juni 2013

DW Themen: Sicherheit nach 2014 - mit den Taliban? (in German)
<http://www.dw.de/sicherheit-nach-2014-mit-den-taliban/a-16894171>

DW Actualidad: Afganistán: „no habrá paz sin los talibanes” (in Spanish)
<http://www.dw.de/afganist%C3%A1n-no-habr%C3%A1-paz-sin-los-talibanes/a-16894437>

17 June 2013 / 17. Juni 2013

ArabianBusiness.com: Raytheon closes in on Kuwait Patriot missile deal (in English)
<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/raytheon-closes-in-on-kuwait-patriot-missile-deal-505424.html>

14 June 2013 / 14. Juni 2013

Idexonline.com: Angola Refutes NGO Report on Army Role in Diamonds (in English)
http://www.idexonline.com/portal_FullNews.asp?id=38250

13 June 2013 / 13. Juni 2013

Taz Bremen: Ex-Warlord in Bundeswehrkrankenhaus. Gekaufte Freundschaft (in German)
<http://www.taz.de/Ex-Warlord-im-Bundeswehrkrankenhaus/!118086/>

11 June 2013 / 11. Juni 2013

DW Themen: „Menschenrechte werden mit Füßen getreten“. Interview mit Marie Müller (in German)
<http://www.dw.de/menschenrechte-werden-mit-fuessen-getreten/a-16873908>