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**EVENTS / AKTIVITÄTEN**

**Discussion "Change of course in German arms exports policy?" Berlin (11 December 2014)**

**Diskussion „Kehrtwende in der Rüstungsexportpolitik?“, Berlin (11. Dezember 2014)**

Jan Grebe wird am 11. Dezember am GKKE-Donnerstagsgespräch zum Thema „Kehrtwende in der Rüstungsexportpolitik? Rüstungsexporte zwischen Außenwirtschaftsbilanz, sicherheitspolitischen Interessen und Friedensethik" teilnehmen. Gemeinsam mit Staatssekretär Matthias Machnig, Dr.-Ing. Michael Mertin und Agnieszka Brugger wird er im Haus der EKD in Berlin zu aktuellen Entwicklungen in der Rüstungsexportpolitik diskutieren.

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[http://www3.gkke.org/fileadmin/files/downloads-allgemein/Einladung\\_02.pdf](http://www3.gkke.org/fileadmin/files/downloads-allgemein/Einladung_02.pdf)

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**Kick-Off Conference Reflection Group, Singapore (3–4 December 2014)**

**Kick-Off Konferenz Reflexionsgruppe, Singapur (3. - 4. Dezember 2014)**

From 3 to 4 December Conrad Schetter will participate in the Kick-Off conference for the Reflection Group entitled "Monopoly for the use of force 2.0? Progressive requirements for a public security sector in the 21st century" organized by the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation. The group BICC is providing academic input and oversight to will organise a series of workshops over the next two years. Its aim is to develop future perspectives on the need for a monopoly of force. The results will be communicated to national and international policymakers.

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**4th Crossroads Asia Conference, Bonn (27–28 November 2014)/**

**4. Crossroads Asia-Konferenz, Bonn (27. – 28. September 2014)**

From 27 to 28 November Conrad Schetter will participate as member of the Crossroads Asia management board in the 4th Crossroads Asia Conference "Crossroads Studies: Mobilities, Immobilities and the Issue of Positionality for Rethinking Area Studies" which will take place at the Center for Development Research (ZEF) in Bonn. He will chair the panel "'Mid-Range Concepts' as Tools for Emic-Etic Practice".

The conference on "Crossroads Studies" as research programme will bring together the empirical research conducted by the network members with empirical, conceptual and methodological debates on the rethinking of Area Studies—from Asia just as much as from other parts of the world. It is the explicit aim to identify several empirically based common lines of thought and emic patterns of defining socio-cultural and physical spaces relevant for the rethinking of disciplinary constructs of those, namely for Area Studies.

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**PSSM Training Course, Khartoum, Sudan (16–20 November 2014)/**

**PSSM Trainingskurs, Khartum, Sudan (16. – 20. November 2014)**

From 16 to 20 November 2014 BICC supported a regional Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) for Arms and Ammunition Training Course, which was organised by the Subregional Arms Control Mechanism (SARCOM) in Khartoum, Sudan. The course was attended by some 30 participants from the Central African Republic, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, South Sudan and Sudan. In addition to BICC staff, the trainers included representatives from the Military Verification Centers in Austria and Germany, as well as Professor Paul Holtom of the University of Coventry. BICC has been supporting the SARCOM mechanism since its inception in May 2012.

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**Assessment of arms and ammunition management practices, Bamako, Mali (13 November 2014)**

**Bewertung von Waffen- und Munitionsmanagement, Bamako, Mali (13 November 2014)**

On 13 November BICC presented the results of an assessment of arms and ammunition management practices and approaches during a workshop in Bamako, Mali. The assessment that provides a comprehensive overview of all aspects of arms management, including training, infrastructure, and rules and regulations, functions as a baseline for future activities in this field for the Malian authorities as well as other interested parties. The workshop was organised in collaboration with the National Commission on Small Arms (Commission Nationale pour la Lutte contre la Prolifération des Armes Légères), and with BICC's partner organisation Mines Advisory Group. One day later, the results and the preliminary report were presented to a technical committee, consisting of representatives of all security forces. In both cases, the report was very well received, and the participants provided useful input for its final version. The project is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.

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**Conrad Schetter "knowledgeable citizen" in the Committee for International Affairs and Science, Bonn (13 November 2014)/**

**Conrad Schetter „sachkundiger Einwohner im Ausschuss für Internationales und Wissenschaft“, Bonn (13. November 2014)**

Am 13. November wählte der Rat der Stadt Bonn Conrad Schetter als sachkundigen Einwohner im Ausschuss für Internationales und Wissenschaft. „Internationales und Wissenschaft sind wichtige Themen für den UNO- und Wissenschaftsstandort Bonn und damit auch für die Zukunft unserer Stadt“, heißt es in der Begründung zu dieser Entscheidung.

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**Launch of the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) programme, Al-Fashir, North Darfur, Sudan (12 November 2014)/**

**Beginn des Entwaffnungs-, Demobilisierungs- und Wiedereingliederungsprogramms, Al-Fashir, North Darfur, Sudan (12. November 2014)**

On 12 November 2014 Wolf-Christian Paes attended the launch of the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) programme in Al-Fashir (North Darfur). The launch was also attended by the Ambassadors of the Arab League, the African Union and the State of Qatar, which are among the key international backers of the "Doha Document for Peace in Darfur" (DDPD). The new DDR programme is targeting some 730 ex-combatants from different

armed movements, including some 500 from the JEM-Sudan faction and 200 from SLA-Mustafa and other smaller groups. While UNAMID take care of the verification, registration and medical screening of the ex-combatants, the reintegration will be supported by UNDP. BICC provides capacity development and technical advice to the Sudan DDR Commission, as well as to other international and national stakeholders.

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<http://unamid.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=11027&ctl=Details&mid=14214&ItemID=24162&language=en-US>

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**Parliamentary Evening of the German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF), Berlin (12 November 2014)/**

**Parlamentarischer Abend der Deutschen Stiftung Friedensforschung (DSF), Berlin (12. November 2014)**

Conrad Schetter nahm als Mitglied des wissenschaftlichen Beirats der DSF an einem Parlamentarischen Abend am 12. November teil. Die Veranstaltung trug den Titel „Neue Verantwortung- mehr Engagement für Friedensförderung? Potenziale und Optionen für die deutsche Politik in Zeiten eskalierender Gewaltkonflikte“. Conrad Schetter sprach über seine Erfahrungen und die aktuelle Situation in Afghanistan und bezog dabei auch auf die Entwicklungen im mittleren Osten ein.

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**EU Seminar of the Non-Proliferation Consortium, Brussels (3–4 November 2014)/**

**EU Seminar des Non-Proliferation Consortium, Brüssel (3. - 4. November 2014)**

Jan Grebe participated in the Annual EU Seminar of the Non-Proliferation Consortium on 3 to 4 November in Brussels. He gave a presentation on “Tracking the flow of conventional weapons to state and non-state actors in MENA” and discussed with the participants possibilities to strengthen the EU Common Position on Arms Exports.

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## VACANCIES

Internationales Konversionszentrum Bonn – Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC) is looking for:

Post-doctoral researcher in conflict-sensitive energy policies in the MENA region

<http://www.bicc.de/about/vacancies/post-doctoral-researcher-in-conflict-sensitive-energy-policies-in-the-mena-region/>

Post-doctoral researcher in integration/repatriation policy of refugees.

Information:

<http://www.bicc.de/about/vacancies/post-doctoral-researcher-in-integration-repatriation-policy-of-refugees/>

Project Officers (full time) – mainly based in Sudan and in Mali

Information:

<http://www.bicc.de/about/vacancies/project-officers-full-time-mainly-based-in-sudan-and-in-mali/>

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## PRESS RELEASES / PRESSEERKLÄRUNGEN

### **20 November 2014 / 20. November 2014**

Training Workshop: Physical Security and Stockpile Management

<http://www.bicc.de/press/events/event/news/training-workshop-physical-security-and-stockpile-management-426/>

### **13 November 2014 / 13. November 2014**

New publication about arms registration and marking, and community security and arms control in West Darfur

<http://www.bicc.de/press/press-releases/press/news/new-publication-about-arms-registration-and-marking-and-community-security-and-arms-control-in-west/>

### **29 October 2014 / 29. Oktober 2014**

Conference: Facing Organised Violence: Research Agendas and Conversion Potentials

<http://www.bicc.de/press/events/event/news/facing-organized-violence-research-agendas-and-conversion-potentials-415/>

Public event on the occasion of BICC's 20th anniversary

<http://www.bicc.de/press/events/event/news/public-event-on-the-occasion-of-biccs-20th-anniversary-423/>

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS / NEUE PUBLIKATIONEN

Sami Faltas: Report on the Work of the Arms Registration and Marking (ARM) Program and on Community Security and Arms Control (CSAC) in West Darfur

<http://www.bicc.de/publications/publicationpage/publication/report-on-the-work-of-the-arms-registration-and-marking-arm-program-and-on-community-security-and/>

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## BICC IN THE MEDIA / BICC IN DEN MEDIEN

### **20 November 2014 / 20. November 2014**

Deutschlandfunk: „Waffenhandel: Zwischen wirtschaftlichen Interessen und moralischen Ansprüchen“ (in German)

[http://www.deutschlandfunk.de/waffenhandel-zwischen-wirtschaftlichen-interessen-und.1148.de.html?dram:article\\_id=303672](http://www.deutschlandfunk.de/waffenhandel-zwischen-wirtschaftlichen-interessen-und.1148.de.html?dram:article_id=303672)

### **14 November 2014 / 14. November 2014**

NDR Streitkräfte und Strategien: „Falsche Prioritäten? Die neue deutsche Außenpolitik im Konflikt mit der Etat-Realität“ (in German)

[http://www.ndr.de/info/sendungen/streitkraefte\\_und\\_strategien/index.html](http://www.ndr.de/info/sendungen/streitkraefte_und_strategien/index.html)

### **13 November 2014 / 13. November 2014**

Sputnik News: "Why Afghan Drug Lords Are Not Afraid of ISAF" (in English)

[http://sputniknews.com/radio\\_burning\\_point/20141113/1014702831.html](http://sputniknews.com/radio_burning_point/20141113/1014702831.html)

### **3 November 2014 / 3. November 2014**

Sudan Vision: "3rd Demobilisation Camp Starts in N. Darfur" (in English)

<http://news.sudanvisiondaily.com/details.html?rsnpid=242120>

Behördenpiegel: „20 Jahre BICC“ (in German)

<http://www.behorden-spiegel.de/icc/Internet/sub/a2c/a2c50e4b-9b05-7941-25b9-0e677b988f2e,,,aaaaaaaa-aaaa-aaaa-bbbb-0000000000003&uMen=1f75009d-e07d-f011-4e64-494f59a5fb42.htm>

**29 October 2014 / 29. Oktober 2014**

Generalanzeiger: „Die Friedensforscher vom Rhein“ (in German)

<http://www.general-anzeiger-bonn.de/bonn/bonn/bonn-zentrum/Die-Friedensforscher-vom-Rhein-article1484225.html>

**28 October 2014 / 28. Oktober 2014**

Generalanzeiger: „Wandel in Myanmar. BICC veröffentlicht neue Studie“ (in German)

<http://www.general-anzeiger-bonn.de/bonn/wissenschaft/BICC-veroeffentlicht-neue-Studie-article1483629.html>

**27 October 2014 / 27. Oktober 2014**

02elf: „20 Jahre Forschung des international renommierten Think Tanks BICC“ (in German)

<http://02elf.net/national/deutschland/nordrhein-westfalen/20-jahre-forschung-des-international-renommierten-think-tanks-bicc-845879>

Generalanzeiger: „Tag der Vereinten Nationen: Bildung ist der Schlüssel für Entwicklung“ (in German)

<http://www.general-anzeiger-bonn.de/bonn/bonn/bonn-zentrum/bildung-ist-der-schluessel-fuer-entwicklung-article1482750.html>