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Registration

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Welcome by Conrad Schetter (Director for Research, BICC)

10:15 – 10:30
Opening address by Svenja Schulze (Minister for Innovation, Science and Research of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia)

10:30 – 10:50
Initial address by Thomas Göbel (Head of Division, German Federal Foreign Office)

10:50 – 11:30
Initial address by Jakob Rhyner (Director, United Nations University)

11:30 – 11:50
Keynote Carolyn R. Nordstrom (via Skype) (University of Notre Dame, Indiana)
“Hidden in the global shadows: new forms of organised violence and creative solutions”

11:50 – 13:15
Lunch break

13:15 – 14:15
Parallel discussions (in two different rooms) on “Means of organised violence” (with short presentations)

1. SALW (Schumpeter-Sitzungssaal)
   • Sami Faltas (University of Groningen)
   “The fetishism of guns and gun control”
   • Owen Greene (University of Bradford)
   “Supporting controls on SALW and armed violence: lessons and research priorities”
   • Simon Yazgi (United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations)
   “Emerging trends in disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration”

   Moderator: Wolf-Christian Paes (BICC)

2. Arms industry (Wolfgang Paul Saal)
   • Michael Brzoska (Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy; University of Hamburg, IFSH)
   “Past and future conversion in the German arms industry”
   • Jan Grebe (BICC)
   “Arms exports in times of austerity: current trends and future challenges”
   • Jocelyn Mawdsley (University of Newcastle)
   “European defence industrial policies: chances or challenges for Conversion Studies”

   Moderator: Bernhard Moltmann (Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, PRIF)

14:15 – 15:45
Coffee break

15:45 – 17:45
Paper discussion on “Practices of organised violence: warlords, militias and mobilisation”

15:45 – 16:15

1. Berit Bliesemann de Guevara (Aberystwyth University, Wales)
   “Practices of knowledge: potentials and pitfalls of conflict expertise”

2. Antonio Giustozzi (King’s College, London)
   “Warlord and militia remobilisation in post-2011 Afghanistan: internal and external factors”

3. William Reno (Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois)
   “The international factor in contemporary warlord and militia mobilisation”

   Moderator: Tobias Debiel (Institute for Development and Peace, University of Duisburg/Essen, INEF)

18:00 – 19:00
Dinner (buffet at the Uniclub)

19:30 – 21:00
Public event on the occasion of BICC’s 20th anniversary
Opening address: Jürgen Nimptsch (Mayor of Bonn)
Panel discussion on “The new German foreign policy: responsibility and interests” (with simultaneous translation)
Participants:
• Gernot Erler MdB (Coordinator for inter-societal cooperation with Russia, Central Asia and eastern partnership countries; Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee)
• Rupert Neudeck (Journalist, and Chair of the Peace Corps Green Helmets e.V.)
• General, ret. Egon Ramms
• Conrad Schetter (Director for Research, BICC)

   Moderator: Corinna Hauswedell (Institute for Interdisciplinary Science - FEST)

As of 21:15
Evening reception