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STABILIZATION—FOR WHOM AND TO WHAT ENDS?

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Locations

All Plenary Sessions
Wolfgang Paul Saal (ground floor)

Three Thematic Breakout Groups
Peacekeeping Missions and Military Intervention
room Schumpeter (1st floor)
Train and Equip Programmes and SSR
room Martini (1st floor)
‘Migration Management’ and Humanitarian & Development Aid
room Curtius (1st floor)

“Market Place”
all rooms on 1st floor

Three Country Breakout Groups
Iraq room Curtius (1st floor)
Syria room Martini (1st floor)
Mali room Schumpeter (1st floor)
Stabilization is currently regaining currency as a policy paradigm in international security, foreign and development policy. So-called stabilization efforts are directed particularly at regions that witness violent conflict or that are perceived to be at risk thereof. Under its umbrella, we find measures as diverse as direct military interventions, train and equip programmes for security forces, as well as development and humanitarian aid programmes.

The conference aims to bring together practitioners and academics working on issues related to stabilization in contexts of violent conflict to critically examine the concept(s) of stabilization and to reflect on risks and benefits of stabilization measures in practice. Throughout the day, we plan to discuss three bundles of questions:

1) What is our understanding of stabilization? Who or what is meant to be stabilized, and to what ends?
2) How does stabilization work in practice? What are the concrete means and practices of stabilization?
3) Does the growing significance of stabilization imply abandoning support for democracy and human rights, instead focusing on the establishment and maintenance of order?

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