

Women in International Security (WIIS) Conference 2007

The Way Ahead for Transatlantic Co-operation? Addressing Global Challenges under the German EU Presidency

26 –27 April 2007

German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Rauchstr. 17– 18, 10787 Berlin

Summary:

Confronted today with emerging new security challenges and increasingly complex conflicts that require new responses, Europe is searching for strategies to provide comprehensive and long lasting peace and security to its citizens and to evolve into a credible global actor. Such peace and stability on the continent will only be possible through robust measures for conflict prevention and broad cooperation. Concurrently, the US debate seems to increasingly pay attention to the need for a comprehensive, multidimensional approach to peace-building, while the German and European debate has given rise to a number of predominantly civilian strategic instruments such as the German Action Plan Civil Crisis Prevention or the British Conflict Prevention Pools. The German Presidency of the European Union from January till June 2007 and the affirmation of the necessity of the transatlantic relationship provide an ideal framework to review the interlinkage between security, peace and development and to shed light on the opportunities for renewed transatlantic efforts and hence, for a complementary follow-up conference to the major WIIS-NATO conference in Brussels in July 2005. As a US-based organisation with numerous international affiliates in Europe, including a major chapter in Germany (WIIS.de), Women in International Security contributes substantially to a transatlantic discussion on current developments on European security and in particular on European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) while concurrently adding the voices of women to the transatlantic debate and dialogue. WIIS.de provides with this conference a timely forum to discuss the main security themes of the German EU Presidency, with topics ranging from the different strategic outlooks on both sides of the Atlantic, the lessons learned so far and the "tools" required, to the question of which fora would be appropriate to address current challenges from a transatlantic perspective.

Outline:

With a focus on the interplay of civilian and military responses for providing European security generally and establishing an efficient ESDP specifically, the WIIS conference provides a platform for representatives from European governments and the US government, military and civilians, universities, think tanks, foundations, NGOs and the private sector to discuss transatlantic differences and commonalities in addressing global security challenges of the 21st century as well as the most appropriate approaches to prevent future conflicts. Structured in four panels, the conference will look at the perspectives, the tools, the realities and the "lessons learned" as well as the existing fora for dialogue and co-operation.

Partners:

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AGENDA

Thursday, 26 April 2007

2.00 – 2.20 p.m.

Opening of the Conference

Venue: DGAP, Rauchstrasse 17, 10787 Berlin

May-Britt Stumbaum, President, WIIS.de, Berlin

Peter Theiner, Head of Department, International Relations Western Europe, USA, Robert Bosch Stiftung, Stuttgart

Volker Rittberger, President, German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF), Osnabrück

Eberhard Sandschneider, Otto-Wolff-Director of the Research Institute, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Berlin

2.20 – 2.45 p.m.

Keynote Speech

Human Rights, Security Policy and Resolution 1325

Riina Kionka, Personal Representative to the SG/HR Javier Solana on Human Rights, Council of the European Union, Brussels

2.45 - 4.00 p.m.

Step 1: The Perspectives -

Challenges, Strategies and Approaches

The panel focuses on perceptions, priorities and the resulting strategies in security policy on both sides of the Atlantic in order to understand the differences and commonalities in the approaches. Which regions and challenges do the US and Europe prioritise in their respective security strategies? Which concepts dominate the debate – e.g., are global challenges perceived primarily as scenarios of threat and military power, or scenarios of constructive peace-building and human rights? What are the differences in the means and mechanisms to address them, particularly the military and civilian components? The US debate seems to increasingly pay attention to the need for a comprehensive, multidimensional approach to peace-building. The German and European debate has given rise to a number of predominantly civilian strategic instruments (e.g. the German Action Plan Civil Crisis Prevention; the British Conflict Prevention Pools), yet peace researchers critically point to a creeping "securitisation" of peace-building, i.e. the incorporation of civilian aspects into a security strategy that is driven by a mainly military logic. What is the importance of the nexus between development and security for sustainable peace-building in the different strategies? Is there a preference for global or regional approaches, for unilateralism or multilateralism?

Emphasising the commonalities, the findings to the above mentioned questions provide a sound basis to assess the room for strategic convergence and, respecting the differences, will give a first insight into

the possibility of efficient and sustainable burden-sharing, which will be analysed further in Step 2 (the “tool box”).

- Speaker 1: Alyson Bailes, Director, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Stockholm
- Speaker 2: Anne-Marie Le Gloanec, Director, Centre d'Études et de Recherches Internationales (CERI), Paris
- Speaker 3: Elisabeth Jones, former Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, US Department of State, Washington DC
- Speaker 4: Sheba Crocker, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary General, Peacebuilding Support Office, United Nations, New York

Chair: Gale Mattox, Chairman, Political Science Department, US Naval Academy, Annapolis

4.00 – 4.30 p.m. *Coffee Break*

4.30 – 6.00 p.m. **Step 2: The Tool Box –
Civilian and Military Capabilities & Forces**

Step 2 assesses the capabilities and forces (the EU Headline Goals 2010 and the Civilian Headline Goals 2008 as two examples) to pursue the strategies outlined in Step 1 and sheds light on the potential value-added achieved through co-operation. Is there an expectations-capabilities gap in Europe and what are mutual expectations across the Atlantic? Do the different capabilities (“Americans are from Mars, Europeans from Venus”) hinder transatlantic co-operation or are they in fact an asset? The idea of a “Berlin Plus reversed”, allowing NATO to use the EU’s civilian capabilities has been repeatedly spelled out as a suggestion for effectively using complementing capabilities. What could be further important areas and possible programmes for effective co-operation and how can co-operation improve the sustainability of actions?

- Speaker 1: Julianne Smith, Director, Europe Programme, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington DC
- Speaker 2: Angelika Spelten, Platform for Peaceful Conflict Management / INEF, Working Group on Development and Peace (FriEnt), Bonn
- Speaker 3: Lieutenant General Karlheinz Viereck, Commander of the Bundeswehr Operations Command, Potsdam
- Speaker 4: Joanna Stempinska, Polish Ambassador to Hungary, Budapest

Chair: May-Britt Stumbaum, Resident Fellow, German Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin

7.00 – 9.00 p.m.

Dinner

Venue: DGAP, Rauchstrasse 17, 10787 Berlin

Keynote Address

“German contributions to European Security and Transatlantic Cooperation – The White Paper”

General Wolfgang Schneiderhan, Chief of Staff, German Armed Forces, Berlin

Friday, 27 April 2007

Venue: DGAP, Rauchstrasse 17, 10787 Berlin

9.00 – 10.30 a.m.

**Step 3: The Realities –
Co-operative Lessons Learned?**

Step 3 adds practical case studies from transatlantic co-operation in the civilian-military field, diplomacy and intelligence to the findings of the previous panels. Is the Berlin Plus arrangement between the EU and NATO effectively working? What is the experienced value-added of co-operation? What is the quality of conflict prevention, early warning and rapid reaction mechanisms? What are the challenges of the humanitarian assistance part of the mission? How are security and development actors received in the conflict region? What is in this respect the role and experience of NGO's and CSO's? The panel illustrates successes, shortcomings and lessons learned, providing a basis to compare best practices and encourage mutual learning.

Speaker 1: Anja Dalgaard-Nielsen, Head of Research Units, Unit Political Violence, Terrorism and Radicalization and Unit Defence and Security, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), Copenhagen

Speaker 2: Lieutenant General Roland Kather, Commander, KFOR, Priština

Speaker 3: Natascha Zupan, Head, Working Group on Development and Peace (FriEnt), Bonn

Chair: Esther Brimmer, Deputy Director, Center for Transatlantic Relations, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), The Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC

10.30 – 11.00 a.m.

Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30 p.m.

**Step 4: The Fora -
Creating Co-operation and Consensus?**

Effective and reliable consultation, co-operation and working relationships are essential for successfully addressing the security challenges of the 21st century. Strategic dialogues between the transatlantic partners are needed to find common strategies and concerted responses. What is the most appropriate transatlantic forum to address the discussed challenges and increase dialogue and co-operation? The advantages and disadvantages of different institutionalised fora such as provided by NATO, OSCE, United Nations as well as the NATO-EU and bilateral EU-US consultations and the G-8 summit are discussed.

Speaker 1: Catherine McArdle Kelleher, Senior Fellow at the Watson Institute, Brown University and College Park Professor, University of Maryland, College Park

Speaker 2: Piritta Asunmaa, Deputy Head of Mission, Finnish Delegation to NATO, Brussels

Speaker 3: Irena Lipowicz, Department of Law, Warsaw University, Warsaw

Speaker 4: Christiane Höhn, Directorate IV, Transatlantic Relations, United Nations and Human Rights, Council of the European Union, Brussels

Chair: Chantal De Jonge Oudraat, Senior Fellow, Programme Co-ordinator, Center for Transatlantic Relations, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), The Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC

12.30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Chantal De Jonge Oudraat, Vice-President, International Affiliates, WIIS, Washington DC

May-Britt Stumbaum, President WIIS.de, Berlin

1 p.m.

Networking Lunch

2.30 p.m.

End of public conference

3.00 – 5.00 p.m.

Task force meeting WIIS “International Affiliates” in Europe & the US
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