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International Conference

German Presidency of the EU: Civil Society and the Human Security Agenda in the Balkans

Berlin, 24 November 2006

Programme

Conference Venue:

**Bundesakademie für Sicherheitspolitik - BAKS
(Federal College for Security Studies)**
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From 1 January 2007 Germany will take over the presidency of the European Union. Our international conference, organised in cooperation with the London School of Economics, Centre for the Study of Global Governance, aims at producing a set of policy proposals that would allow the EU under German leadership to strengthen its approach towards the Western Balkans. The conference will employ a human security approach as an innovative assessment of the comprehensive political, economic and societal reform in the Western Balkans. Specifically, it will focus on the civil society and its contribution to enhancing security in the Balkans conceptualised in the human security terms.

Human security means individual freedom from basic insecurities. Genocide, wide-spread or systematic torture, inhuman and degrading treatment, disappearances, slavery, and crimes against humanity and grave violations of the laws of war are forms of intolerable insecurity that breach human security. A human security approach for the European Union means that it should contribute to the protection of every individual human being and not focus only on the defence of the Union's borders, as was the security approach of nation-states. The strategic approach to civil society is seen as a necessary complementary strategy to be pursued by the EU in order to achieve its goal of stabilisation of the region.

The Berlin seminar is a continuation of the initiative launched by the Centre for the Study of Global Governance to organise collaborative meetings to review, discuss and advise on policy towards the Balkans prior to the semi-annual EU presidency handovers. The Humanitarian Law Center, Belgrade, has been a partner in organisation of Session 4 on Transitional Justice and Civil Society.

9:30 Welcome Address and Introduction

Dr Rudolf Adam, President, Federal College for Security Studies, Berlin

Gernot Erler, MP, President of Southeast Europe Association, Minister of State, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Prof Marie-Janine Calic, University of Munich, Institute for East and South East European History

Prof Mary Kaldor, Centre for the Study of Global Governance, London School of Economics and Political Science

10:00	SESSION 1: Civil Society and Human Security in the Balkans
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Presentations:

Dr Vesna Bojičić-Dzelilović, Research Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science

Dr Denisa Kostovicova, London School of Economics and Political Science

Discussants:

Frank Herterich, Advisor, Policy Planning Staff, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Dr Mary Martin, London School of Economics and Political Science

Dr Dušan Reljić, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin

Chair:

Uta Zapf, MP, German Bundestag, Berlin; Vice-President of Southeast Europe Association (SOG)

11:30 **Coffee Break**

12:00	SESSION 2: Security Sector Reform and the Role of Civil Society
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Presentations:

Svetlana Djurdjević-Lukić, Visiting Scholar, The Harriman Institute, Columbia University

Discussants:

Prof Mary Kaldor, Director, Centre for the Study of Global Governance, London School of Economics and Political Science

Sammi Sandawi, Institute for European Politics (IEP), Berlin

Senad Slatina, Regional Director, Center for European Integration Strategies, Sarajevo

Chair:

Dr Rudolf Adam, President, Federal College for Security Studies, Berlin

13:30 **Lunch Break**

14:30	SESSION 3: The EU in Kosovo
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Presentation:

Senad Sabović, International Crisis Group, Prishtina

Discussants:

Duška Anastasijević, former analyst of European Stability Initiative (ESI);
VREME, Belgrade

Prof Enver Hoxhaj, MP, Assembly of Kosovo; University of Prishtina

Dr Alexandros Yannis, Counsellor at the Directorate General for External and
Politico-Military Affairs for the Western Balkans, Council of the European
Union, Brussels

Chair:

Prof Marie-Janine Calic, Institute for East and South East European History,
University of Munich,

16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:30	SESSION 4: Transitional Justice and Civil Society
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Presentations:

Mark Freeman, Head of Office, International Center for Transitional Justice,
Brussels

Nataša Kandić, Director, Humanitarian Law Center, Belgrade

Discussant:

Iavor Rangelov, London School of Economics and Political Science

Chair:

Dr Denisa Kostovicova, London School of Economics and Political Science

18:00	SESSION 5: Concluding Session
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and Political Science

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Prof Marie-Janine Calic, University of Munich, Institute for East and South
East European History

19:00 **End of the conference**

**You are cordially invited to a glass of wine by the Federal College for
Security Studies**