

Minister of State Gernot Erler presents book on „The Future of Conventional Arms Control in Europe“, Edited by Wolfgang Zellner, Hans-Joachim Schmidt and Götz Neuneck

Within the framework of a reception for the participants at the “Meeting of High-Level Experts on the Future of Conventional Arms Control in Europe” on 9 June 2009 in Berlin, Minister of State Gernot Erler presented a book on „The Future of Conventional Arms Control in Europe“, edited by Wolfgang Zellner, Hans-Joachim Schmidt and Götz Neuneck, containing 24 contributions by leading US, Russian and other European experts. The Minister said that although it is clear that the analyses and personal experience lead to different results and assessments, “all the authors share a



The editors together with Minister of State Gernot Erler
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common cause: trying to show the way ahead, that we can make a fresh start in conventional arms control and disarmament in a changed security environment.” The book had been compiled for the high-level experts meeting and was distributed among its participants.

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A video film on the book presentation will be online at

http://www.core-hamburg.de/CORE_english/newsevents.htm.

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Head of CORE Participates in EastWest Institute Report on Euro-Atlantic Security

Together with Prof. Hall Gardner (American University of Paris) and the EastWest Institute’s Vice President, Dr Greg Austin, the Head of CORE, Dr Wolfgang Zellner, presented an EastWest Institute report entitled “Euro-Atlantic Security: One Vision, Three Paths” at the Institute’s Brussels Center on 23 June 2009. The report, which was elaborated by some 20 US, Russian and other European experts discusses “conceptual and practical recommendations that could facilitate a much needed “grand debate” over security issues in

the Euro-Atlantic region” with the objective of “striving to convert conflicts in the Euro-Atlantic security sphere into win-win situations.” A day later, the report was presented in Moscow. The report is online available at <http://docs.ewi.info/EuroAtlantic.pdf>

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CORE Represented at Vienna “Expert Meeting on a European Security Dialogue”

On 8 May 2009, Dr. Wolfgang Zellner, Head of CORE, participated in an “Expert Meeting on a European Security Dialogue” in Vienna, organized by the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, and gave a presentation on “Indivisibility of Security: Principle and Reality”. The meeting, well attended by about 200 experts and diplomats both from Vienna and capitals, was one in a series of informal gathering that culminated in the 27 June 2009 Corfu informal OSCE Ministerial Council meeting.

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Head of CORE Holds Opening Lecture at Schlaining OSCE Summer Academy

On 22 June 2009, Dr Wolfgang Zellner, Head of CORE, delivered the opening lecture on “Security and Co-operation in the OSCE Area: Conflicts and New Dividing Lines” within the framework of the 13th “Summer Academy on OSCE”, organized by the Austrian Study Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution. Discussion was lively and focused on NATO enlargement, arms control issues, and the way ahead towards a more co-operative security approach. The 20 participants, mainly from post-Soviet countries, who had found their way to the idyllic Schlaining Peace Center, wanted to make use of the Summer Academy to deepen their knowledge specific to the OSCE.

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Capacity Building on OSCE Issues for Officials and Journalists of Kazakhstan

Since 2007 CORE has been active in various capacity building activities on OSCE issues for different target groups from Kazakhstan. On 29 and 30 June 2009, Dr Diana Digol and Dr Anna Kreikemeyer held lectures at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin on the history, principles and

institutions of the OSCE, on the role of the OSCE in Central Asia and on OSCE commitments and their implementation at a seminar, “Implementing Principles and Standards of OSCE”, tailored for officials of Kazakh ministries and parliamentary institutions.

On 1 July 2009 CORE staff members organized a briefing on CORE activities for a delegation of 15 Kazakh journalists participating in a tour at the invitation of the German Federal Foreign Office.

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OSCE Chairmanship Training 2009 for Kazakhstan and Lithuania

Since 2007 CORE has conducted specialised OSCE Chairmanship Training courses: In 2007 and 2008, two four-week-long OSCE-related training courses were held for a total of 15 officials from the Kazakh Ministry of Foreign Affairs, jointly commissioned by the Kazakh MFA and the German Federal Foreign Office. This year a third OSCE Chairmanship Training course for 18 officials from Lithuania and Kazakhstan was held in Vienna from 1 to 14 June 2009. The lectures were given by CORE staff together with a number of OSCE experts from Vienna, The Hague and Warsaw. The theoretical part included lessons on general OSCE issues; the OSCE human dimension; field operations and the High Commissioner on National



Participants of the training together with members of CORE (Photo EK)

Minorities; new threats including economic and environmental issues, as well as on specific roles and responsibilities of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office. The practical component included three days of working meetings with heads and leading representatives of delegations of OSCE participating States, senior representatives and experts of the OSCE Secretariat and other OSCE institutions. The language of instruction is English.

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Security and Co-operation in Eurasia: Protecting Human Rights Must Remain a Priority for the OSCE

Seminar in Vienna on the Tasks of the OSCE Chairmanships in 2010 and 2011

In 2010 Kazakhstan will become the first member of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) to assume the Chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). It will be succeeded by Lithuania in 2011. The Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, together with the Austrian Defence Ministry, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the OSCE, and the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of the Armed Forces (DCAF), took this opportunity to hold a one-day seminar on "Future OSCE Chairmanships: Policies and Challenges". At the seminar, which took place on 9 June 2009 in the Museum of Military History, the oldest museum in Vienna, Ursel Schlichting, CORE's Editor-in-Chief of the OSCE Yearbook, presented a paper entitled "Human Dimension Challenges and Priorities in 2010/2011". In it, she strongly stressed that the protection of human rights, including minority rights, needs to remain one of the most important tasks of the OSCE. Also speaking or otherwise present at the well-attended event were Stefan Lehne from the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, the Head of the Kazakh Permanent Mission to the OSCE, Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Phillip Fluri, Deputy Director of DCAF, and the Director of the Warsaw-based Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), Ambassador Janez Lenarčič.

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Deputy Head of CORE Participates in OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, Part II, Athens

The second and main part of the 17th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum took place between 17 and 20 May 2009. For a change, it was conducted not in Prague, Czech Republic, as is the Forum's happy tradition, but in Athens, Greece. The Forum's subject for this year was "Migration Management and its Linkages with Economic, Social and Environmental Policies to the Benefit of Stability and Security in the OSCE Region". The agenda of the Forum's first day, in particular, included a remarkable number of contributions closely linking the Forum's topic to OSCE activities and challenges. Dr Frank Evers, Deputy Head of CORE, once again took part in the Forum.

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CORE at the OSCE Border Management Staff College Meeting

Elena Kropatcheva represented CORE at the OSCE Border Management Staff College Meeting for Affiliates, which took place at the OSCE on 15 May 2009. Following the request to OSCE by Tajik authorities to open a college for the senior managers and commanders from the border security and management agencies of the OSCE participating states, a Border Management Staff College is to be opened in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The main aim of this college is to strengthen OSCE values and to foster cooperation and exchange among the participants of the courses offered in the college. Representatives of different international security agencies and institutes – potential affiliates of the College – were among the participants.

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CORE at MGIMO Conference "New Security Architecture in Europe: Regimes, Mechanisms and Instruments"

On 2/3 April 2009, Dr Wolfgang Zellner, Head of CORE, participated in a conference in Moscow on "New Security Architecture in Europe: Regimes, Mechanisms and Instruments" and gave a presentation on "European Security Policy between Old and New: Challenges on the Way Ahead". This meeting, organized by the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) and, attended by some 70 leading Russian scholars as well as by Russian and foreign diplomats, was the very first major conference in Russia on the proposal by the Russian President Dmitry Medvedev for a new European Security Treaty.

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CORE presentation at the International Boundaries Research Unit in Durham, UK

On 1 April 2009, Marietta König presented a paper entitled “Self-Determination’s Belated Victory? Russia’s Recognition of Abkhazia and South Ossetia and its Impact for Upcoming Sovereignty Debates” at Durham University, UK. This presentation was a contribution to the international conference on “The State of Sovereignty”, which was organized by the International Boundaries Research Unit (IBRU). The panels dealt with a wide range of topics, including maritime space management regimes, natural resources management, jurisdiction in the Arctic, border security management, case studies of disputed

territories, innovative approaches to complex disputes, and the cartography of sovereignty, e.g. using maps and databases. The three-day conference, which was attended by over 200 academics and practitioners from more than 50 countries, simultaneously celebrated the 20th anniversary of IBRU. The conference presentations are available on the IBRU homepage. In reaction to the conference a longer two-part interview with Marietta König was placed on the following side: <http://www.exploringgeopolitics.org>.

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