

European Security Dialogue Meetings in Geneva and Ditchley Park

With a clear view to the forthcoming NATO and OSCE Summits, a number of European security dialogue meetings took place in September 2010. The series opened with the 2nd Chambésy Roundtable on 9/10 September in Geneva, organized by the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA). A week later (17/18 September) in the same city, the Graduate Institute with the support of the FDFA, hosted its Focus OSCE Meeting 2010. And finally, on 24 – 26 September, the EastWest Institute convened its Eminent Persons Group “Plus” (experts) meeting on Euro-Atlantic security in Ditchley Park near Oxford (UK). All these meetings, in which the Head of CORE, Dr Wolfgang Zellner, participated as speaker, chair and/or rapporteur, reflected a substantial improvement in the political atmosphere: Participants not only exchanged statements, as was quite usual not so long ago, but also listened to one another. The growing interest in improved European security relations was also shown by the active participation of high-ranking representatives of NATO, OSCE, EU, and - this is a new development - the CSTO (Collective Security Treaty Organization), as well as of key states. Remarkably, the OSCE and its specific security dialogue, the Corfu Process, have attracted much more attention

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than in previous years. However, it has not yet been possible to translate this improved dialogue framework into agreements on concrete issues. Whether protracted conflicts, arms control or more general issues of the European security order, nowhere has consensus already been achieved. Although this is no surprise after a decade of growing tensions, it is now

time to make concrete progress. Adopting a related work program is the key task of the OSCE Summit in Astana on 1 and 2 December 2010.

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Regional Seminar on the OSCE Code of Conduct in Minsk

On 21 – 23 September 2010, the OSCE, together with Austria, Belarus and Switzerland, organized a regional seminar on the implementation of the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security in Eastern Europe. The meeting, in which almost all states of the region participated, took place in Minsk, the capital of Belarus. The Code of Conduct is an OSCE document that formulates basic principles for the use of armed forces between and within states. Dr Wolfgang Zellner, Head of CORE, participated in the seminar and delivered the keynote speech.

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Russian International Studies Association Convention in Moscow

On 24-25 September 2010, CORE researcher Dr Elena Kropatcheva participated in the VI Russian International Studies Association (RISA) Convention “Russia and the World after the Global Crisis: New challenges, new opportunities?” at MGIMO University, Moscow. She presented her paper “The Western Perception of Russia’s Role in European Security: What does Russia want?” within the framework of session “Security: the National, Regional, International and Global Dimensions: Acute problems of arms control and non-dissemination of WMD.”

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Central Asian Youth Network, Kazakhstan

From 22-25 June and from 21-24 September 2010, Dr Diana Digol, researcher and Sebastian Schiek, PhD candidate at CORE, served as academic advisors for the Central Asian Youth Network (CAYN) organized by the OSCE Centre in Astana, Kazakhstan.



Sebastian Schiek and Diana Digol with the Head of the OSCE Centre in Astana, Ambassador Alexandre Keltchewsky.

They oversaw the research of two student groups working on freedom of the media and "blogging" in Central Asia and on the consequences of labor migration in the region. Between June and September they acted as supervisors for the participants. During the seminars Ms Digol gave a speech on the freedom of the media in Central Asia and Mr. Schiek a lecture on labor migration in Central Asia and the consequences of the global financial crisis.

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GCSP – OSCE Academy – Nupi – Nesa Seminar in Bishkek

From 15-17 September 2010, Dr Anna Kreikemeyer, senior research fellow at CORE participated in the 3rd GCSP - OSCE Academy - Nupi - Nesa Seminar “Central Asia 2010” at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek. The organizing institutes hold an annual forum for security policy experts from Eurasia, East and South East Asia, Europe and the United States. Through a series of inter-linked panel

discussions, this seminar identifies and analyses key security trends in Central Asia with a particular focus on their likely strategic implications. Anna Kreikemeyer presented a paper on the Kazakhstani OSCE Chairmanship 2010.

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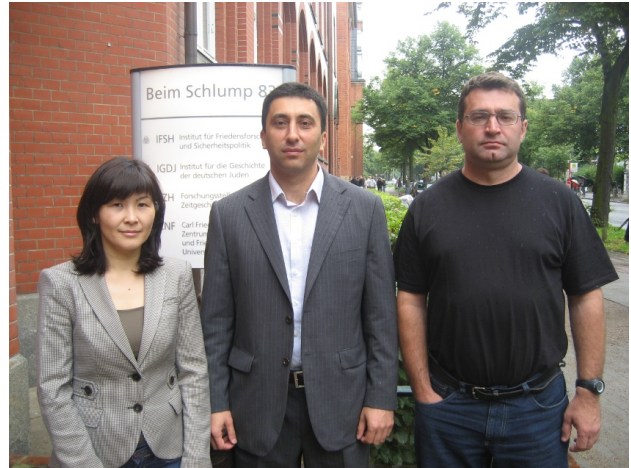
On 16 September 2010, Dr Elena Kropatcheva, researcher at CORE took part in the British International Studies Association's (BISA) Working Group on Russian and Eurasian Security Launch Workshop that took place at King's College in London under the title "Security in the Former Soviet Space." Around thirty specialists with expertise in Russian, Caucasian and Central Asian affairs, from the UK and some other European countries, gathered to discuss the current empirical and theoretical security challenges in the region.

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Visiting Fellows from Central Asia and Russia

From 4-29 August 2010, three researchers from Central Asia and Russia visited CORE and worked with Anna Kreikemeyer, senior research fellow at CORE on the empirical and conceptual bases for a research project on foreign and security policies of Central Asian states. This cooperative project was funded by the International Office of the Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF). The working group consisted of Dr Raushan Serik, research fellow at the Kazakhstani Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan (KISI) in Almaty, Dr Rustam Makhmudov, Centre for

Political Studies (CPS) in Tashkent and Dr Igor Proklov, expert on Turkmenistan from the Centre for Caucasian and Central Asian Studies at the CIS Institute in Moscow.



The visiting fellows in front of the institute: Raushan Serik, Rustam Makhmudov, Igor Proklov

During their fellowship the researchers received an introduction to the methodology of the project and then took over empirical research tasks on the foreign and security policies of Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The results will be published in a joint article. Lena Kulipanova and Sebastian Schiek, both PhD candidates at CORE provided support to the project.

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World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies in Stockholm

At the VIII World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies that took place in Stockholm, Sweden from 26-31 July 2010, three CORE researchers organized and chaired panels and presented their own papers. Dr Diana Digol organized the panel "Foreign Policy in Central Asia in a Eurasian context" and gave a presentation with the title "Russia's foreign policy towards Central Asia: New patterns". In addition, Digol also successfully raised funds for the panel participants from Central Asia.

Dr Elena Kropatcheva presented a paper on “Russia’s Policy within and in Relation to European and Euro-Atlantic Institutions: Patterns of (In-)Consistence” on the panel "Russia’s relations with the West: New views on an old theme". On the panel “The EU in the post-Soviet space: Partnerships, problems, perspectives”, she participated as a discussant.

Elena Kulipanova, PhD candidate at CORE organized the panel on “Regional Cooperation in Central Asia: Current State and Future Prospects“, in which she also participated as a speaker. The topic of her presentation was “Functional Cooperation in Central Asia: A Case of Asymmetrical Interdependence?”

All forums provided an opportunity for a lively exchange of information and helped to further establish useful academic contacts.

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Publications

Russia’s Policy towards the Ukraine A New Monograph from IFSH

The study is a theory-driven empirical analysis of the Russian policy towards Ukraine during the presidency of Vladimir Putin. It is the first extensive study which looks at the primary goals and strategies of Russian foreign policy as a whole, but above all, with a focus on Ukraine. The book deals with the current problems of the relationships of Russia with the EU and with NATO and also gives an overview of their historical roots. The economic and the security policy levels are the focus of the analysis. The theoretical approach of the study is original: It deals with a comparative analysis of Russian policy towards Ukraine through the prism of realism and constructivism within the framework of the “third debate”.



The volume makes an important contribution to the understanding of Russian foreign policy towards the Ukraine and its background, goals and dynamics. It is of particular interest for students and scientists who are concerned with Russian-Western relationships. The book is a part of the series *Democracy, Security, Peace*, volume 201.

Elena Kropatcheva, Russia's Ukraine Policy against the Background of Russian-Western Competition, Baden Baden 2010, 304 S. paperback ISBN 978-3-8329-5546-5

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New CORE Working Paper

Discussions within the OSCE in 2009 and 2010 have revealed once again that there is no clear vision regarding the future development of the OSCE’s second dimension. Frank Evers recapitulates the course taken by second-dimension talks since the reform discussions of 2005/06 and reflects current debates within the Corfu Process. He considers relevant documents adopted by the OSCE since Maastricht 2003. His recommendations summarize a number of significant national positions and views of OSCE experts at headquarters and in the field. Online available at http://core-hamburg.de/CORE_English/pub_workingpapers.htm.

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