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2019 was another busy year for the Centre for OSCE Research (CORE). In providing policy-relevant research and training, we built on a tradition of working with the OSCE, governments, and researchers from across the OSCE area and beyond. Just like other international organizations, the OSCE is facing numerous challenges, and it is alarming to witness developments such as the erosion of arms control and the onslaught on OSCE human rights commitments. Academics cannot resolve today's conflicts. Nevertheless, they can contribute to more rational policy-making and help to build bridges between states and societies. For CORE, being part of an international and transnational network of practitioners and analysts is a privilege.

In 2019, our work focused on knowledge transfer: we produced policy papers, participated in academic exchange programmes, trained the incoming Albanian OSCE Chairmanship, co-ordinated the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions, interacted with politicians and government officials, and delivered talks on current issues. We also conducted academic research and taught and supervised students.

I am very grateful to Professor Ursula Schröder, IFSH Director and Head of the IFSH Research Area "European Peace and Security Orders", of which CORE is a part, for giving CORE the space it has within an Institute that has seen numerous positive changes in 2019.

Special thanks are also due to the German Federal Foreign Office, without which the many activities we have conducted at CORE and within the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions would not have been possible.

In 2019, CORE and the OSCE Network also received generous funding as well as personnel and in-kind support from the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the Slovak Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, the Albanian Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Embassy of Finland in Vienna, and the OSCE Secretariat.

In addition, CORE and the OSCE Network was supported by the Academy of the Diocese Rottenburg-Stuttgart; Arctic University of Norway; Belgrade Center for Security Policy; Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington D.C.; Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University; Friedrich Ebert Foundation EU Office Brussels; Friedrich Ebert Foundation Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe; German Foundation for Peace Research;

German Research Foundation; Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education; and Russian International Affairs Council.

The many colleagues and friends participating in our projects in 2019 provided innovative ideas, many of which will also help us to plan for the future. I am also grateful to the members of the OSCE Network Steering Committee; to Wolfgang Zellner who, as a Senior Fellow at CORE/IFSH, led a highly visible OSCE Network project (the presentation of the RISK Network Report in various capitals); and Christian Nünlist, with whom I had the pleasure of co-coordinating the OSCE Network until spring 2019.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all my colleagues at CORE and IFSH for keeping their spirits up, even during the periods when we were all drowning in work! It is an honour and a pleasure to be part of such a team.

Dr. habil. Cornelius Friesendorf, Head of CORE

The Centre for OSCE Research (CORE), which is part of the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH), is the only institution specifically dedicated to research on the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). It was founded in January 2000 in the presence of German Federal President Johannes Rau and OSCE Secretary General Jan Kubis. CORE operates as a politically independent think tank, combining academic and policy research on the OSCE and on OSCE-related topics with training and teaching.

CORE was among the founders of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions in 2013 and has co-ordinated the Network since then. CORE also publishes the OSCE Yearbook and has been running training courses for incoming OSCE Chairmanships since 2007. CORE

works closely with the German Federal Foreign Office, OSCE institutions and field operations, and delegations of participating States in Vienna, as well as with scholars and policy analysts across the OSCE area. In doing so, CORE examines issues of current relevance, including:

- OSCE activities related to conflict prevention, crisis management, and peace building.
- OSCE contributions to co-operative security through arms control and security dialogue.
- OSCE support to democratization and good governance.
- OSCE approaches to transnational risks.
- The OSCE's institutional evolution and challenges.

Geographically, and in line with the OSCE's outlook, much of CORE's work is concerned with Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

Knowledge transfer occupies a central position in the work of CORE. It includes the production of policy papers, support to academic exchange programmes, training for OSCE Chairmanships, co-ordination of the OSCE Network, meetings with politicians and government officials, and presentations on topical issues.

SUPPORTING DEMOCRATIC POLICE GOVERNANCE: A CHALLENGE FOR THE OSCE IN CENTRAL ASIA

This policy paper, commissioned by the German Federal Foreign Office, examines the challenges faced by the OSCE in promoting security sector governance and reform (SSG/R) in Central Asia. More specifically, it looks at OSCE support to police governance in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. It includes recommendations for the future engagement of OSCE field operations and institutions, as well as interested delegations.

Supporting SSG/R is an integral part of OSCE efforts to build comprehensive security, and a priority of the 2019 Slovak OSCE Chairmanship. The paper discusses democratic police governance as an important element of SSG/R and develops a typology of international police assistance and implications for democratic police governance. In Central Asia, the OSCE conducts a variety of police-related activities. While some of them contribute to democratic police governance, the OSCE is also facing challenges. In analysing the opportunities, limitations, and risks of OSCE police-related activities in Central Asia, the paper contributes to a better understanding of current challenges facing the OSCE, and its field operations in particular. The paper draws on talks with representatives of the OSCE, governments, international organizations, NGOs and academic institutions in Berlin, Bishkek, Osh, Tashkent, Warsaw and Vienna.

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EURASIA PEACE STUDIES EXCHANGE (EPSE)

In 2019, CORE continued to engage in the Eurasia Peace Studies Exchange (EPSE). This academic network provides a forum for mutual knowledge transfer in the field of peace research in Europe and Eurasia. It was founded in 2017 by the Centre for Peace Studies (CPS) at the Arctic University in Tromsø and the IFSH, and is funded by the Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education (SIU). Among the members from three post-Soviet states are the faculties for International Relations at the State Universities Odessa and Tbilisi; the Academy for Educational Science, Kyiv, and the faculty for Social Anthropology at the American University of Central Asia, Bishkek. In annual co-ordination workshops, the project team developed three courses for students with the possibility to acquire ECTS. Courses are attended not only by students and representatives of the member countries, but also by students from third countries. The project aims to stimulate comparable courses and curricula at the partner universities. Following courses in Tbilisi (2017) and Kyiv/Odessa (2018), a third course on “Peace Building in Eurasia: Education, Identity and Politics” was held from June 3-8, 2019 in Bishkek and Ak Maral.

In between the workshops, there is an academic exchange for students, PhD researchers and staff within Eurasia and with the CPS and the IFSH. In 2019, one Master’s student and two PhD students from the American University of Central Asia, and two visiting fellows from the State University of Odessa conducted research at the IFSH. *Further information: <http://site.uit.no/epse/>.*

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CORE TRAINING COURSE “PREPARING FOR THE 2020 ALBANIAN OSCE CHAIRMANSHIP”

In preparation for the Albanian OSCE Chairmanship in 2020, a team of CORE experts conducted a two-day training course for Albanian diplomats. It was hosted by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs in Tirana on 16-17 September 2019. This was the eleventh in a series of tailor-made training events for incoming OSCE Chairmanships that CORE has been running since 2007. CORE is the only institution in the OSCE area to offer this training, which complements the induction courses and activities offered to the incoming Chairmanship teams by the OSCE Secretariat in Vienna.

The intention of this two-day course was to help prepare officials from the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania to run the country’s OSCE Chairmanship in 2020. The course focussed on practical and policy-relevant knowledge of the OSCE – from the organization’s history, procedures and structures to conflict management.

Participants included diplomats from the Albanian OSCE Task Force in Tirana, the Albanian Permanent Mission to the OSCE in Vienna, the OSCE Presence in Albania as well as representatives from various Albanian ministries. As always, it was

held in close co-operation with specialists from the OSCE Secretariat and OSCE institutions. Guest lecturers included leading representatives from the 2019 Slovak OSCE Chairmanship, the Office of the OSCE Secretary General and the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre in Vienna, the OSCE Presence in Albania, the Office of the High Commissioner of National Minorities in The Hague, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights in Warsaw, and the Vienna delegations of Italy and the Netherlands.

Wolfgang Zellner and Frank Evers discussed matters to be addressed on the way towards the Albanian Chairmanship in a separate working meeting with Mimoza Halimi, Political Director, and Armand Skapi, Secretary General of the Albanian Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, as well as Inid Milo, Head of Task Force. The training was funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.

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TEAMBUILDING EXERCISE WITH THE ALBANIAN OSCE TASK FORCE

The objective of this one-day exercise was to further support the preparations of the OSCE Task Force in Tirana two weeks before the start of the 2020 Albanian OSCE Chairmanship. It contributed to building a strong team that shares the same vision of success and operates according to agreed processes and with common working tools. This was the twelfth CORE/IFSH training event for incoming OSCE Chairmanships since 2007.

CORE organized this event together with the Learning and Development Unit of the OSCE Department of Human Resources in Vienna, under the headline “Defining, Planning, Contributing to Success. Exchange of Experience with the Task Force of the 2020 Albanian OSCE Chairmanship”.

It was a joint exercise by the Albanian Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs as the host, the OSCE Secretariat, the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, the German Federal Foreign Office, and the Slovak Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and CORE. The event was a combination of a practical coaching and a lessons-learned meeting with representatives of former OSCE Chairmanships. This project was funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.

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Preparing for the Albanian OSCE Chairmanship in 2020



OSCE NETWORK OF THINK TANKS AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

The OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions is an autonomous OSCE-related Track II initiative. The Network now has more than 90 member institutions from across the OSCE area that are engaged in academic and policy research on issues relevant to the OSCE agenda. The Network is neither an OSCE structure nor subordinated to the OSCE or its participating States. In support of the OSCE's comprehensive security agenda, Network members provide expertise, stimulate debate, raise awareness of the OSCE, address common challenges, and support OSCE dialogue formats. The Network was created on 18 June 2013, during the OSCE Security Days at Vienna Hofburg, based on an idea of OSCE Secretary General Lamberto Zannier from July 2011.

NETWORK PROJECTS

The Network's projects in 2019 comprised the RISK Study Outreach project, which promotes the findings of a Network Report on conventional arms control from 2018; the Cross-Regional Corridors of Dialogue project, the second part of a two-year

Network activity that began in 2018; a project on military dynamics and arms control in the Western Balkans; and a meeting of the Network Steering Committee.

RISK OUTREACH PROJECT

CORE was the lead institution for the "RISK Study Outreach Project", the aim of which was to promote the findings of this OSCE Network Report published in 2018:

Zellner, Wolfgang et al., Reducing the Risk of Conventional Deterrence in Europe. Arms Control in the NATO-Russia Contact Zones, OSCE Network Report, Hamburg: OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions, 2018, at: http://osce-network.net/file-OSCE-Network/Publications/RISK_SP-fin.pdf.

The RISK report was elaborated in 2018 by 17 researchers from seven OSCE participating States. It focuses on the risks resulting from the re-emergence of conventional and nuclear deterrence in Europe and proposes an innovative approach of sub-regional arms control to stabilize the NATO-Russia deterrence relationship. The outreach project was intended to discuss the report with relevant Track I and Track II representatives from across the OSCE region.

The presentations triggered lively and, indeed, at times heated debates among participants, who included diplomats from various countries, representatives of international organizations, researchers and the media. In order to reach a broader audience in Russia, the report was translated into Russian.

Presentations:

- Power breakfast on reducing the risks of conventional deterrence in Europe, co-organized by CORE/IFSH and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Vienna, 12 February 2019
- Brown Bag Lunch: Arms Control in the NATO-Russia Contact Zones, co-organized by CORE/IFSH, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and Center for Security Studies of ETH Zurich (CSS), Bern, 12 June 2019
- Crisis Escalation in NATO-Russia Contact Zones? Assessing Arms Control and Conventional Deterrence in Europe, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies,

Harvard University, Massachusetts, 23 September 2019

- Arms Control in the NATO-Russia Contact Zones, hosted by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C., 24 September 2019
- Roundtable: Reducing the Risks of Conventional Deterrence in Europe: Arms Control in the NATO-Russia Contact Zones, co-organized by CORE/IFSH and Friedrich Ebert Foundation EU Office Brussels, Brussels, 16 October 2019
- Reducing the Risks of Conventional Deterrence in Europe: Arms Control in the NATO-Russia Contact Zones, organized by Russian International Affairs Council, Moscow, 24 October 2019
- Public Panel Debate: Deterrence, Risks & Uncertainty – Norway, NATO and Russia in the High North, co-organized by the Centre for Peace Studies, UTSYN - Forum for Utenriksog Sikkerhet, YATA Norge and Tromsø Militære Samfunn, Tromsø, 20 November 2019

On 15 May, Wolfgang Zellner participated in a public hearing of the Sub-Committee for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation of the German Bundestag, titled "Regionale Stabilität? Konventionelle und nukleare Rüstung und Abschreckung in Mittel- und Osteuropa heute. Möglichkeiten für Rüstungskontrolle und Abrüstung" (Regional Stability? Conventional and nuclear armament and deterrence in central and eastern Europe today. Possibilities for arms control and disarmament) in Berlin. In his statement and written contribution, Zellner addressed the dangers of the return of deterrence scenarios to

Europe and offered approaches to stabilizing the NATO-Russia deterrence relationship by means of sub-regional arms control, mainly building on and adapting existing agreements.

The RISK Outreach project was funded by the German Federal Foreign Office and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. It also received in-kind contributions by Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University, Friedrich Ebert Foundation Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe, Friedrich Ebert Foundation EU Office Brussels, Russian International Affairs Council and the Arctic University of Norway.

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ASSISTANCE TO THE OSCE NETWORK “CROSS-REGIONAL CORRIDORS OF DIALOGUE: DEVELOPING A COMPLEMENTING TRACK FOR TRANSFORMING LONG-STANDING CONFLICTS”

CORE provided advice and managerial assistance in implementing the second part of a Network project titled “Cross-Regional Corridors of Dialogue: Developing a Complementing Track for Transforming Long-Standing Conflicts”. Over two years, this project provided a platform for dialogue among peacebuilders who live in several disputed territories in the OSCE space. The project enabled these peacebuilders engaged in civil society and research back home to network and discuss common problems. In this way, the project contributed to confidence-building outside the established negotiation and contact formats. The project was led by Marko Lehti of Tampere Peace Research Institute (TAPRI). In April, a three-day experimental Cross-Regional Corridors of Dialogue Forum took place in Stuttgart. A follow-up dialogue was conducted in Vienna in October. These two workshops piloted future informal peace-building

dialogue formats. The project concluded with a lessons learned report with recommendations for the OSCE and other international organisations. The project was funded by the German Federal Foreign Office and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, along with in-kind contributions by the Academy of the Diocese Rottenburg-Stuttgart and the Embassy of Finland in Vienna.

Publication:

Lehti, Marko, Élise Féron, Sebastian Relitz and Vadim Romashov: Cross-regional Dialogues: Launching an Informal Platform of Local Peacebuilders, December 2019.

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ASSISTANCE TO THE OSCE NETWORK “WESTERN BALKANS MILITARY DYNAMICS”

CORE provided advice and managerial assistance in designing and implementing an OSCE Network project on “Western Balkans Military Dynamics”. The project aims to contribute to the OSCE’s political dialogue on conventional arms control and confidence building in the Western Balkans, by sketching out recent military dynamics and exploring the achievements of, and challenges to arms control in this region. The project was led by Filip Ejodus, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Belgrade. Key activities under the project included the elaboration of a series of short analyses on major

military trends in the region and an expert workshop for discussing their findings. The main output of the project is a policy brief that is intended to be discussed at a public presentation in Vienna. The project was funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs and the German Federal Foreign Office.

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CENTRAL ASIAN NARRATIVES ON THE OSCE

This OSCE Network Report, put together by a group of researchers under the direction of Irina Chernykh, analyses narratives on the OSCE in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. It shows that narratives vary across different groups: government officials, experts, civil society members, and OSCE staff. The study, drawing among other sources on interviews, also reveals varying narratives on the OSCE across Central Asian states. The report was shared with the OSCE Secretariat and the Heads of the OSCE field operations in Central Asia to further the discussion on the challenges faced by these field operations. While there is continuing demand for an OSCE presence in the region, this is a difficult environment to operate in, as indicated by the increasing limitation of field operations’ mandates. The report was funded by the Austrian Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, and the German Federal Foreign Office.

Publication:

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OSCE NETWORK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

CORE and the Belgrade Center for Security Policy jointly convened the annual meeting of the OSCE Network Steering Committee in Belgrade in October 2019. The Committee was elected for the two-year term from February 2018 to February 2020. Its ten members represent institutions from Finland, Germany, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Russia, Serbia, Switzerland, the UK and the USA. At the Belgrade meeting, the committee members discussed the activities of the Network, took stock of the projects conducted in 2019, and discussed the capacity challenges of managing the growing Network. The Committee adopted an update of the Network Statutes and made preliminary plans for 2020, spanning from analysing China’s Belt and Road initiative, to a new OSCE Network website. The meeting was funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.

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KEY MEETINGS

CORE members held a number of meetings with politicians and government officials, representatives of NGOs and international organizations.

11 – 12 February – Cornelius Friesendorf and Frank Evers met with representatives of the OSCE Secretariat and national delegations to the OSCE in Vienna.

4 – 12 March – Cornelius Friesendorf and Frank Evers conducted meetings with governmental officials, the OSCE Programme Office, the Delegation of the European Union, other international and non-governmental organizations, as well as academic institutions and the OSCE Academy in Bishkek.

17 – 19 March – Cornelius Friesendorf and Frank Evers met with representatives of the OSCE Secretariat, national delegations to the OSCE and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe in Vienna.

15 – 18 April – Frank Evers took part in an international experimental dialogue forum with peacebuilders from various countries and unrecognized entities at the Academy of the Diocese Rottenburg-Stuttgart.

13 May – Cornelius Friesendorf and Frank Evers met with representatives of the German Federal Foreign Office and the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in Berlin.

13 May – Cornelius Friesendorf met with Unit 203 of the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin to discuss projects of CORE and the OSCE Network. He also met with Unit B4 of the German Ministry of the Interior to discuss multinational police missions.

16 May – Cornelius Friesendorf and Frank Evers met with representatives of the Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan in Berlin.

17 May – Cornelius Friesendorf and Frank Evers met with representatives of the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin to discuss a CORE policy paper on police governance in Central Asia.

11 – 19 June – Cornelius Friesendorf and Frank Evers met with governmental officials, the OSCE Project Co-ordinator and the Delegation of the European Union, other international and non-governmental organizations and academic institutions, and human rights defenders in Tashkent.

16 September – Wolfgang Zellner and Frank Evers met with representatives of the Albanian Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and the 2020 Albanian OSCE Chairmanship in Tirana.

26 September – Cornelius Friesendorf and P. Terrence Hopmann met with the U.S. Commission on Security and Co-operation in Europe, Washington D.C.

7 October 2019 – Wolfgang Zellner participated in a meeting of the Editorial Board of the online journal “Security and Human Rights Monitor” in The Hague.

15 October – Cornelius Friesendorf and Frank Evers met with representatives of the OSCE Mission to Serbia in Belgrade.

17 October – Cornelius Friesendorf and Frank Evers met with a Hertie School representative, and representatives of the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin.

21 October – Frank Evers met with representatives of the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin.

26 November – Cornelius Friesendorf and Frank Evers met with experts from the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), and with a professor of Warsaw University in Warsaw.

27 – 29 November – Cornelius Friesendorf and Frank Evers met with representatives of the OSCE and of national delegations to the OSCE in Vienna.

In 2019, CORE produced a number of publications, the OSCE Yearbook, policy briefs, peer-reviewed journal articles, chapters in edited volumes and book reviews.

THE OSCE YEARBOOK 2019

This flagship CORE publication is in its 25th edition. Surveying the OSCE, its 57 participating States, and comprehensive security in the OSCE area, the OSCE Yearbook contains a wide variety of contributions by scholars, policy analysts, and practitioners.

The co-editors of this publication are Pál Dunay, P. Terrence Hopmann, Adam Daniel Rotfeld, and Andrei Zagorski. The editorial team is based at the IFSH in Hamburg.

The 2019 edition features contributions on the OSCE's priorities, developments in participating States such as Armenia and Kazakhstan, OSCE conflict management in the South Caucasus, and the 2018 Milan Ministerial Council Decision on the Safety of Journalists. It also includes contributions on ODIHR's assembly monitoring, climate change and security in the OSCE, and minority protection and the integration of diverse societies as one of

the tasks of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities.

The OSCE Yearbook also includes extensive annexes comprising facts and figures on all 57 participating States, a list of recent events, and a selected bibliography. The OSCE Yearbook is intended for policy-makers, OSCE staff, students and researchers, journalists, and the general public.

The Yearbook is not an official publication of the OSCE, but receives a great deal of support from the organization, and the OSCE Secretariat in particular, and is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office. Independence in terms of content is ensured at all times.

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OSCE DEPOSITORY LIBRARY

When CORE was established in 2000, an OSCE Depository Library was set up within the IFSH library with the support of the German Federal Foreign Office. Its current inventory includes CSCE/OSCE documents, literature on the OSCE, and books with a focus on transformation processes, nation-building, nationalism and majority-minority relationships in the OSCE countries. From 2016 onwards, the OSCE documents are only available in electronic form.

The IFSH library also compiles two bibliographies on OSCE-relevant publications:

- A quarterly bibliography with the latest OSCE-related publications
- The bibliography of the OSCE Yearbook, which includes OSCE documents as well as secondary literature on the OSCE (<https://ifsh.de/en/publications/osce-yearbook>).

The library holdings can be searched via the catalogue of the State and University Library Hamburg at <https://kataloge.uni-hamburg.de/DB=1/LNG=DU/SID=c0140b87-0/LNG=EN/>.

The IFSH is also a member of the FIV – The German Information Network International Relations and Area Studies, where the IFSH mainly lists literature on the OSCE. More information at: <https://ireon-portal.de/esearcha/index.tt.html>.



RESEARCH PROJECTS

INTERNATIONAL POLICE MISSIONS: FOREIGN EXPERTS IN CONFLICT- AFFECTED STATES

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This project examines the role of international police experts in multinational police reform support missions. The aim is to explore and explain processes of both convergence and continuing divergence of policing principles and practices. Empirically, the project compares the role of selected national police agencies in European Union missions, including the EULEX mission in Kosovo and EUAM in Ukraine.

In 2019, Cornelius Friesendorf conducted fieldwork in Ukraine, interviewing representatives of EUAM, other international agencies, and representatives of Ukrainian state and non-state organizations in Kyiv and Odessa. While preparing several academic journal articles planned by the project team, he also carried out desk research, studying writings on policing and police assistance in the fields of International Relations, police studies, and criminology. The project is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) from 2018-2021.

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STUDYING EVERYDAY ORDER AND PEACE FROM THE GROUND UP: AN INTER- REGIONAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY DIALOGUE ON PEACE FORMATION IN CENTRAL EURASIA

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Area Studies and Social Anthropology on Central Eurasia confirm strong communal agency in the everyday settlement of limited identity and resource conflicts. However, IR studies on peacebuilding know little about the strength and range of communal ordering and peace formation. An in-depth understanding of societal order and peace in this post-Soviet region is often hindered by the predominant state- and security-oriented perspectives.

This project aims at filling this research gap by asking whether, how and to what extent communal actors and institutions engage in ordering and peace formation and why they are (not) successful. Following Ethnographic Peace Research it assumes that local actors and institutions can build peace and that they navigate between different cultures and powers. Relating to the post-liberal debate on localization in peacebuilding it emphasizes research on locally-led initiatives and decentralization.

In November 2019, a workshop proposal was approved by the German Foundation for Peace Research. This workshop seeks to promote an inter-regional exchange with experts from the Central Eurasian region and to foster an interdisciplinary dialogue among researchers from Area Studies, Ethnographic Peace Research, Social Anthropology, and IR.

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In 2019, CORE staff organised and held a number of events, including conferences, workshops and lectures

EVENTS ORGANIZED BY CORE STAFF

CONFERENCE: ON A SEARCH FOR A STABLE REGIONAL ORDER FOR EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOUTH CAUCASUS

CORE/IFSH is co-organizer of a two-part conference titled “On a Search for a Stable Regional Order for Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus”. From 2-5 September, a scenario conference with more than 45 researchers, journalists and NGO representatives from the EU-Eastern Partnership countries, Russia and Germany took place at the Protestant Academy in Loccum, Germany. The findings were presented on 9 October 2019 at a side event at the Minsk Dialogue Forum in Belarus, and deepened in a writing workshop. As a member of the organizing team, Anna Kreikemeyer contributed to both events by moderating a scenario workshop, commenting on the report and co-drafting an outline for a follow-up project to the German Federal Foreign Office (Civil Society Dialogue).

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CONFERENCE: EVALUATING INTERNATIONAL POLICE IN PEACE OPERATIONS AND SECURITY SECTOR REFORM PROGRAMMES

A research conference titled “Evaluating International Police in Peace Operations and Security Sector Reform Programmes” was jointly convened by the German Police University and the IFSH in Münster from 23-25 October.

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WORKSHOP: REGIONAL PEACE ORDERS AND SECURITY STRATEGIES COMPARED

As part of this tripartite workshop co-organized by Macquarie University, Australia, Fudan University in China and the University of Hamburg, Anna Kreikemeyer participated in three sessions of a panel discussion “Orders between regions: Russia and the West”. The sessions included “Russia’s use of multilateral engagement in the Syrian conflict with a view on a possible build-up of a new world order”, “A story of silence, echos and responsiveness. Resonance as a compass for Russia-West relations”, and “Political imagery in Russia-West relations. Postmodern iconomachy.”

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LECTURE: THE EVOLUTION OF GUN CONTROL POLICIES IN POST-MAIDAN UKRAINE

Cornelius Friesendorf and Christine Hentschel (Chair of Criminology, Security and Resilience, Faculty of Business, Economics, and Social Sciences, University of Hamburg) jointly convened a guest lecture by Matthew Light, University of Toronto, on “The evolution of gun control policies in post-Maidan Ukraine” as part of the lecture series “Out of the Dark”, University of Hamburg, 29 October.

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PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

Throughout 2019, CORE staff gave a number of presentations and lectures to audiences including government representatives, academics, international organizations and the general public.

17 January – Cornelius Friesendorf provided an overview of IFSH activities at the Helmut Schmidt University/University of the Federal Armed Forces, Hamburg.

28 January – Cornelius Friesendorf gave a Surveillance Studies lecture on foreign police missions at the University of Hamburg.

8 February – Cornelius Friesendorf gave a lecture on “Comparing intervention practices of Western armed forces” at the Helmut Schmidt University/University of the Federal Armed Forces in Hamburg.

19 May – Azamjon Isabaev gave a presentation on “Peace and Security in Central Asia” at the workshop “Central Asia: A Region in Transition”, Evangelische Akademie Meissen.

5 June – Anna Kreikemeyer gave a lecture on “Changing Perspectives on Peacebuilding: How Does Local Agency Contribute to Peace Formation in Central Eurasia?” at the third Eurasia Peace Studies Exchange course in Ak Maral/Issyk kul, Kyrgyzstan.

21 September – Cornelius Friesendorf participated in a panel on “Balancing, Blustering, Bargaining? How Central Asian States Confront Great Power Politics”, at a conference on “Negotiating Peace in Global Complexity: Chaos, Conflict, and Cooperation in Central Asia and the Middle East”, conducted by the Negotiation Task Force, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, Boston, MA.

23 September – Cornelius Friesendorf presented on “International Police Assistance to Central Asia: Shortcomings, Risks, Opportunities”, at the Fletcher Eurasia Club, The Fletcher School, Tufts University in Medford, MA.

1 October – Cornelius Friesendorf participated in a panel on “Security Sector Reform, Governance and Human Security in Fragile and Conflict Affected Contexts”, conference on “Looking Ahead to Germany’s Presidency of the EU and Beyond: What Role for Conflict Prevention?” The panel was co-organized by the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO) and the Working Group on Peace and Development (FriEnt) in Berlin.

12 – 13 October – At the OSCE Focus Conference, Wolfgang Zellner led a session titled: “Wither arms control, disarmament and CSBMs?” The conference convened OSCE ambassadors, members of OSCE institutions and researchers and was jointly organized by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the OSCE Troika (Italy, Slovakia, Albania), DCAF, and ETH Zurich.

23 October – Cornelius Friesendorf gave an opening statement and a presentation on “Embedding Institutional Reform within Technical Support and Training” at a research conference titled “Evaluating International Police in Peace Operations and Security Sector Reform Programmes – Appropriate Approaches in a Complex Environment” which ran from 23-25 October at the German Police University in Münster.

25 October – Cornelius Friesendorf gave a presentation on “Legal Insecurity and Staff Commitment to Organizations: The Case of the OSCE”, at a conference titled “What Legal Framework for the OSCE? A Book Launch Conversation”, held at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Berlin.

19 November – Cornelius Friesendorf gave a presentation on “German Contributions to Security Sector Reform in Fragile States”, Foreign Service Academy (Akademie Auswärtiger Dienst) in Berlin.



TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Throughout 2019, CORE staff conducted a range of teaching and supervision activities in a number of universities and other institutions.

- Anna Kreikemeyer acted as a first supervisor for Madina Bizhanova's Master's thesis on the topic "Creating Political Legitimacy in Kazakhstan".
- In the winter semester 2018/2019, Cornelius Friesendorf and Hans-Georg Ehrhart taught a course on "European Security Orders: The Role of the OSCE, NATO, and EU" as part of the Master of Peace and Security Studies (MPS) at the IFSH.
- In the winter semesters 2018/2019 and 2019/2020, Elena Kropatcheva taught on "Capacity and limits of Russian Energy Policy" from 17-18 January, and from 28-29 November. These courses gave an overview of Russian energy policy, examining a number of case studies in order to understand the potential and the limits of Russian energy power. It also included an overview of different theoretical frameworks for understanding energy relations.
- In the winter semester 2018/2019, Naida Mehmedbegović Dreilich taught a course at GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) on "Intercultural Internship Preparation". She also ran a seminar on Intercultural Competence at the University of Hamburg, and a seminar on Intercultural Communication at the Berufsakademie Hamburg.
- In 2019, CORE staff wrote 7 reviews for academic journals as part of the anonymous review process. Cornelius Friesendorf reviewed two research grant applications from research foundations.
- In the summer semester 2019, Naida Mehmedbegović Dreilich ran a block seminar on Intercultural Training at the University of Bonn.
- In the winter semester 2019/2020, Naida Mehmedbegović Dreilich taught a course at the IFSH on Intercultural Communication and Cooperation. This course presents theories and concepts for analyzing intercultural communication, discussed against the background of students' own intercultural experiences. The courses are designed to develop students' individual intercultural competence.
- Naida Mehmedbegović Dreilich ran two block seminars on Intercultural Training at the University of Bonn in October and December.

During 2019, the Head of CORE managed a staff of eight, including six researchers and two editors responsible for publishing the OSCE Yearbook, who were supported by further translators and language editors. Less than half of the CORE budget was financed through the IFSH budget.

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