

Collaborative Research Center 923

Organization



The Collaborative Research Center 923 “Threatened Order – Societies under Stress” investigates threatened social orders. In line with the wider meaning of the German “Ordnungen”, orders are conceptualized as arrangements of elements that are related to each other in a certain way and that structure social groups or even whole societies. Orders are threatened when agents become convinced that their options for action are uncertain, when behavior and routines are called into question, when agents feel they cannot rely on each other, and they manage to establish a “threat-discourse”. Researchers in different fields within the social sciences and cultural studies studying the past and the present collaborate in order to develop a model of Threatened Orders.

Project F07 “The Struggle for International Order – Arms Control in the United Nations System” examines diplomatic and international legal strategies for stabilizing national sovereignty claims in the United Nations system. Among other things, the project examines whether the inclusion of civil society actors in negotiation and decision-making processes serves rather to contain transnational demands of civil society actors and to co-opt them, or whether it is part of a deepening of global governance and thus of the re-hierarchization of political spaces. The project focuses on the policy field of security and international arms control initiatives within the framework of the United Nations system in order to draw possible conclusions about the overarching conflict of order on the basis of these examples.

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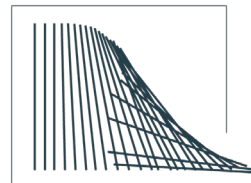
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The Struggle for Arms Control Transforming or Reproducing International Order

International Conference
9th & 10th December 2022

Fürstenzimmer
Schloss Hohentübingen

The Struggle for Arms Control: Transforming or Reproducing International Order

Since the end of the Cold War, civil society actors (CSAs) and small and middle powers (SMPs) have been playing an ever-greater role in shaping arms control initiatives and providing impetus for change. But how substantial are these changes? Do these developments transform or stabilize existing orders, practices of violent conflict management and related power asymmetries? What are the opportunities and challenges for practitioners participating in the struggle for arms control?

The conference aims to advance our understanding of the transformative potential of actor diversification and multi-stakeholder approaches in the creation and contestation of international arms control regimes.

The theme of the workshop could not be timelier: Following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine we may enter an era of restoration in international politics, reemphasizing the state's primary function as security provider for its citizens. The call is for rearmament rather than disarmament. Consequently, the strategic environment could become virtually impervious to the voices of CSAs and SMPs committed to advancing arms control and disarmament initiatives.

Against this backdrop, it is imperative to take stock of the existing engagement and reflect on how the transformative potential of CSAs and SMPs – in its political and legal dimensions – can be harnessed in the future.

This conference brings together academics, policy experts and representatives of civil society to discuss this issue at the intersection of law and politics.

Program

Friday, 9th December 2022:

CSAs and SMPs: stabilizing, changing or challenging existing order(s)?

8.30 – 9.00 am
Coffee

9.00 – 9.30 am

Welcome & Introduction

9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Panel I: Conventional Arms Control. Humanitarian Arms Control – a new era?

Dr. Thompson Chengeta, University of Southampton

Prof. Neil Cooper, Kent State University

Prof. Margarita Petrova, Institut Barcelona Estudis Internacionals

Dr. habil. Simone Wisotzki, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt

12.30 – 1.30 pm
Lunch break

1.30 – 4.30 pm

Panel II: Nuclear disarmament – on the path of global multilateralization?

Dr. Kjølsv Egeland, Sciences Po Paris

Prof. Dr. Thilo Marauhn, Justus Liebig University of Giessen

Dr. Olamide Samuel, University of Leicester

Alicia Sanders-Zakre, Policy & Research Coordinator, ICAN

6.00 – 7.30 pm

Keynote

Her Excellency, Ambassador Maritza Chan of Costa Rica
Großer Senat, Neue Aula

8.00 pm
Dinner

Historische Weinstube Forelle, Kronenstraße 8

Saturday, 10th December 2022:

New strategies for transformation – where to go from here?

9.00 – 9.30 am
Coffee

9.30 am – 12.30 pm:

Regulating violence: Arms Control above, beyond and below the State

Prof. Keith Krause, Geneva Graduate Institute

Roundtable discussion:

New strategies for transformation – where to go from here?

NGO input

María Pía Devoto, Director, Association for Public Policies

Nadja Schmidt, Director, ICAN Austria

Dr. Brian Wood, Leadership Team Member, IANSA

12.30 – 1.30 pm:
Closing session