

Topic

The end of the Cold War has fundamentally challenged the security realm on either side of the former political border. The new Eastern democracies, formerly tied into the satellite system of the Soviet Union, had to reorganise the principles of their security policies and reshape the civil-military relationship within their polity.

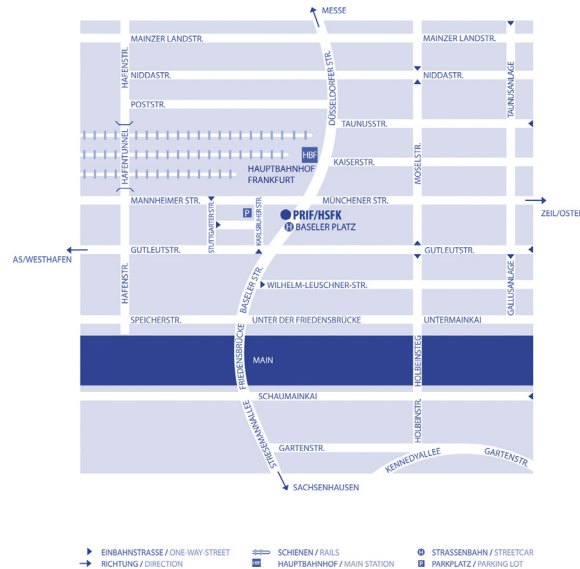
In the same vein, the breakdown of the Iron Curtain caused a necessity also for the Western European countries to rethink the conventional goals and strategies that had determined their security concepts till 1990. The tasks, structures and roles of the armed forces have become adjusted anew since then; the integration processes in the context of EU and NATO enlargement and new missions have contributed further to dramatic changes in the field of how democratic societies conceptualise and make use of that institution, which plays an extremely important role in war and peace, i.e. their armed forces.

While traditional research on the military in democracy has been interested mostly in the conditions under which the military could influence civil society and politics to an undesirable degree, our conference turns the table. It will focus on the changing political circumstances that affect the position of the military in the democratic polity and in its foreign, or security policy. To this end we look first into the widespread re-definitions of security and the objects of defense in the post-cold war era, and ask what they imply for democratic civil-military relations. In a second step we address the consequences which unconventional mission types such as the 'humanitarian intervention' render for the military role conception: Is the humanitarian warrior about to become the new soldierly role model?

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From Downtown Frankfurt by public transportation
The tram stop „Baseler Straße“ is located directly in front of PRIF's building. Tram lines 12, 16 and 21 run here.

Normative Shifts in Democratic Conceptions of the Soldier After the End of the Cold War: From Defenders of the Nation to Warriors for Global Peace?

12th November 2010



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Program

11:45-12:00 Opening / Introduction

The conception of the democratic soldier and the democratic peace argument

Prof. Harald Müller
(Director of Peace Research Institute Frankfurt)

12:00-13:00 Keynote

Chair: Cornelius Friesendorf
(Peace Research Institute Frankfurt /
Goethe University Frankfurt)

War amongst the people in the 21st century: The challenges of complex operational spaces

Christopher Dandeker
(King's College, London)

13:00-14:00 Lunch Buffet

14:00-15:30 Session 1: Redefinitions of security and the objects of defense in the post-cold war era: Implications for democratic civil-military relations

Chair: Elke Krahnemann
(University of Bristol)

Political narratives of 'humanitarian intervention'

Regina Kreide
(University of Gießen)

Armed forces and civilians in Europe after the end of the Cold War: Role concepts and democratic dilemmas

Sabine Mannitz
(Peace Research Institute Frankfurt)

Democratization of the security sector in post-conflict and post-authoritarian societies: The impact of domestic and international pressures

Andrew Cottey
(University College Cork)

Democratization and civilian control of the military in Asia

David Kühn
(University of Heidelberg)

15:30-16:00 Tea and Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 Session 2: The humanitarian warrior as a new icon in world politics?

Chair: Julika Bake
(University of Augsburg)

Pimp my Soldier! Germany and the rise of the hybrid soldier

Gerhard Kümmel
(Bundeswehr Institute of Social Sciences, Strausberg)

Female peacekeepers: Have they changed concepts of soldiering?

Marsha Henry
(London School of Economics and Political Science)

World order conflicts and the concept of the democratic warrior

Andreas Herberg-Rothe
(Humboldt University Berlin /
University of Applied Sciences Fulda)

Civil society empowerment and lessons learnt from the 'humanitarian intervention' in the Balkans

Biljana Vankovska
(University of Skopje, Macedonia)

17:30-17:45 Closing Remarks and Perspectives

Sabine Mannitz
(Peace Research Institute Frankfurt)

19:00

Dinner
(speakers/panelists/chairs only)