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BACKGROUND

International relations have changed dramatically over the past years. A whole range of new actors, in particular emerging middle powers, have entered the scene and have transformed the system from a more or less unipolar to a rather diffuse multipolar world. Long established constellations in international negotiations are dissolving; traditional spheres of influence have vanished, whereas new ones are emerging. Combined with the application of double standards that are all too often practiced by leading international actors, this has led to a mutual loss in confidence as well as a weakened sense of reliability and predictability in international relations. Deadlocks in some of the most important current international negotiation processes are, at least partially, a consequence of these developments.

Against this background, and as the world's most pressing problems continue to grow, it is of utmost importance to regain international capacity to act. Probably the most promising opportunity is provided through the consolidation of existing and the initiation of new coalitions amongst emerging and established middle powers. These coalitions might start as ad hoc and single-issue coalitions, based on common interests in one specific area. They may, however, also have the potential to contribute towards developing a better understanding of each other and establishing trust between different actors – eventually leading to more successful international cooperation based on a system of network politics as well as formal and informal dialogue formats.

In this year's International Security Expert Workshop, we will therefore try to identify necessary preconditions as well as possible paths towards the building of new coalitions (or the consolidation of existing ones). In particular, we will turn our attention to coalitions between newly emerging middle powers and Germany as well as the European Union at large. Our main impetus is to identify what these powers expect from Germany and the EU as cooperating partners: How do they see their role in the initiation, installation and finally the operation of existing and new alliances?

In particular, we would like to explore these issues in relation to sustainable development and climate change as well as in the field of human security. Taking into account the recommendations coming out of the workshop, we will conclude with a final discussion round on how these recommendations could be integrated in the future foreign policy strategies of Germany and the EU.

Key questions for all panels are:

- What current prospects and opportunities are new partners and allies offering?
- What are the driving forces behind existing and new coalitions? What are the right incentives? And in which policy fields is cooperation most promising or most pressing?
- What do emerging countries expect from Germany/the EU as cooperating partners? How can they gain credibility? What role should they play in coalitions?
- What future lines of confrontation are to be expected in the formation of new coalitions? How could these be overcome?

: Tuesday, 09 September 2014

- 13.00 hrs Registration and light refreshments
- 13.30 hrs Welcome
Professor Tobias Diebel
Member of the Executive Committee of the Development and Peace Foundation (sef:)
Director of the Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research (KHK/GCR21)
Director of the Institute for Development and Peace (INEF), Duisburg
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SESSION I

EMERGING MIDDLE POWERS: GROWING SELF-CONFIDENCE, CHANGING SPHERES OF INFLUENCE?

- Chair
Dr Rainer Baumann
Head of Research Unit 3
Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research (KHK/GCR21), Duisburg
- 13.45 hrs Opening speeches
Towards a multipolar world: The concept and potential of constructive powers
Paul Heinbecker
Director of the Centre for Global Relations, Wilfrid Laurier University,
Distinguished Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), Waterloo
- Alliances for global change? Strategic partnerships with emerging powers*
Professor Ummu Salma Bava
Professor of European Studies
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- 14.45 hrs Questions & Answers
- 15.30 hrs Coffee break

SESSION II

COALITION-BUILDING FOR SUSTAINABILITY:

WHAT ROLE FOR GERMANY AND THE EU IN CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS?

For good reason, the post-2015 process currently plays a prominent role in international debates. The process is not only about establishing a few new development goals as follow-up to the MDGs; rather it is about setting future principles and priorities of international cooperation that will move beyond the out-dated dichotomy of developing and developed countries. In addition, it is about concrete ways of implementing universal sustainability goals. At the same time, the negotiations for a new international accord to succeed the Kyoto Protocol enter a crucial phase.

How could Germany and the EU contribute towards the success of these negotiations? How important is coalition-building in this context? And are there any alternatives to bring the issues forward, beyond these dominant strands of negotiation?

Chair

Dr Marianne Beisheim

Member of the Executive Committee of the Development and Peace Foundation (sef:)
Senior Associate, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin

16.00 hrs

Inputs

Zhenbo Hou

Research Officer “International Economic Development Group”
Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London

Jorge Laguna-Celis

Senior Programme Management Officer, Intergovernmental Policy Co-ordination
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) / New York Office

Comments

Stephan Contius

Head of Division “United Nations, Cooperation with Emerging and Developing Countries”
Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety,
Berlin

16.50 - 18.00 hrs

Plenary discussion

18.30 hrs

Informal dinner

: Wednesday, 10 September 2014

9.00 hrs

Welcome coffee

SESSION III

MAKING THE WORLD A SAFER PLACE:

WORKING TOGETHER FOR HUMAN SECURITY

In the field of international security, we are also faced with many different challenges. With regard to current and future violent conflicts and the massive violation of human rights, we need a new consensus on the fundamental principles and rules for external intervention. One prominent approach widely debated in the past years was the Responsibility to Protect (R2P), eventually adopted by the UN General Assembly. But how must we reach universal consensus on the differentiation and implementation of this principle given the differing concepts of national sovereignty? Is it feasible to form a coalition of middle power countries and the EU in this context?

Along with the concepts of R2P and human security, the prevention of armed conflicts and non-traditional threats to security such as extreme poverty, environmental degradation, bad governance, or the abuse of human rights have received growing attention. Is there a specific role, middle power countries - as well as middle power coalitions - could play in facing these “soft” security threats?

Chair

Professor Herbert Wulf

Senior Fellow, Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC),
Adjunct Senior Researcher at the Institute for Development and Peace,
University of Duisburg/Essen

9.15 hrs

Inputs

Dr Jakkie Cilliers

Executive Director, Institute for Security Studies (ISS), Pretoria

Professor Carolina G. Hernandez

Chair of the Board of Directors

Institute for Strategic and Development Studies, Inc. (ISDS Philippines), Quezon City

Comments

Dr Patricia Flor

Director General for the United Nations and Global Issues
Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

10.05 hrs

Plenary discussion

11.15 hrs

Coffee break

CONCLUDING SESSION

COLLABORATING WITH EMERGING MIDDLE COUNTRIES FOR GLOBAL PUBLIC GOODS: FUTURE GERMAN AND EUROPEAN STRATEGIES

	Chair Dr Cornelia Ulbert Executive Director Institute for Development and Peace (INEF), Duisburg
11.45 hrs	Inputs Professor Adriana Erthal Abdenur Researcher, BRICS Policy Center, Professor, Institute of International Relations of the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro Professor Robert Kappel Member of the Executive Committee of the Development and Peace Foundation (sef); President Emeritus and Senior Research Fellow, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg Kazuki Kitaoka Head, Strategic Planning and Coordination Unit United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Thomas Renard Senior Research Fellow, EGMONT – The Royal Institute for International Relations, Brussels; Co-founder and Deputy Head, European Strategic Partnerships Observatory (ESPO)
12.45 hrs	Plenary discussion
13.15 hrs - 13.30 hrs	Wrap-up and Political Outlook Professor Tobias Debiel