



ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR CIVILIAN CRISIS PREVENTION
AND PEACEBUILDING

„ZEITENWENDE“ FOR CIVILIAN CRISIS PREVENTION?



Thursday, October 5th, 2023, 9 a. m. – 5 p. m. CEST
at the Federal Foreign Office (Weltsaal) and online

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has brought about a turning point in German security policy. Does this also apply to the approaches of civilian crisis prevention and peacebuilding, the effectiveness of which is crucial for the course of crises worldwide?

In the light of an increasing number of parallel global crises, the Berlin Peace Dialogue 2023 will be addressing the question of what the "Zeitenwende" means for the future of civilian crisis prevention in Germany and internationally. This year's conference will offer insightful testimonies and perspectives from academia, politics and practice.

The conference language is English. Simultaneous interpretation into German will be provided.

The conference will be held in a hybrid format. Attendance in person at the Federal Foreign Office is preferred, but also possible online.

Please register [HERE](#) by 21 September 2023 and choose which session you would like to join.

The Advisory Board to the Federal Government for Civilian Crisis Prevention and Peacebuilding

By bringing together expertise on crisis prevention and peacebuilding from both civil society and academia, the Advisory Board supports the Federal Government in these areas. It is appointed for four years and comprises twenty experts from academia, foundations and civil society organisations. It follows the implementation of the Federal Government's guidelines on "Preventing Crises, Resolving Conflicts, Building Peace" published in 2017.

The Advisory Board fosters constant exchange between the Federal Government and civil society. It publishes positions on overarching strategic questions. In addition, it develops contributions on pertinent issues.

Location: Federal Foreign Office | Weltsaal
Werderscher Markt 1 | 10117 Berlin

PROGRAMME

Master of Ceremonies:

Nora Müller, Member of the Advisory Board, Director of the International Politics Division & Director of the Berlin Office, Körber Foundation

8.30

ARRIVAL: COFFEE AND TEA

9.30

WELCOME & OPENING

- Susanne Baumann, State Secretary of the German Federal Foreign Office
- Dr Kira Vinke & Lars Wagner, Co-Chairs of the Advisory Board for Civilian Crisis Prevention & Peacebuilding

9.50

KEYNOTE

Richard Gowan, UN Director, International Crisis Group

10.15

SHORT BREAK

10.45

OPENING PANEL: CIVILIAN CRISIS PREVENTION IN THE SHADOW OF THE "ZEITENWENDE" – IMPLICATIONS FOR GERMAN ENGAGEMENT & GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Key Questions:

- Against the backdrop of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, what is the role of civilian crisis prevention at the multilateral level?
- What is the relationship between the German Government policy Guidelines *Preventing Crises, Resolving Conflicts, Building Peace* and the *National Security Strategy* and what does this mean for Germany's engagement in crisis areas?
- What importance should civilian crisis prevention be given in the *New Agenda For Peace*?
- What is the future of international cooperation in the field?

Panelists:

- Ambassador Anka Feldhusen, Director for Crisis Prevention and Stabilisation, German Federal Foreign Office
- Jochen Steinhilber, Director-General for Displacement, Crisis Prevention, Civil Society, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation & Development
- Silke Pfeiffer, Director Peace & Human Rights, Brot für die Welt
- Dr Almut Wieland-Karimi, Senior Policy Advisor, Member of the Advisory Board of Stiftung Mercator, Member of the Advisory Group of the UN Secretary-General for the UN Peacebuilding Fund
- Dr Roshmi Goswami, Co-Chair, South Asians For Human Rights, Feminist Activist Leader from North East India

Facilitation:

- Dr Jana Puglierin, Member of the Advisory Board, Senior Policy Fellow & Head of the Berlin Office of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

12.15

LUNCH BREAK

13.15

PARALLEL SESSIONS

1. Hope in the Climate Crisis? Environmental Peacebuilding as an Instrument of Prevention & Conflict Management

Panelists:

- Dr Kira Vinke, Co-Chair of the Advisory Board, Head of the Center for Climate & Foreign Policy, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)
- Arriya Sugal, Junior Project Manager, Sub-Saharan Africa Unit, Berghof Foundation
- Nada Majdalani, Director of Palestine Office, EcoPeace Middle East
- Stefanie Wesch, Doctoral Researcher, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)
- Dr Antje Herrberg, Chief of Staff, EUCAP Sahel Niger

Facilitation:

- Shirin Reuvers, Head of Strategic Partnerships, Berghof Foundation

2. Civilian Conflict Management & Peacebuilding in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood: Lessons Learned (Study Launch)

Presentation of Study:

- Dr Sonja Katharina Schiffers, Member of the Advisory Board, Director Heinrich Böll Foundation Tbilisi Office - South Caucasus Region
- Prof Dr Andreas Heinemann-Grüder, Member of the Advisory Board, Senior Researcher, Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies (BICC)

Panelists:

- Dr. Sebastian Relitz, Director of Corridors - Dialogue through Cooperation
- Prof Dr Stefan Wolff, Professor of International Security, University of Birmingham, and Co-Coordinator, OSCE Network of Thinktanks and Academic Institutions
- Roderich Kiesewetter, Member of the German Bundestag, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Tamta Mikeladze, Programme Director, Social Justice Center, Associated Professor, Ilia State University
- Martin Albani, Head of Peace Mediation and Dialogue Sector, European External Action Service

Facilitation:

- Dr Jana Puglierin, Member of the Advisory Board, Senior Policy Fellow & Head of the Berlin Office of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

3. Challenging Racism and Discriminatory Power Structures in Civilian Crisis Prevention

Input:

- Mayada Hassanain, Researcher at the Institute for Economic Justice

Discussants:

- Dylan Mathews, CEO, Peace Direct
- Ginger Schmitz, Member of the Advisory Board, Managing Director of the German Platform for Peaceful Conflict Transformation (PZKB)

Conclusion:

- Bodo von Borries, Member of the Advisory Board, Head of Department Humanitarian Assistance, Peacebuilding & Participation (VENRO)

Facilitation:

- Marianne Pötter-Jantzen, Campaigning Officer, Misereor

14.45

COFFEE BREAK

15.15

CONCLUDING PANEL: HOW WARS END – INSIGHTS FOR UKRAINE

Key Questions:

- How can the war be thought of from a politically sustainable end?
- What concepts of international law, security policy, peace policy, and justice should guide the termination of the war?
- What conditions and options for action for de-escalation and containment of violence exist, and what potentials for civilian conflict management and subsequent peacemaking and peacekeeping are realistic?
- What constructive role could Germany play?

Panelists:

- Prof Dr Helmut Philipp Aust, Freie Universität Berlin, Professor of Public & International Law, Associate Fellow of the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)
- Dr Cindy Wittke, Head of Political Science Research Group, Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) in Regensburg
- Dr Iryna Solonenko, Ukraine Programme Director, Zentrum Liberale Moderne
- Rainer L. Glatz, Member of the Advisory Board, Lieutenant General (retired)

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16.45

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Dr Kira Vinke & Lars Wagner, Co-Chairs of the Advisory Board