

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

NATO in a changing world – Outdated Organization or Indispensable Alliance?

Date

Friday 6 and Saturday 7, March 2009

Venue

Beletage of the Heinrich Böll Foundation
Schumannstraße 8
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Conference Languages

All interventions will be simultaneously translated from English into German and vice versa.

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At its 60th anniversary summit in April 2009, NATO plans to launch a process to develop new security strategy. On this occasion, the Heinrich Böll Foundation will host an international conference on the future of the Alliance. After the end of the cold war, is NATO an outdated organization? What role should and can the organization take on in a plural world order?

NATO – Rift or Bridge toward Russia?

From the war in Afghanistan to the question of expanding towards Georgia and Ukraine and its new tensions with Russia: Is NATO ready for new challenges or is it rather at the brink of collapse? After the Iraq war, is NATO again a catalyst for the revitalization of a close trans-Atlantic partnership?

Russia's President Medvedev suggested a new Eurasian security organization ranging from Vancouver to Vladivostok. Does NATO have the potential to grow from a Western defense alliance into a comprehensive security pact that includes Russia? Or will it return to its original cause: keeping Russia in check?

The Plural World Order: New Challenges with an old Security Architecture?

There is tenuous agreement among NATO members that military means are not sufficient to address the major challenges of the day: solving the conflict in Afghanistan, preventing a new, nuclear arms race, and coping with climate change. There needs to be greater priority on multilateral, political cooperation, integration of emerging powers into the global community as well as conflict prevention. How will NATO pursue these goals?

The Heinrich Böll Foundation wishes to provide an open forum for political decision-makers, experts and civil society representatives to discuss the role of NATO in the 21st century. This conference will be a forum to discuss questions of global security and the future security strategy of the North Atlantic Alliance. Please join us to discuss the current state of NATO and its role in the coming decade.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Day 1, Friday, March 6, 2009

- 17:00 Registration
- 17:30 **Welcome**
- Ralf Fücks**, President, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Berlin
- 17:45 Keynote
NATO on short-time-work? - An Alliance on Search for Meaning
- Jürgen Trittin**, Deputy Chairperson of the Parliamentary Group Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin
- 18:15 Strategic Dialogue I.
Wanted: A new Vision for NATO
- Jamie Shea**, Director of Policy Planning in the Private Office of the NATO Secretary General, Brussels
- Jürgen Trittin**, Deputy Chairperson of the Parliamentary Group Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin
- Chair: Constanze Stelzenmüller**, Director, German Marshall Fund, Berlin
- 19:45 Reception

Day 2, Saturday, March 7, 2009

- 9:30 Welcome
- 9:35 Panel I.
NATO and Russia: Confrontation or Security Partnership?
- Przemyslaw Grudziński**, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Poland, Warsaw
- Dmitri Trenin**, Director, Carnegie Moscow Center, Moscow
- Marieluise Beck**, Member of the German Parliament, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin
- Chair: Sabine Adler**, Deutschlandfunk, Berlin
- 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:30 Strategic Dialogue II
Europe and the United States: An (in)dispensable Alliance?
- Dan Hamilton**, Director for Transatlantic Relations at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Washington D.C.

Claudia Roth, Chairwoman, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

13:00

Chair: **Ruth Ciesinger**, Tagesspiegel, Berlin
Lunch break

14:00

Parallel Workshops

1. Civilian-military Strategies: The Test Case of Afghanistan

Ralf Schnurr, Branch Head Advise, Joint Commitments Staff, German Federal Ministry of Defense, Berlin

Afifa Azim, Director, Afghan Women's Network (AWN), Kabul

Ejaz Haider, Op-Ed Editor, Daily Times, & Consulting Editor, The Friday Times, Lahore

Chair: **Winfried Nachtwei**, Member of the German Parliament, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

2. ESDP and NATO: Competition or Division of Labour?

Nick Witney, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, Paris

Reinhard Bütikofer, Member of the German Parliament, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

Sadi Shanaah, Foreign Affairs Expert, Czech Green Party *Strana zelených*, Prague

Chair: **Bastian Hermisson**, Head of Department, EU/ North America, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Berlin

3. Is NATO ready for disarmament?

Oliver Thränert, Research Division International Security, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin

Ulrike Guerot, Director, European Council on Foreign Relations, Office Berlin

Chair: **Marc Berthold**, Head of Department for Foreign and Security Policy, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

4. Can NATO play a role in the Near East?

Kerstin Müller, Spokesperson Foreign Policy, Parliamentary Group Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

Mark Heller, Principal Research Associate, Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv

Chair: **Sergey Lagodinsky**, Fellow, Global Public Policy Institute, Berlin

15:30

Coffee Break

15:45

Concluding Panel

The Future of NATO in a Plural World Order

Karsten D. Voigt, Coordinator of German-North American Cooperation,
German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Sherri Goodman, General Counsel, CNA, Alexandria, VA

Alexander Bonde, Member of the German Parliament, Alliance 90/The Greens,
Berlin

Jeremy Shapiro, Director of Research, Center on the United States and Europe;
Fellow, Foreign Policy, Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings Institution,
Washington D.C.

Chair: **Ralf Fücks**, President, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Berlin

17:15

End of Conference