



**Development  
and Participation Possibilities  
Rethinking Security  
and Peace**

EUFOR The Hague, May 1st 2026

Ralf Becker | project coordinator

# Ecumenical World Assembly 2011

## **Kingston 2011:**

"We as churches are able to teach the powerful nonviolence – if only we dare to do so."



**World Council  
of Churches**



# German Catholic Bishops 2024

*"Even though we currently regard armament efforts as an indispensable element of responsible policy, from a global perspective, it borders on insanity to squander vast amounts of financial and intellectual resources in the face of the enormous problems that are piling up before humanity in order to deter each other from destroying each other, instead of concentrating all our energies on mastering the challenges of the future together."(210)*

[https://www.dbk-shop.de/de/publikationen/die-deutschen-bischoefe/hirtenschreiben-erklaerungen/peace-to-this-household-a-peace-statement-by-the-german-bishops.html?dl\\_media=34860](https://www.dbk-shop.de/de/publikationen/die-deutschen-bischoefe/hirtenschreiben-erklaerungen/peace-to-this-household-a-peace-statement-by-the-german-bishops.html?dl_media=34860)



# German Catholic Bishops 2024

"Political reason and human solidarity demand an end to the arms race, international and verifiable arms control and a drastic reduction in arms spending. ...

**We must counter the horrific visions of a humanity tearing itself apart with powerful images of successful coexistence of people and peoples.**

Against the backdrop of climate change, broad and effective international cooperation is required in a way that has hardly ever been seen before in the history of mankind."(210)

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# Decision of the synode of the Protestant Church of Baden 2013

*"The Church's mission is to make the voice of the gospel heard. The state synod asks the Protestant Council to make the Bible's message of peace heard in regular talks with political leaders.*

*The development and implementation of non-violent concepts and instruments for prevention, conflict resolution and peacebuilding should be repeatedly discussed."*

# Blueprint Energy Transition



*Like the transformation  
from fossil to renewable  
energy production  
we need a scenario for the  
medium-term transformation  
from military to civil security  
policy paradigm.*

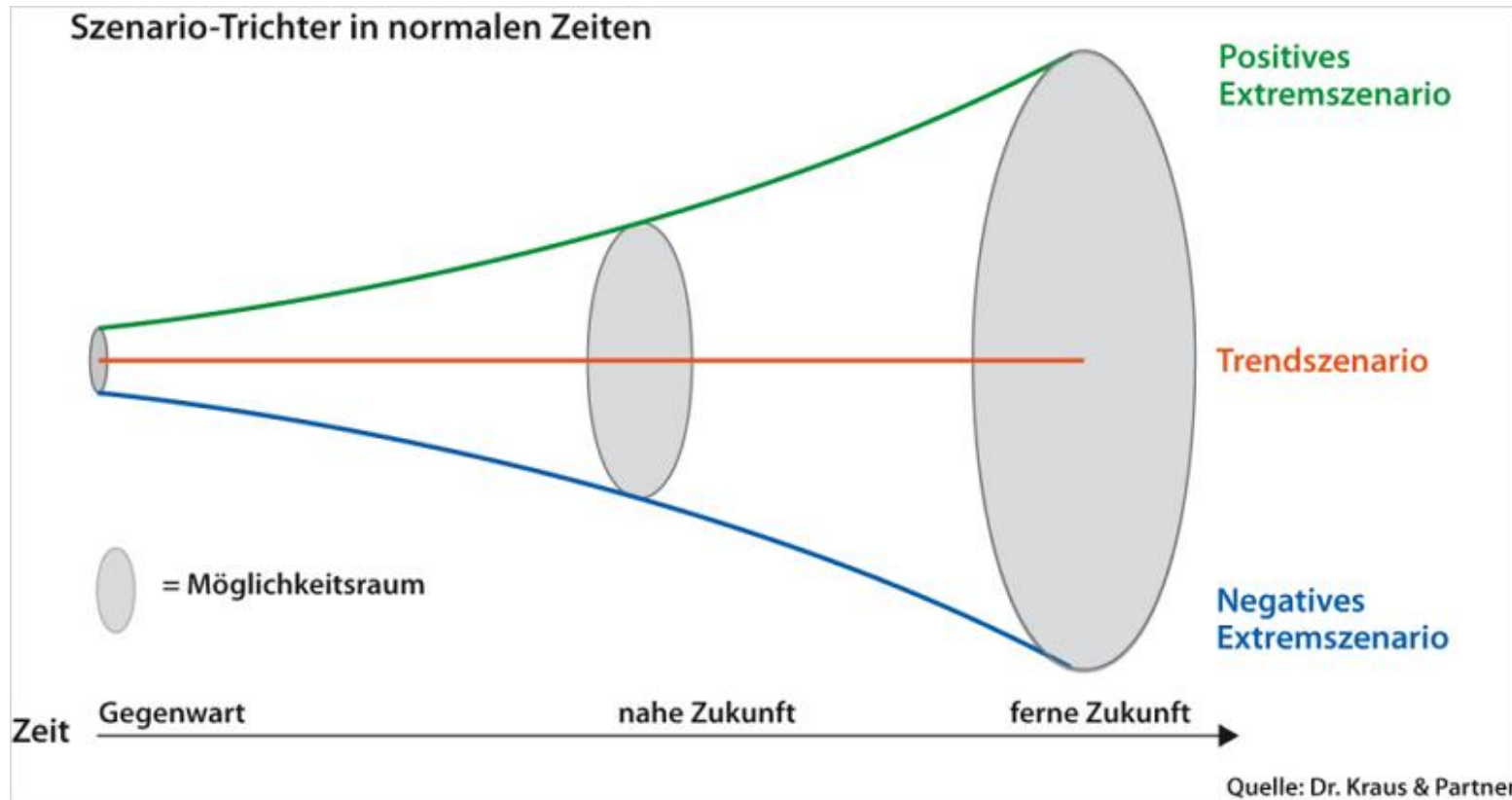
# Decision of the Synode 2013 point 6

*"Like the national phase-out law  
from nuclear energy production  
a scenario for the medium-term exit  
from military peacekeeping must be  
drawn up."*

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# Trend, negative and positive Scenario



Today

Future

# Publishing of the Scenario 2018



## Rethinking Security

From military  
to civil security  
Towards 2040: a scenario

Becker, Ralf & Maass, Stefan &  
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# WCC Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace

## **Ex Bishop Martin Schindehütte of Protestant Church in Germany (EKD) for Foreign Affairs:**

“I’ve never read a better paper to elaborate our WCC pilgrimage of justice and peace.”



# Civil Security Policy

just foreign relations



Sustainable development in the EU's neighborhood



International security-architectur



Resilient demokracie



Conversion of the armed forces



# Resonance: Hope

- "The scenario brings hope."
- „The scenario allows us to believe in possible change."
- "I have been active in peace work for over 40 years now... rarely have I heard such a well-founded lecture, which also spreads hope!"

*Andreas Schrappe,  
Leader Protestant Church Center Würzburg 13.10.22*



# 150 supporting organizations



<https://www.sicherheitneudenken.de/mach-mit/prominente-unterstuetzer/organisationen-initiativen>



# Dialogical Initiative

**Our initiative sees itself as a dialogical initiative:**

**In our coordination group, we develop papers for our supporting organizations, the peace movement, the churches as well as society and politics.**

**We ask for feedback on our impulses which enriches our next paper.**

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# Dialogical Initiative



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Positive-  
Scenario  
2025-2040

### Europe's role for peace in the world

- How do we create a sustainable peace order that takes into account different security interests?
- How can Europe contribute to overcome the imperial dominance of Russia, China and the USA?
- What can Europe do to make global disarmament possible?
- Europe's potential contribution to safeguard the natural foundations of life

Initiative Rethinking Security  
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Impulspapier Nr. 4

2023

Sicherheits-Strategien neu denken  
Gewalt stoppen und überwinden!

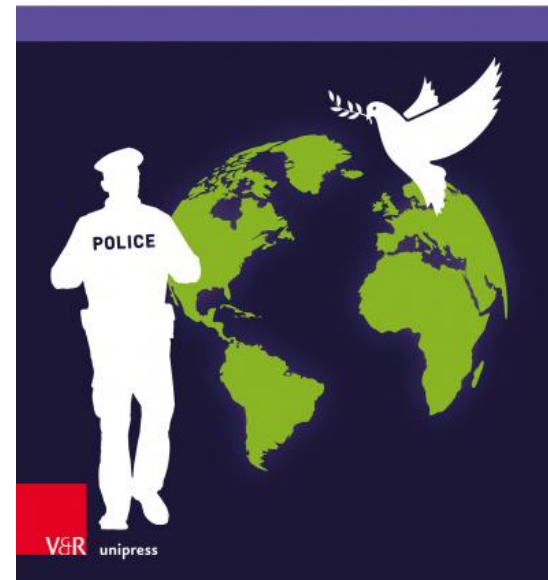
In Israel und Palästina.  
In der Ukraine.  
Global.



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Harmsen / Maaß / Scheffler / Ziegler (Hg.)

Weltinnenpolitik und  
Internationale Polizei



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# Austrian scenario(2023)

## Österreichische Friedensstrategie

Österreichs außen- und  
sicherheitspolitische Beiträge für  
Europa und die Welt zivil gestalten



# Scenario Netherlands (2024)

Veiligheid  
Opnieuw  
Doordenken



Werkgroep Inclusieve Veiligheid

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**Alternative  
Security  
Review**



## How do the British People Understand their Security? Responses from a new approach to public opinion surveying

By Sariya Cheruvallil-Contractor, Anna Gillions, David Curran and Zsófia Hasek



**Visualising  
Security**

**Rethinking Security**  
for a just and peaceful world

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# Rethinking European Security

The 'Turning Point: Realising a Sustainable Security Architecture for Europe' project – referred to as 'Rethinking European Security' – is driven by the need to generate a sustainable security systems change in Europe and beyond.

<https://basicint.org/rethinking-european-security/>



# National Security Strategies

A rules-based international order with Russia and China

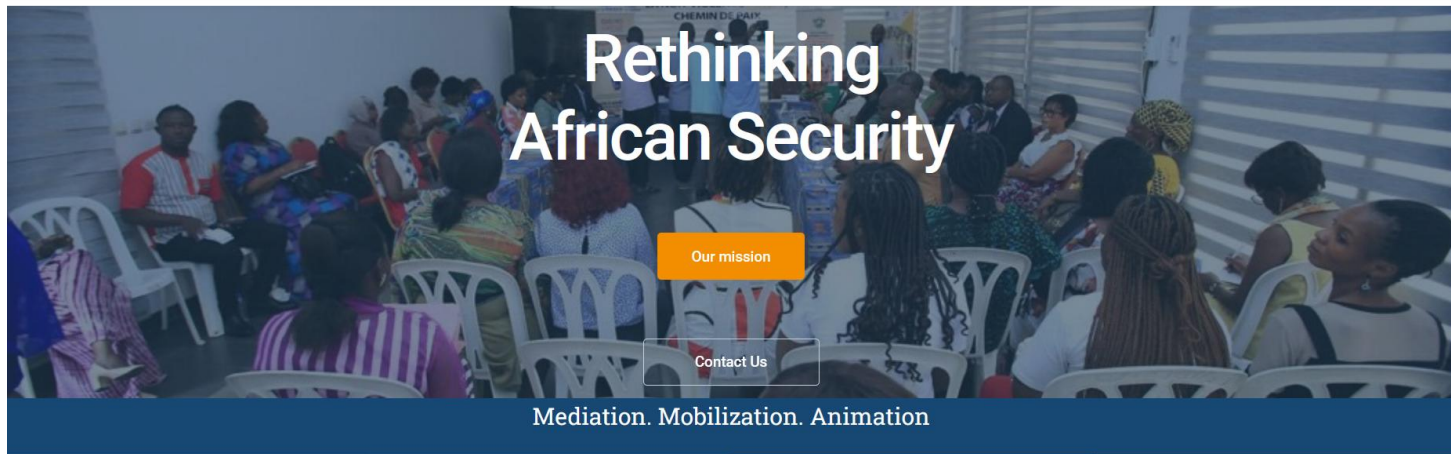
- Which active offer can and do we want to make to Russia and China for a lasting non-violent balance of our interests?



# African Initiative



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<b>DEVELOP</b> We develop training and skills-	<b>IMPLEMENT</b> We implement information and	<b>ENCOURAGE</b> We encourage community	<b>COLLABORATE</b> We collaborate closely with universities and research centers on
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# Partners Rethinking African Security

- Peace Institute of the Federation of Central African Bishops' Conferences ISPR
- Conference for the Great Lakes Region Peace + Security Programme
- African Union (ECOSOCC)
- Alumni Network African Peace University
- Association of Nonviolent Action CRA
- International Fellowship of Reconciliation Africa
- Emeritus Ministers
- Afr. Platform of traditional opinion leaders



# Rethinking Security international



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European  
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**REPENSER LA SÉCURITÉ**



# World Social Forum 2026



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**WORLD SOCIAL FORUM 2026**  
*COTONOU, Benin, 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2026*

**RETHINKING PEACE and SECURITY**  
**Input PEACE FACTORY**



# Positive Examples: Civil Peace Service

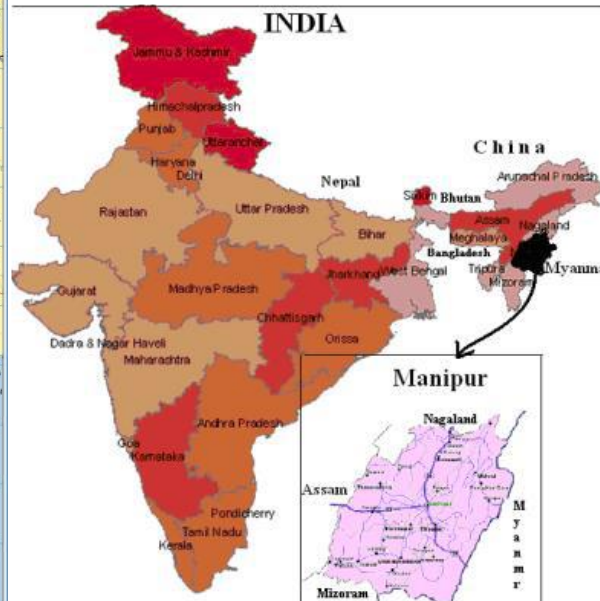
Der Zivile Friedensdienst weltweit – ein Überblick

Seit 1999 wurden rund 1.400 ZFD-Fachkräfte in knapp 60 Ländern tätig. Derzeit sind rund 300 Fachkräfte für den Zivilen Friedensdienst im Einsatz. Der ZFD ist in 42 Ländern aktiv.



Stand 30.06.2019

# Examples of successful civil interventions



<https://www.sicherheitneudenken.de/zivile-sicherheit-ist-wirksam/>

# West Africa Network for Peacebuilding

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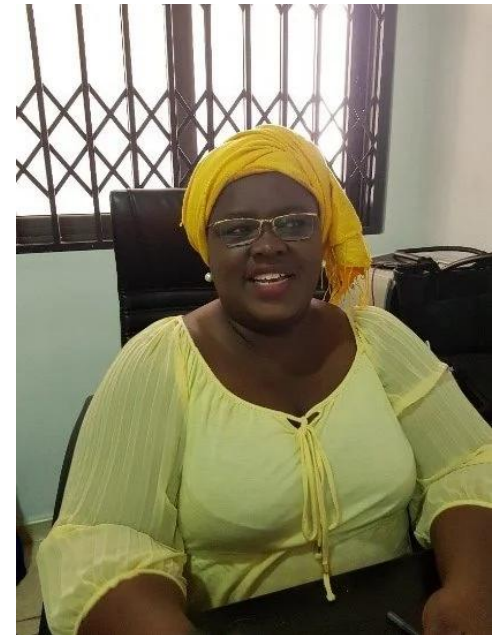
## Mali und die Sahelzone: Fragen des Engagements

Die globale Studie "Wie Frieden gewonnen wird - von zivilem Widerstand zu dauerhafter Demokratie" weist zivilen Widerstand als Schlüsselfaktor bei 50 von 67 Transformationen autoritärer Staaten zwischen 1972 und 2005 nach.<sup>26</sup>

Demzufolge ist auch in Mali und der Sahelzone die Unterstützung gewaltfreier statt gewaltbewehrter Akteur\*innen erfolgversprechend.

Der Beschluss Frankreichs und seiner europäischen Verbündeten vom 17.02.2022, militärischen Truppen aus Mali abzuziehen, ist daher folgerichtig.<sup>27</sup>

Levinia Addae-Mensah vom West Africa Network for Peacebuilding formulierte auf der Jahrestagung des Beirats der Bundesregierung für Zivile Krisenprävention und Friedensförderung am 2.10.2020 folgende Anforderungen zur Lösung der Krisen im Sahel:



<https://www.sicherheitneudenken.de/media/download/variant/353243/snd-impulspapier-nr.-1-overcoming-helplessness-2022.pdf>

# Professional African Peace Workers



University of Peace in Africa  
*trains civil peace experts.*

<https://ijab.de/alle-kurzmeldungen/campus-friedensuniversitaet-afrika-bildet-peace-builders-aus>



# Civil crisis intervention in Africa



# Interreligious reconciliation council CAR

The screenshot shows the website for the film 'SÍRÍ' at the Human Rights Film Festival Berlin. The page features a navigation menu with links for 'KONTAKT', 'NEWS', 'TEAM', 'PRESSE', 'NEWSLETTER', and 'ENGLISH'. Below this, there are three main menu items: 'FILME', 'RAHMENPROGRAMM', and 'ÜBER UNS'. On the right side, there is a logo for 'AKTION GEGEN DEN HUNGER'. The main content area displays a large image of a group of people, including a man in a white clerical robe and a red zucchetto, and another man in traditional black and white attire. A red circular button with a play icon and the text 'PLAY TRAILER' is overlaid on the image. The film title 'SÍRÍ' is prominently displayed in white text, with the director's name 'Manuel von Stürler' and other details below it. Social media hashtags '#justice' and '#africa' are also visible. A 'Privacy settings' link is located on the right edge of the image area.

KONTAKT NEWS TEAM PRESSE NEWSLETTER ENGLISH

FILME RAHMENPROGRAMM ÜBER UNS

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#justice #africa

**SÍRÍ**

Manuel von Stürler | CH | 2018 | 76 min | Französisch, Sango

PLAY TRAILER

Privacy settings

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# Expert Dialogue on International Police and Global Domestic Policy



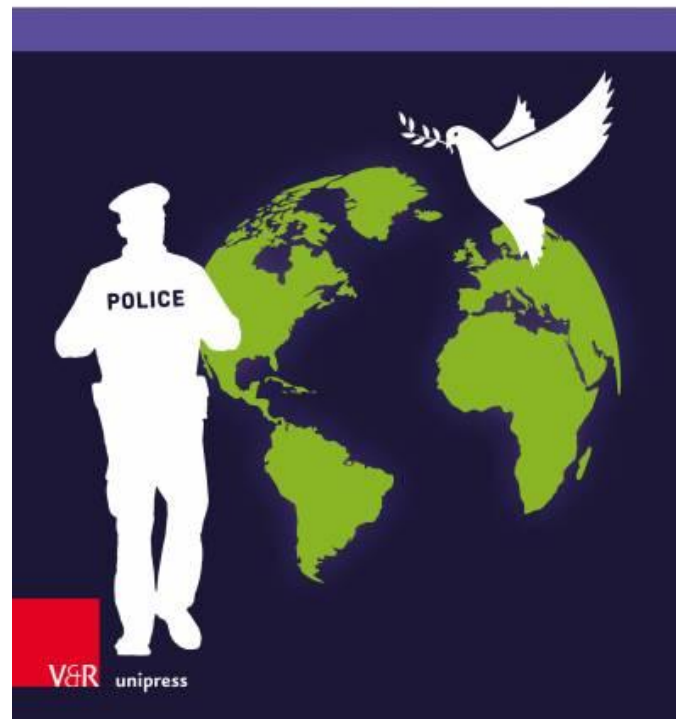
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# World Domestic Policy and International Police

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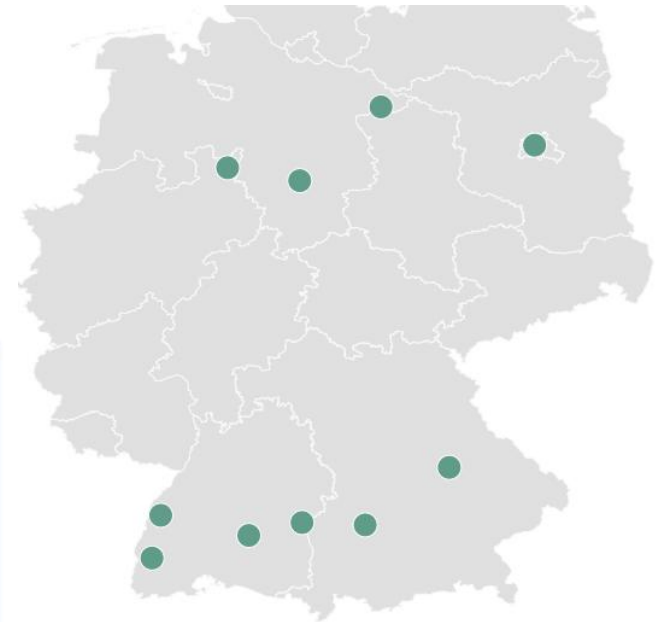
## Weltinnenpolitik und Internationale Polizei



# Model Projects Social Defense



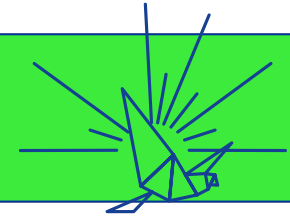
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ohne Waffen**



<https://wehrhaftohne Waffen.de>

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# Peace4Future.de



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FOR FUTURE

## Training of peace mentors

- Next Gen Coaching
- Instagram
- Telegram



**misereor**  
GEMEINSAM GLOBAL GERECHT

**Brot**  
für die Welt



# Experts dialogue with Misereor

**MISEREOR**  
IHR HILFSWERK



## Leben in Frieden und Sicherheit?

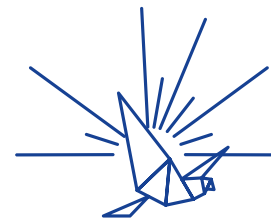
Material zur Gestaltung eines Projekttags  
in gesellschaftswissenschaftlichen und wertorientierten Fächern

Monika Bossung-Winkler und Richard Bösch



(Bild: „Gewaltfreiheit“ oder „The Knotted Gun“ – bronzenes Friedenssymbol des Künstlers Karl Fredrik Reuterswärd, ein Geschenk der Regierung von Luxemburg an die Vereinten Nationen; Quelle: UN photo)

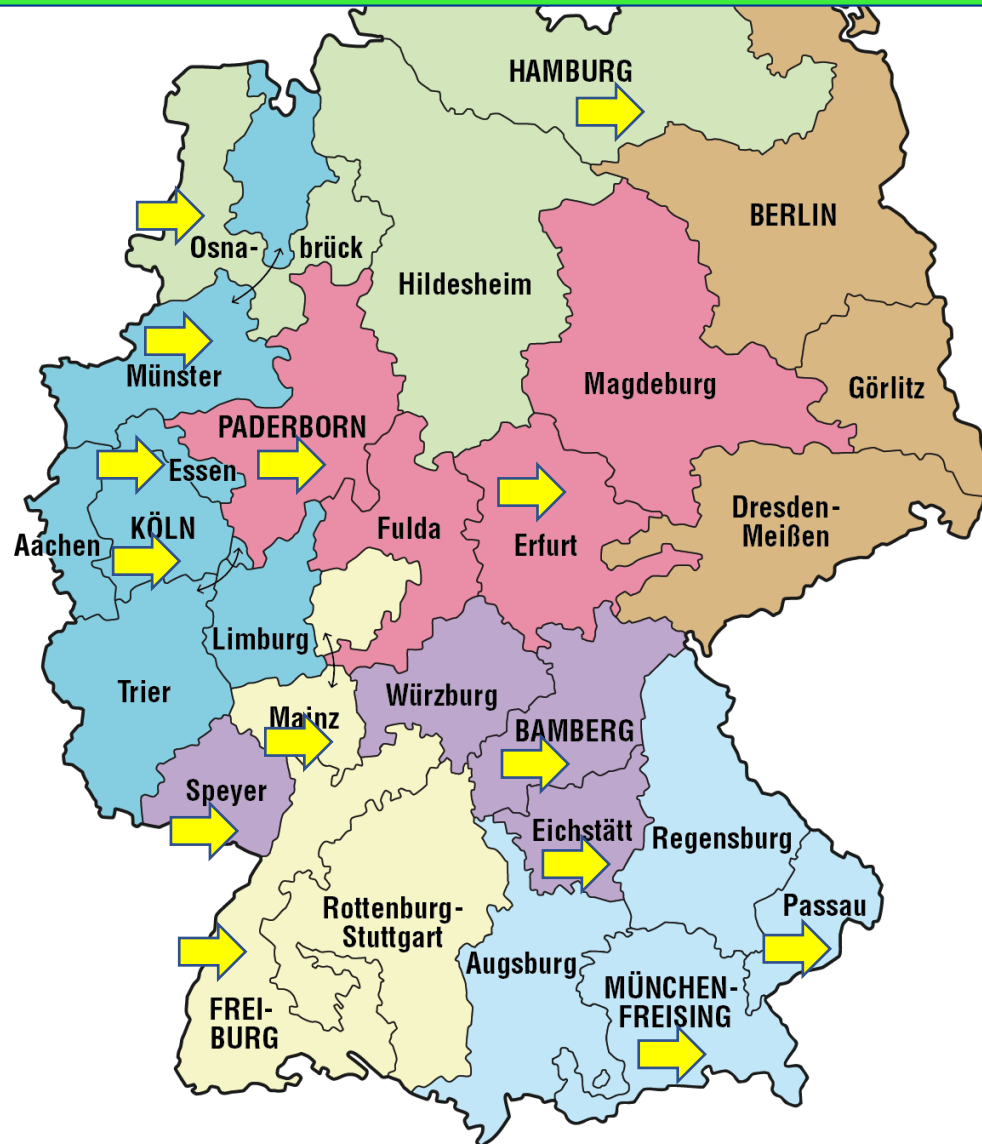
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GEMEINSAM GLOBAL GERECHT



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**FOR FUTURE**



# Cooperations with 14 dioceses



Frieden leben.  
Partner für  
die Eine Welt.

# Cooperation of academies



# Dialog-partners

Major general Richard Rosmanith

2012 to 2018 Commander of the Operational Command  
Intervention Forces



Carsten Breuer

Inspector General of the Bundeswehr



**VERANT-  
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Rethinking  
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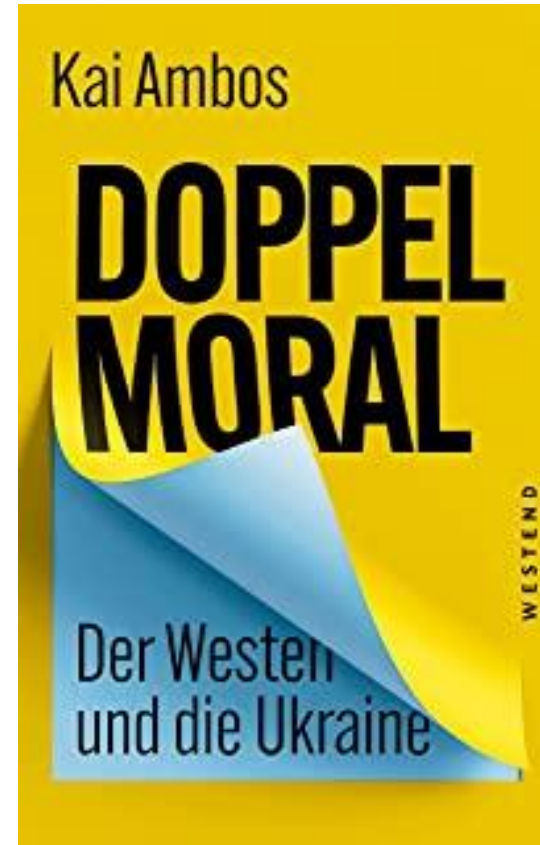
# Experts dialog with MSC



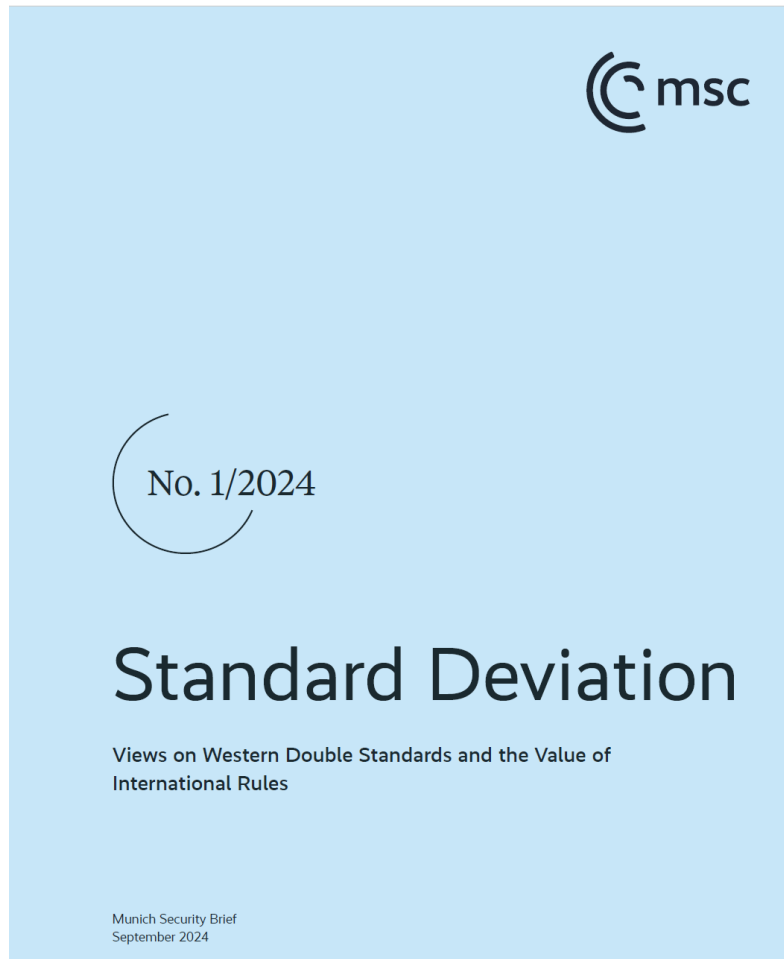
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Conference **msc**  
Münchner Sicherheitskonferenz



# Western Double Standards



# Western Double Standards



<https://securityconference.org/en/publications/munich-security-brief/standard-deviation/main/#fn-anchor-73>



# Dialog-Partner\*innen Politicians



# 1:1 increase in civil spending 2023

- + 1 Mrd. € Foreign ministry
- + 1 Mrd. € Int. Cooperation
  
- Crisis prevention, stabilisation and peacebuilding from 480 to 570 million €
  
- Crisis management and reconstruction from 570 to 1240 million €

<https://www.frieden-stark-machen.de>

**Deutschlands zivile  
Friedensfähigkeiten  
stärken.**





**Rethinking Security**  
**facing the war**  
**in Ukraine**



# Impulse Papers



## **For a determined and level-headed response to Putin's war**

Impulses for civil solutions

*Rethinking security - right now!*

Suggestions for orientation  
and free use

## **Download English version**

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# Expressing Stop AND maintaining relationship



# Saying Stop!

"With one hand I say to a person who is angry,  
to an oppressor or to an unjust system:

Stop! what you do.

I refuse to obey you.

I refuse to respond to your demands.

I refuse to take the role of victim."



# Maintaining relationship

"I also raise my other hand. I stretch it out.

With this hand I say:

I will not drive you out of the human community.

I trust that you can make a better choice than you do now.

And I'll be there when you're ready.

Whether we like it or not,  
we are connected."



*Source: Barbara Deming*

# Preparing for peace talks



Thomas R. Pickering, former U.S. Ambassador to the UN and Moscow, describes in an article in the renowned US magazine Foreign Affairs of 14 March 2023 realistically the possibilities for preparing for peace talks in Ukraine.

[www.foreignaffairs.com/united-states/how-prepare-peace-talks-ukraine](https://www.foreignaffairs.com/united-states/how-prepare-peace-talks-ukraine)



# Learning from peace negotiations 2022



- The peace agreement failed in large part because Western states did not want to take on reliable security guarantees for Ukraine.
- Ukraine would have renounced any intention of joining military alliances or allowing foreign military bases or troops on its soil.

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/ukraine/talks-could-have-ended-war-ukraine>

# Åland Islands 1918

## Conflict between Finland and Sweden

Strict demilitarization and neutrality.

Visible signs of Åland's independence are flag, anthem, national holiday, license plates, stamps, Internet domain and Swedish as the official language.



# Suggestions for civil solutions



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**Positive-Scenario  
2025-2040  
„Europe’s role  
for peace in the world“**

<https://www.sicherheitneudenken.de/europa-szenario>





## Positive- Scenario 2025-2040

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# Europa-Szenario 2025-2040

1. European Order of Conflict and Peace
2. Overcoming the imperial dominance of Russia, China and the USA
3. Neutrally secured states between NATO and Russia
4. Transatlantic relations on an equal footing
5. CSCMNO for the Middle East
6. Reconciled partnership with African states
7. Europe cooperates with China in a fair and human rights-critical manner
8. BRICS countries become Europe's partners

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# Science: Prof. Lothar Brock

"Our biggest mistake was that after 1990 we did not push much more for the establishment of a common, inclusive security system in Europe."



Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung e.V.  
German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies



# Study group German Scientists 2019

"The myth of  
'Russia has destroyed the European peace order':

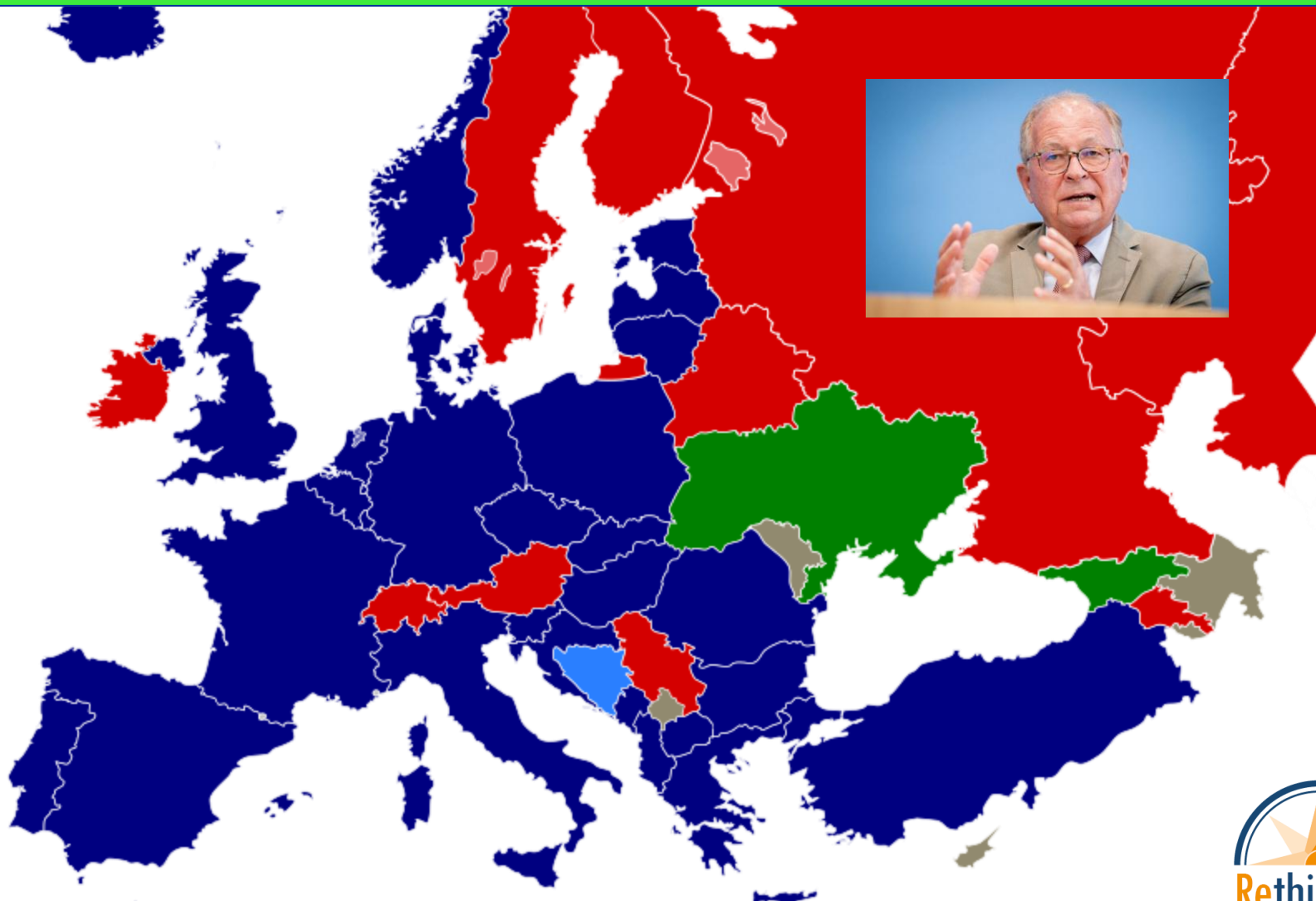
Above all, there was a lack of willingness for mutual recognition and inclusive community building. The West bears the main responsibility for this: it neither wanted to involve Moscow on an equal footing nor did it want to provide the OSCE with the necessary instruments for successful crisis management."



Sabine Jaberg, Mythos „Russland hat die europäische Friedensordnung aufgekündigt“, siehe <https://vdw-ev.de/ueber-uns/studiengruppen/europ-sicherheit-frieden/#0a65a1dc50a170adf>, ähnlich auch: Wolfgang Richter, Der Westen trägt eine Mitverantwortung für die Ukraine-Krise, bpb, 05.09.2016, <https://www.bpb.de/themen/kriege-konflikte/dossier-kriege-konflikte/233440/meinung-der-westen-traegt-eine-mitverantwortung-fuer-die-ukraine-krise/>



# NATO-Osterweiterung - Rote Linie



Bundespressekonferenz am 14.02.2022

# Mistakes of the West



*"The West has good reasons to reflect on its own mistakes. Why in 2007 they didn't take more seriously what was said by Vladimir Putin at the time."*

*"Why in 2008 the American government's initiative was not rejected much more vehemently, namely – from the Russian point of view – the crossing of a red line."*



Turning the Perspective  
**Overcoming Helplessness**

Rethinking Security Report 2022

Sicherheit Neu Denken  
18. Februar 2022

<https://www.sicherheitneudenken.de/rethinking-security-report-2022/>



# Still a political option



*"From my experience as a negotiator, I know that if you can create a situation where one party says, I admit, we made a mistake - that increases the chance that the other side will say, 'We also made a mistake.'*

*If you can bring about this situation, that's half the battle in terms of negotiation."*



**Für eine entschlossene  
und besonnene Reaktion  
auf Putins Krieg**

Impulse für zivile Lösungswege  
*Sicherheit neu denken - gerade jetzt!*

Orientierungs-Angebote  
zur freien Verwendung

AG Zivile Krisenintervention  
Initiative 'Sicherheit Neu Denken'  
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18. März 2022

Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger,  
MSC-Chairman during the  
**Federal Press Conference on 14.02.2022**



# Shaping a sustainable European security order to overcome the war in Ukraine

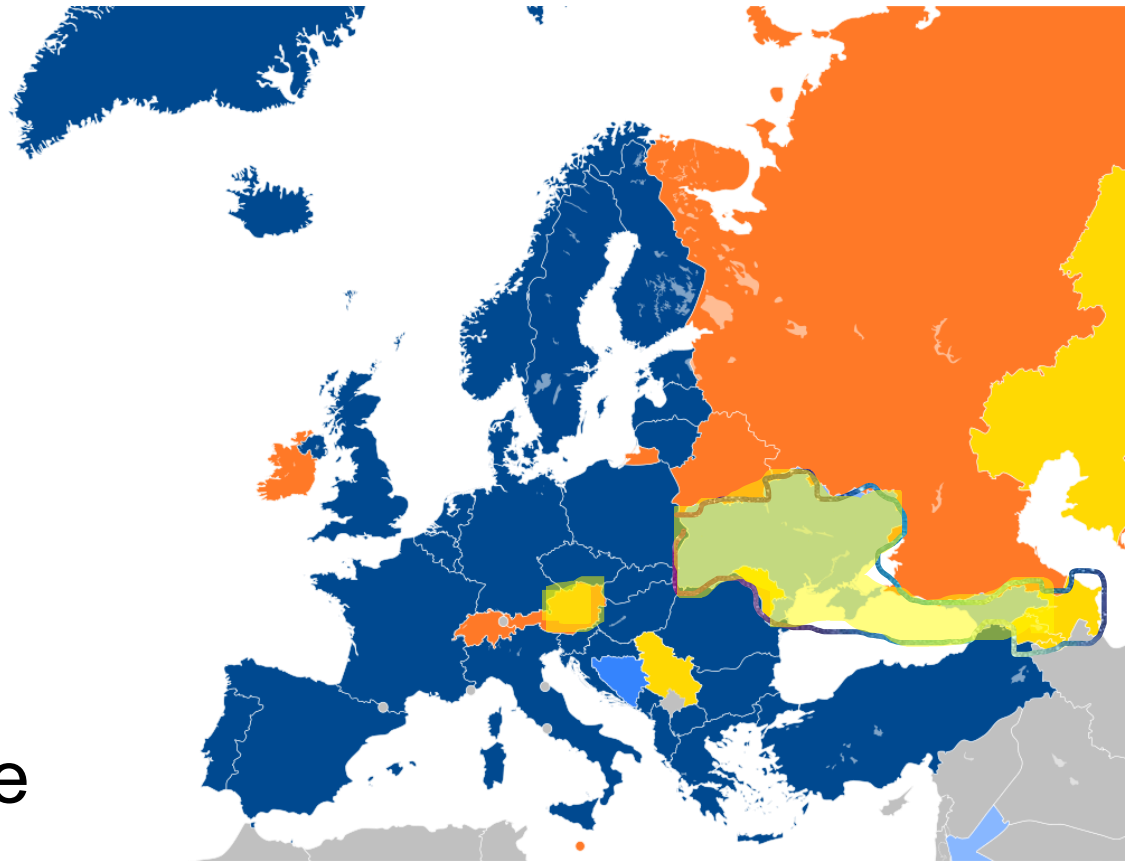
- We propose to create a UN-secured peace zone for the states between NATO and Russia, primarily Ukraine.
- is based on a proposal by Ukrainian Foreign Minister Kuleba during the peacetime negotiations in March/April 2022

# European Peace and Conflict Order

NATO

Russland

+ UN-secured  
Neutrality zone



# Shaping a sustainable European security order to overcome the war in Ukraine

- For Russia, preventing Ukraine from joining NATO is one, if not the central goal of the war.
- For Ukraine, its sovereignty with viable security guarantees is the decisive goal of its defensive war.
- Solution that leads out of the war and is at the same time sustainably stable: UN security guarantee with – if desired by the UN security force – stationed in Ukraine with the participation of, for example, Indian, South African, Brazilian, Swiss or other international armed forces.

# Shaping a sustainable European security order to overcome the war in Ukraine

- Not only NATO or EU countries, because the tension between Western states and Russia, which is one of the reasons for the Ukraine conflict, would remain and would remain associated with lasting uncertainty for all parties involved.
- An international UN security force in Ukraine would draw its strength in particular from the fact that all participants would agree on its purpose, its task, its function and the rules of its deployment. A UN protection force formed not only by Western states could be accepted, respected and co-commissioned by Russia as a sustainable stabilizing force.

# Putin's war goals

- [The conditions published by President Zelensky after the Swiss Peace Summit on 16.6.24.](#)
- [The conditions published by President Putin before the Swiss peace summit on 14.6.24.](#)
- [According to the study published on 16.4.24 in the US journal Foreign Affairs, the main points of contention and rapprochement in the 2022 peace negotiations.](#)
- [Confirmation of Foreign Minister Lavrov 15.4.25](#)

# Introduction

- A world beyond wars, climate catastrophe, migration crisis and international confrontations is possible!
- We can make a conscious decision to do so – and gratefully reject the horror scenarios that are often offered to us.

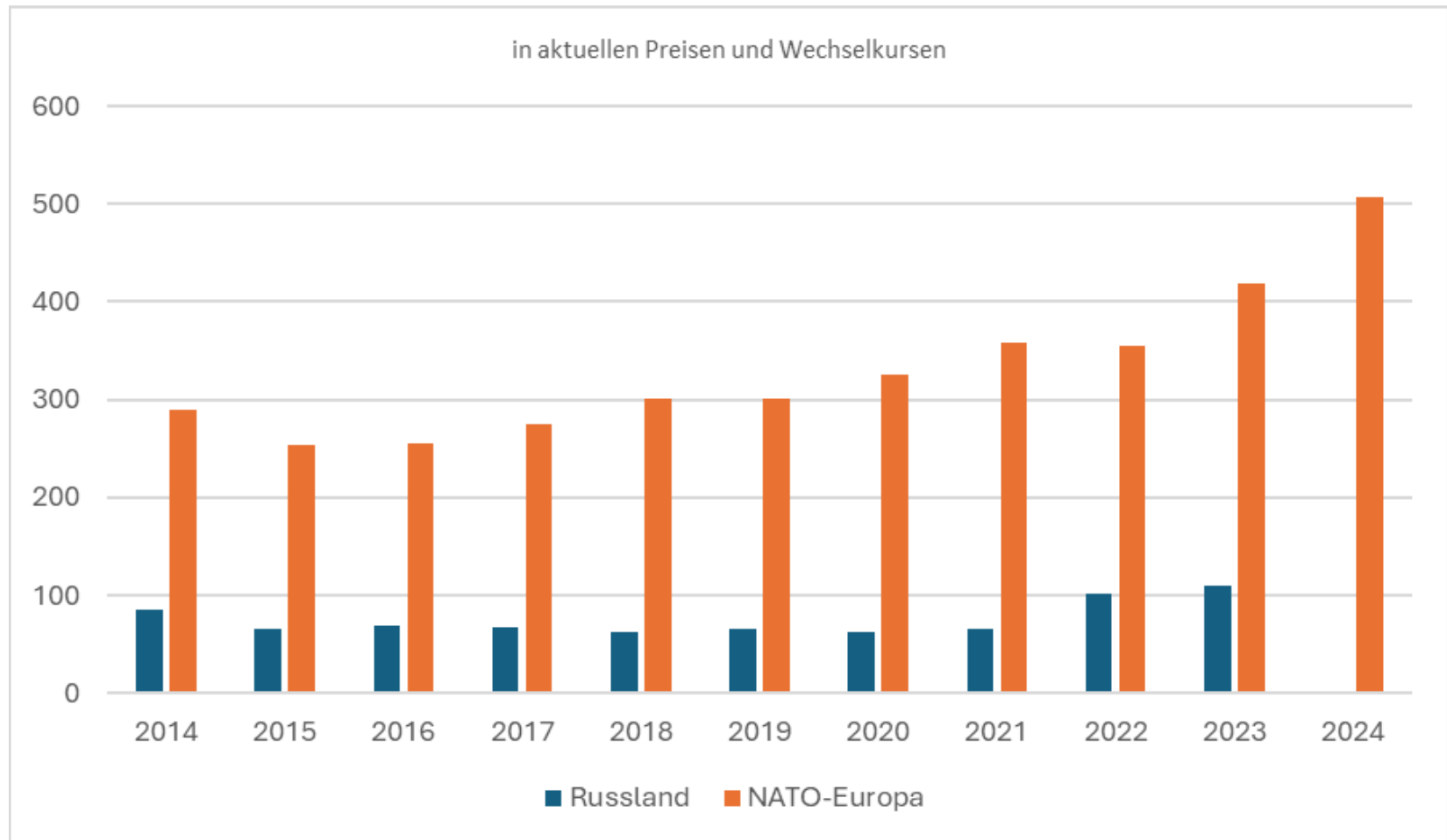
# 1. How does Europe create a European conflict and peace order that includes Russia?

- (Military) threats emanating from Russia
- Exaggerated threat scenarios
- NATO's military superiority
- Acknowledging and overcoming mutual threat perceptions
- Common European security with Russia

# Sober threat analysis

1. Putin has committed a lot of absolutely despicable and war criminal acts
2. Russia is a real threat
3. And: Putin's military capabilities are vastly overestimated

# Superiority of the West



<https://www.greenpeace.de/frieden/kraeftevergleich-nato-russland>

# Superiority of the West

Table 2: Comparison of operational major military weapons systems

	Battle tanks	Armored vehicles	Artillery	Attack helicopter	Main warships	Submarines	Combat aircraft	Strategic bombers
NATO total	<b>9.011</b>	<b>45.619</b>	<b>22.145</b>	<b>1.301</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>5.406</b>	<b>140</b>
of which USA	2.640	15.679	6.463	880	122	66	3.244	140
of which Canada	74	1.118	283	0	12	4	89	
of which Europe	6.297	28.822	15.399	421	140	73	2.073	
Russia	<b>2.000</b>	<b>11.020</b>	<b>5.399</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1.026</b>	<b>129</b>

(Source: International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS): Military Balance 2024.London.)

- NATO is far superior to Russia in almost all key military parameters. Even without the USA.
- Even the European NATO states on their own are ahead of Russia in terms of military budget, troop strength and large weapon systems.

# Assessment US intelligence services

- "Russia almost certainly does not want a direct military conflict with US and NATO forces."
- ("Annual Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community," page 14)  
Publication of 17 US intelligence agencies  
of 5 February 2024
- "Rather, the Kremlin will continue its asymmetric activities below the threshold of a military conflict on a global scale."

[https://www.intelligence.senate.gov/sites/default/files/hearings/unclassified\\_2024\\_ata\\_report\\_0.pdf](https://www.intelligence.senate.gov/sites/default/files/hearings/unclassified_2024_ata_report_0.pdf)



# Making Ourselves Honest



<https://www.watson.ch/international/wef/498900591-die-ganze-rede-vom-kanadischen-premierminister-mark-carney-am-wef-2026>

# Making Ourselves Honest



## Carney names:

- that the narrative of our previous international rules-based order was a fiction and partly false
- that we have to be honest
- that the West, esp. the USA, has repeatedly violated international law by force in recent decades in order to assert its own interests

## 2. How can Europe contribute to overcoming the imperial dominance of Russia, China and the USA?

- Really enforce the UN Charter's prohibition of the use of force
- Multilateralism as a challenge and an opportunity
- Europe's task: Communicating political solutions
- The safeguarding of the security interests of all parties involved for peaceful conflict resolution



# What to do ?

1. European Sovereignty + Defence
2. Avoid a permanent arms race
3. Combine the current rearmament with offers of negotiations in the direction of Russia:
  - Joint freeze on arms spending
  - Subsequent disarmament negotiations with the aim of mutually controlled disarmament in the medium and long term
  - Building a strong common, inclusive security and Conflict Order in Europe (OSCE/RS Scenario)

# Scenario milestones 2025 - 2040

- 2026 Peace negotiations for Ukraine
- 2027 EU Decision + OSCE Activation
- 2028 OSCE adopts Eur. Peace and conflict order
- 2029 Peace agreement in Ukraine  
At the initiative of the EU and the OSCE,  
far-reaching UN disarmament negotiations begin
- 2030 UN adopt new UN Charter
- 2032 Start of global disarmament
- 2035 Global Human Security
- 2040 Peace Dividend

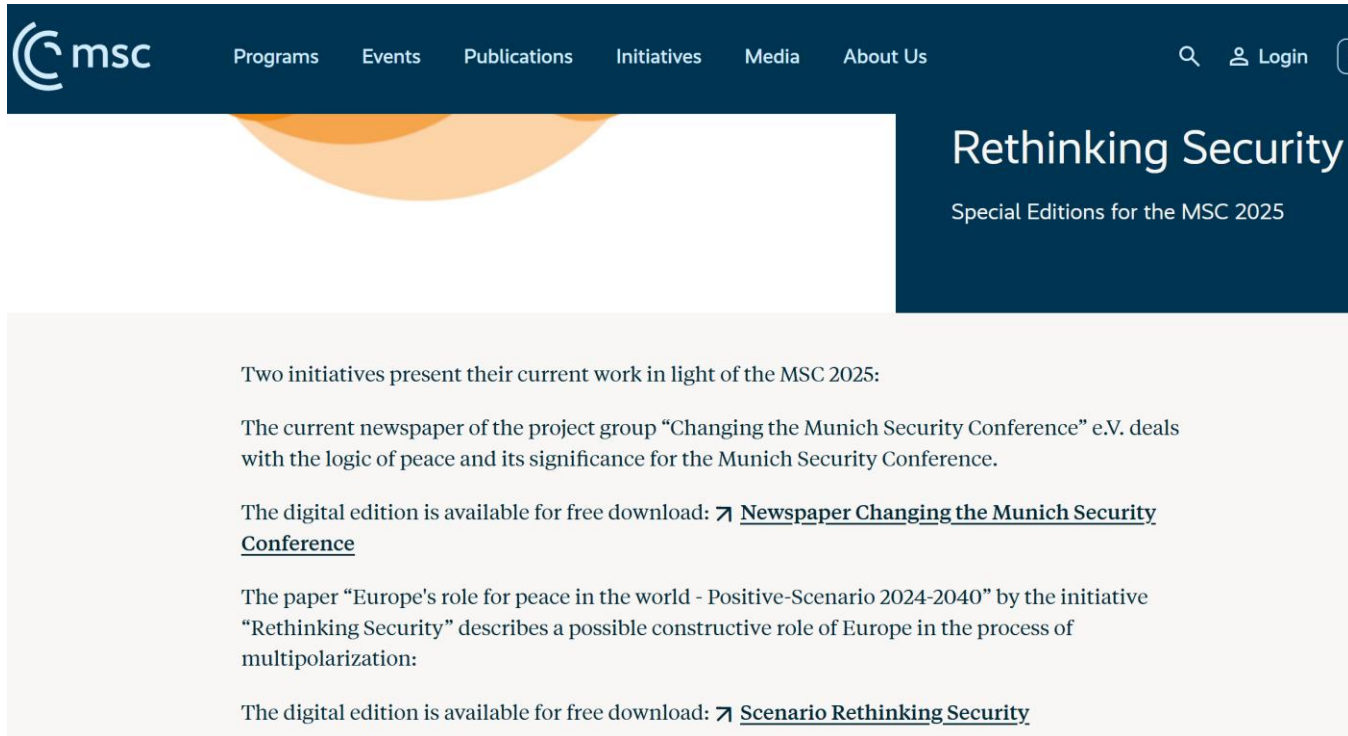
# Five pillars of civil European geopolitics

1. Comprehensive ecological safety
2. Equitable use of global resources
3. Common security and peace through inclusive security structures
4. Freedom, Human Rights and Democracy
5. Global Controlled Military Disarmament

# Churches



# MSC-Website 2025



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the MSC website. The navigation menu includes: Programs, Events, Publications, Initiatives, Media, and About Us. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are icons for search, a user profile, and a 'Login' button. Below the navigation bar, there is a large orange semi-circle graphic. To the right of this graphic, the text 'Rethinking Security' is displayed in a large font, with 'Special Editions for the MSC 2025' written below it in a smaller font. The main content area below this header contains three paragraphs of text, each starting with a right-pointing arrow icon.

Two initiatives present their current work in light of the MSC 2025:

The current newspaper of the project group “Changing the Munich Security Conference” e.V. deals with the logic of peace and its significance for the Munich Security Conference.

The digital edition is available for free download: ➤ [Newspaper Changing the Munich Security Conference](#)

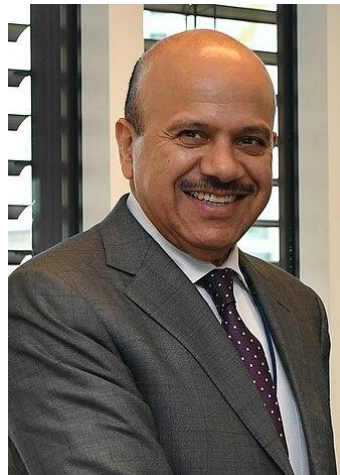
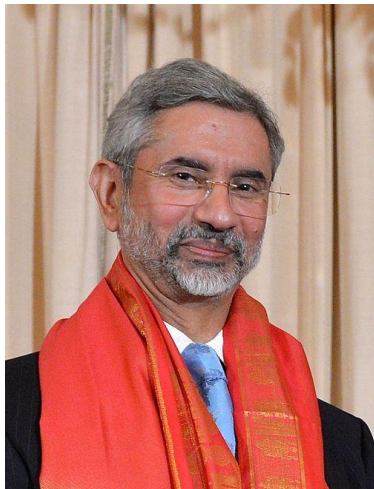
The paper “Europe’s role for peace in the world - Positive-Scenario 2024-2040” by the initiative “Rethinking Security” describes a possible constructive role of Europe in the process of multipolarization:

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# German Protestant Church Peace Paper 2025



<https://www.ekd.de/friedensdenkschrift-2025-91393.htm>



# Central Messages



1. Protection from violence as the top priority (instead of overcoming violence)
2. Military support for Ukraine is justified for this.
3. Military rearmament is justified.
4. If necessary, preventive wars are also justified.
5. Christian pacifism cannot be ethically justified as a general political theory.
6. We live in an unredeemed world.

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2. Multiple Crises: Challenges to Peace Ethics
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  - 3.2 Sermon on the Mount
    - "Why do you see the speck in your brother's eye, but you don't notice the beam in your eye?"
    - "Love your enemies..."
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(The Golden Rule)

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