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with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation**

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AGENDA

TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2008

12.00 p.m. – 12.15 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Address

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

12.15 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Keynote Speech

Disarmament Visions and the Prospects for a WMD-free Zone in the Middle East

Dr. Hans Blix, Fmr. Director General, IAEA, and Fmr. Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Sweden

01.00 p.m. – 01.30 p.m.

Discussion

01.30 p.m. – 03.00 p.m.

Has Missile Defense Lived up to its Promises?

State of the Art, Transatlantic Relations, and International Challenges

Opening Remarks and Conference Outline

Adj. Prof. Dr. Bernd W. Kubbig, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, Frankfurt

Chair: Prof Dr. Otto Keck, Potsdam University, Potsdam

Discussants

Victoria Samson, Center for Defense Information, Washington, D.C.

Steven A. Hildreth, Congressional Research Service, Washington, D.C.

Prof. Dr. Matthew Rhodes, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Rüdiger Lüdeking, Ambassador, Deputy Representative of the German Government for Arms Control and Disarmament Affairs, Berlin

Discussion

03.00 p.m. – 03.30 p.m.

**Social Focal Point:
Break with Pretzels**

03.30 p.m. – 05.00 p.m.

Panel 1

Technically Feasible? The Architecture and Effectiveness of the American Missile Defense Concept for Europe

Chair: Dr. Karl-Heinz Kamp, NATO Defense College, Rome

Presentations

Dr. George Lewis, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Dr. Timur Kadyshev, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, Moscow

Dr. Jürgen Altmann, Dortmund University, Dortmund

Discussion

05.00 p.m. – 05.30 p.m.

**Social Focal Point:
Tea and Coffee Break**

05.30 p.m. – 07.00 p.m.

Panel 2

Militarily Necessary? Washington's Grand Strategy, Motives and Threat Perceptions Concerning Iran, Russia and China

Chair: Dr. Jürgen Scheffran, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL

Presentation: Prof. Dr. Kenneth Moss, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

Discussants

Prof. Dr. Khalid Al-Dakhil, King Saud University, Riyadh (on leave)

Dr. Alexander Pikayev, Institute for World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Moscow

Prof. Dr. Liping Xia, Shanghai Institute for International Studies, Shanghai

N.N., Scholar from Tehran (confirmed)

View from a Parliamentarian Practitioner

Paul Schäfer, Member of the German Parliament, Berlin, DIE LINKE./ The Left

Discussion

07.00 p.m. – 08.00 p.m.

Time for Leisure

08.00 P.m. – 10.00 p.m.

**Social Focal Point:
Dinner**

(By Invitation Only)

Dinner Speech

H.E. Witold Jan Waszczykowski, Under Secretary of State of the Republic of Poland, Warsaw

Introduction by Uta Zapf, Chairwoman, Subcommittee

WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2008

08.30 a.m. – 09.00 a.m.

**Social Focal Point:
Morning Tea and Coffee**

09.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Panel 3
**Consequences of the Current U.S. Plans for
Arms Control and International Stability**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Hajo Funke, Free University Berlin,
Berlin

Presentations

Maria Wagrowska, Center for International Relations,
Warsaw

Jiri Schneider, Prague Security Studies Institute,
Prague

Dr. Oliver Thränert, German Institute for International
Politics and Security, Berlin

Dr. Uzi Rubin, Fmr. Sen. Director for Proliferation and
Technology, Israeli National Security Council, Tel Aviv

Discussion

10.30 a.m. - 12.00 a.m.

Keynote Speech

**A Common Security Strategy For and Within the
Middle East/Gulf**

H.H. Prince Turki M. Saud Al-Kabeer, PhD
Deputy Minister for Multilateral Relations, Kingdom of
Saudi Arabia, Riyadh

Introduction by N.N., High Representative of the
Federal Chancellery or Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Discussion

12.00 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.

**Social Focal Point:
Lunch**

01.15 p.m. – 03.15 p.m.

Panel 4
**Regional Missile Defense as a Response to Iran,
 Hamas, and Hezbollah? Controversial Positions
from the Region**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Götz Neuneck, Institute for Peace
Research and Security Policy at the University of
Hamburg, Hamburg

Presentations

Pro: Dr. Uzi Rubin, Fmr. Sen. Director for Proliferation

and Technology, Israeli National Security Council, Tel Aviv

Con: Dr. Reuven Pedatzur, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv

Background (I): Prof. Dr. Judith Palmer-Harik, President at Matn University, Beirut

Background (II): Prof. Dr. Khalid Al-Dakhil, King Saud University, Riyadh (on leave)

Discussants

Dr. George Lewis, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Dr. Hermann Hagen, Brig. General (ret.), German Air Force, Bonn

Discussion

03.15 p.m. – 03.45 p.m.

**Social Focal Point:
Tea and Coffee Break**

03.45 p.m. – 04.45 p.m.

Special Feature:

Ways for a Meaningful Interaction Between Iran and the West

Dr. Mohammad Javad A. Larjani, Fmr. Deputy Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Director of the Institute for Studies in Theoretical Physics and Mathematics

Discussion

04.45 p.m. – 06.30 p.m.

Roundtable

Coping with Nuclear Proliferation in the Middle East: Bombarding, Sanctions, or Diplomacy

Chair: Dr. Margret Johannsen, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg, Hamburg

Dr. Johannes Reissner, German Institute for International Politics and Security, Berlin (invited)

Dr. Alexander Pikayev, Institute for World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Moscow

Prof. Dr. Matthew Rhodes, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen (to be arranged)

Dr. Mahjoob Zweiri, Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan, Amman

Dr. Taleb Ibrahim, Orient Center for International

Studies, Damascus

Dr. Reuven Pedatzur, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv

N.N., Scholar from Tehran (confirmed)

Discussion

06.30 p.m. – 07.00 p.m.

**Conclusions and Perspectives
Disarmament Visions and the Prospects for a
Nuclear-free World**

Prof. Dr. John Simpson, Mountbatten Centre for
International Studies, Southampton

07.00 p.m. – 07.15 p.m.

Farewell with a Concrete Proposal

Adj. Prof. Dr. Bernd W. Kubbig, Peace Research
Institute Frankfurt, Frankfurt

07.15 p.m.

Conference Ends

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