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Academic Peace Orchestra Middle East (APOME)

*How to Make the Middle East Conference Happen,
Successful, and Sustainable*

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From the *Multilateral Study Group* to the *Academic Peace Orchestra Middle East* - and the *MSG's* Output



Multilateral Study Group (MSG) on the Establishment of a Missile Free Zone in the Middle East (2007 - 2011): The Project at a Glance

1st Conference: Missiles, Arms Control and Confidence-building Measures: Record and Challenges.

Date/Location: June 01-02, 2007, Istanbul

2nd Conference: Substantiating Confidence-building: Transparency of Missile Capabilities

Date/Location: November 01-03, 2007, Athens

3rd Conference: Embedding the Zonal Arms Control Concept into the Conflict Dimension of the Middle East/Gulf - Testing the Zonal Approach

Date/Location: June 22-23, 2008, Berlin

6th Conference: Track II Meets Track II – Exchange between the Group and distinguished Colleagues

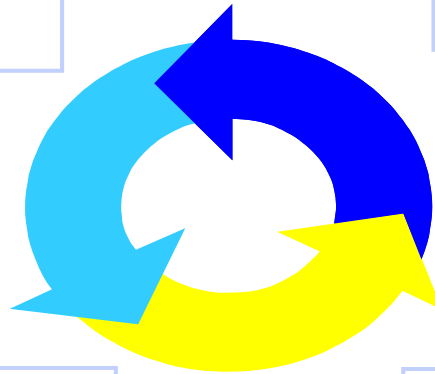
Datum/Ort: February 24-26, 2010, Seville

5th Conference: Discussion of the Contributions for a Special Volume of a Refereed Journal

Date/Location: June 19-22, 2009, Rome

4th Conference: The Role of External Actors in Establishing a Ballistic Missile Free Zone

Date/Location: November 28-30, 2008, Malta



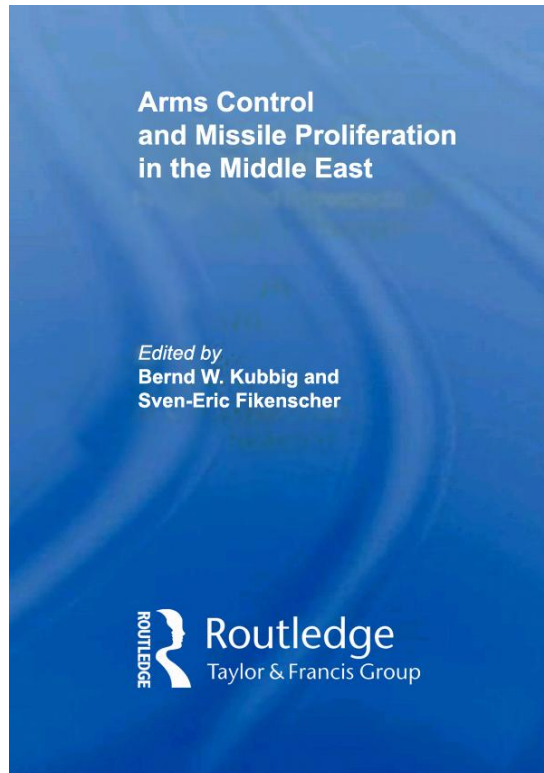


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The Routledge Volume: A Groundbreaking Example for Track II Cooperation in a Multilateral Framework



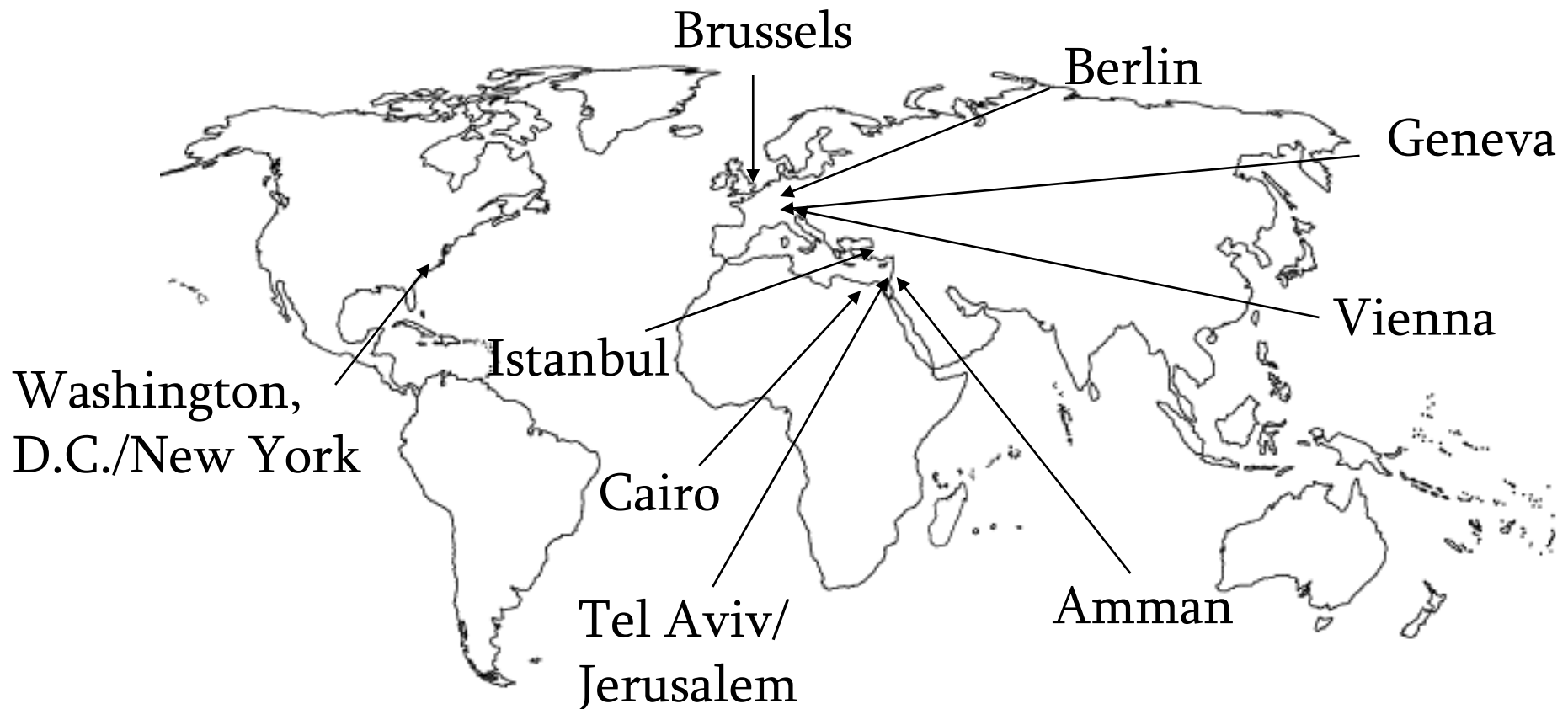
Routledge's Global Security Studies:

Arms Control and Missile Proliferation in the Middle East

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Presentation of the *MSG's* Policy Recommendations



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ATLAS

Track II Research Activities on the Middle East/Gulf Region

In the Middle East/Gulf, Europe and the USA

Also available at www.hsfk.de/abm

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The Current Project:
Academic Peace Orchestra Middle East (APOME)



The *Academic Peace Orchestra Middle East* – New Format

- The *Orchestra* consists of several small Working Groups (*Chamber Orchestra Units, COU*) whose members “play together”, i.e. jointly discuss and write *Policy Briefs* on various MEC-related issues
- The *Chamber Orchestra Units* are coordinated by selected “players” and meet at conferences under Chatham House Rules
- The *Chamber Orchestra Units* provide a table of contents for the coordinators who write the *Policy Briefs* in consultation with the members of the COU



The Major Objectives of the *Academic Peace Orchestra Middle East*

- Confidence-building among the experts
- Jointly developing a gradual arms control/reduction concept towards a WMD/DV Free Zone in the region as a tool to reduce the Security Dilemma
- Entrenching the broader Cooperative Security Concept in the region by intra-regional learning and institutionalizing arms control
- Fostering worldwide networking among experts (see *ATLAS*)
- Implementing a transfer strategy of the results to the informed public and decision-makers

The Envisaged Middle East Conference (MEC) 2012 on a WMD/DV Free Zone as a Core Element of a Cooperative Strategy to Reduce the Security Dilemma in the Region

How to Make the MEC Happen, Successful, and Sustainable



1st Conference: Incentives for Israel and Iran to Participate in the MEC 2012; Missile Defense as a Challenge for the MEC – or as a way of Impeding Nuclear Proliferation?

Date/Location: Feb. 27-March 1, 2011, Malta

2nd Conference: Initiating the MEC 2012 and Designing a Cooperative Framework for the MEC; Building on Positive Factors: The Arab Peace Initiative and Reconciliation of Hamas and Fatah

Date/Location: July 5-7, 2011, Vienna

3rd Conference: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles as a Challenge for the MEC; Building on Positive Factors, Coping with Negative Factors for the MEC: Regional “Culture of Mediation” vs. Failed States and Terrorism; Creating Political Will (I): Inter-regional Learning from Europe, Asia and South Africa

Date/Location: Sept. 26-28, 2011, Budapest

Six more Conference are planned for 2012-2014 at various locations



A Major Output: A Series of Some 40 *Policy Briefs* (2011-2013/14) as a Tool to....

- ... provide ideas, concepts and background information on the MEC via e-mail and internet
- ... present full-fledged, well-structured analyses
- ... raise awareness on the Track I and Track II levels
- ... offer first-hand national/regional analyses
- ... address decision-makers in the region, in the UN as well as in relevant embassies

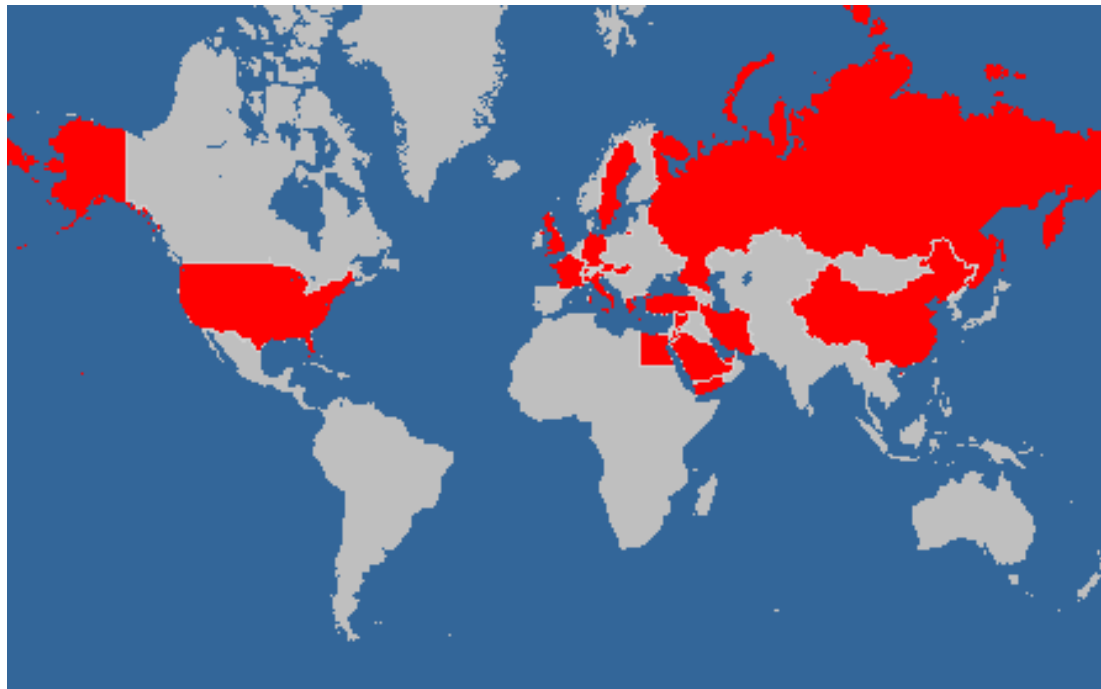




Origins of the *Orchestra* Members

Extra-Regional

- Austria
- China
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Italy
- Russia
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- U.S.A.



Regional

- Bahrain
- Egypt
- Iran
- Israel
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Palestinian Territories
- Saudi Arabia
- Syria
- UAE
- Yemen



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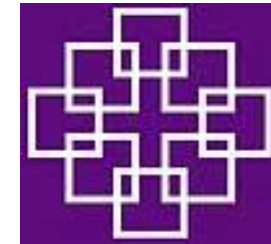


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