

7th FES-SWP North-South Dialogue

**Beyond 'Heiligendamm' -
The G8, emerging powers and Global Security Governance**

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THE FES-SWP NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE

The FES-SWP Dialogue invites scholars from think tanks and academia in industrialized and developing countries to discuss key global governance issues. In this format, since 2000 various issues have been addressed, including security, climate change, global trade and financial questions.

EMERGING POWERS AND GLOBAL SECURITY GOVERNANCE

One of the fundamental changes the international system is currently facing is the appearance of emerging economic and political powers. These actors become increasingly involved in shaping regional and global order, by actively asserting leadership, in some cases concentrating on specific policy areas. As a result of this development, new forms of North-South and South-South cooperation have emerged in recent years.

This year's FES-SWP Dialogue will focus on the most visible example of these new initiatives: the outreach process of the G8, since 2007 also known as "Heiligendamm process". By inviting Brazil, China, India, Mexico and South Africa to specific sessions of its summits, the G8 acknowledges that pressing global problems cannot be solved without the involvement of emerging powers. So far, however, the agenda of the Heiligendamm process is restricted to economic, development and climate issues. In order to look beyond this defined focus, the Dialogue intends to explore the potential of consensus and cooperation in one of the most intractable and controversial fields of global governance: international security.

This enterprise evolves around the following core questions which will be addressed by policy makers and academics from both G8 and G5 countries: :

1. Which are the most important security issues of common concern? What perceptions and interests are associated with these issues?
2. Which formats and instruments are suitable for putting G5-G8 cooperation in the security field into practice?
3. What are the potential stumbling blocks of such cooperation and how can they be avoided?
4. What are the benefits and the short-comings of such an extended form of "club governance"?

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Against this background, the FES-SWP dialogue will address the issue by focusing on two key global security threats which are generally part of the G8 agenda, but not yet part of the "Heiligendamm process": **proliferation of weapons of mass destruction** and **transnational organized crime**. We have chosen these topics since both areas are still very controversial. Compared to other fields, both areas also lack sufficient global governance structures. In the area of proliferation, established multilateral regimes are under pressure of reforming or adjusting to the new challenges; in the area of transnational organized crime, multilateral regimes exist only in an embryonic form.

Based on the findings, the workshop will conclude with a more general session on prospects for global governance in view of evolving forms of North-South- and South-South cooperation.

PROGRAMME

Monday, April 21

Location: FES Berlin, Hiroshimastr. 17, 10785 Berlin-Tiergarten

- 19:15 **Welcome Address**
Roland Schmidt *CEO, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung*
- 19.30 **Public Panel Discussion at the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung:
The “Heiligendamm Process” and Global Governance**
- Chair: **Stefan Mair** *Director of Studies,
German Institute for International and Security Affairs*
- Ricardo Berzoini** *President, Partido dos Trabalhadores (PT), Brazil*
- Hans-Ulrich Klose** *MoP, Vice Chairman, Foreign Relations Committee,
Germany*
- Sir Michael Arthur** *British Ambassador to Germany, United Kingdom*
- Ramesh Thakur** *Distinguished Fellow, Center for International
Governance Innovation/Ontario, India*
- Jacob Zuma** *President, African National Congress, South Africa*
- 21.30 *Reception*

Tuesday, April 22

Location: SWP, Ludwigkirchplatz 3-4, 10719 Berlin

- 09:15 **Welcome Address**
Guenther Maihold *Deputy Director, German Institute for International and
Security Affairs*
- Thomas Manz** *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung*
- 09:30 **Session I - Bridging North and South Agendas**
- Chair: **Thomas Manz**, *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung*
- Lead speeches*
- Ulrich Benterbusch** *Heiligendamm Dialogue Process Support Unit*
Varun Sahni *Center for International Politics, Organization and
Disarmament, JNU, New Dehli, India*
- Topics for discussion:*
- What to expect from the “Heiligendamm Process”?
 - Converging and diverging views regarding international security (both within G8/G5 and between the two groups)
 - What is (could become) the role of the G05-countries in Global Security Governance?
 - Is it conceivable to extend the Heiligendamm process to security issues? What conditions would have to be met?

10:45

Coffee break

11:15

Session II - Addressing Security threats: Proliferation of WMD

Chair: **Marc Saxer**, *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung*

Panelists

George A. Lopez

University of Notre Dame, USA

Ouyang Liping

China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR), China

Ramesh Thakur

Distinguished Fellow, Center for International Governance Innovation/Ontario, India

Topics for discussion:

- What perceptions and interests are associated with WMD in the individual G5 and G8 countries?
- Which formats and instruments are suitable for putting G5-G8 cooperation into practice?
- What are the potential stumbling blocks of such cooperation and how can they be avoided?

13:00

Lunch break

14:00

Session III - Addressing Security Threats: Transnational Organized Crime

Chair: **Ulrich Schneckener**, *German Institute for International & Security Affairs*

Panelists

Jorge Navarrete

UNAM, Mexico

Michael Levi

Cardiff University, UK

Zhang Minqian

University of International Relations, China

Topics for discussion:

- To what extent are the individual G5 and G8 countries affected by Transnational Organized Crime?
- Which formats and instruments are suitable for putting G5-G8 cooperation into practice?
- What are the potential stumbling blocks of such cooperation and how can they be avoided?

15:30

Coffee break

16:00 **Session IV: Perspectives for Global Security Governance**

Chair: **Günther Maihold**, *German Institute for International & Security Affairs*

Lead speeches

Peter Wittig *Director General, Global Affairs and UN
German Federal Foreign Office*

Giovanni Grevi *EU-Institute for Security Studies*

Marcel Fortuna Biato *Adviser, Foreign Policy Unit,
Office of the President of Brazil*

Ebrahim Ebrahim *Secretary for International Affairs,
African National Congress (ANC), South Africa*

Topics for discussion:

- Conflicting roles of emerging powers (North-South- vs. South-South dialogues)?
- Can the G5 effectively act as “bridges” between North and South?
- Does the inclusion and exclusion of actors create new tensions or mistrust?
- What are possible conceptual and practical inputs of the G5 to Global and Regional Security Governance?
- What are the contradictions between global, regional and national ambitions and commitments?
- What does “effective multilateralism” imply?
- Role of North-South fora (e.g. G 20)? Role of emerging South-South Alliances (eg. IBSA and SCO)? Role of the UN?

18:00 **Concluding remarks**

18:30 *Reception*

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