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# **Symposium 2006**

## **of the National Defence Academy, Vienna**

in cooperation with the

Diplomatic Academy of Vienna  
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### **COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT IN CONFLICTS – CIVIL-MILITARY INTERACTION AS CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY**

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## Tuesday, November 21

till 12:00 Check in at the Hotels

13:30 – 14:00 Participant Registration

### 14:00 – 14:30 Opening of the Symposium, Introductory Remarks

General Raimund SCHITTENHELM, Commandant, Austrian National Defence Academy (conf.)

Ambassador Jiří GRUŠA, Director, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna (conf.)

Brigadier General Wolfgang WOSOLSOBE, Director General for Security Policy, Austrian Ministry of Defence (conf.)

### 14:30 – 16:30 Block I: *The new world disorder in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century*

**Chair:** Erwin A. SCHMIDL, National Defence Academy, Institute for Strategy and Security Policy (conf.)

#### **Speakers:**

Felix SCHNEIDER, National Defence Academy, Institute for Strategy and Security Policy (conf.)

Thomas MOCKAITIS, De Paul University, Chicago (conf.)

James J. CARAFANO, Heritage Foundation, Washington DC (conf.)

1630 – 1700 Coffee Break

1700 – 1800 **Keynote speech**

#### *Intelligence for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

Alfred ROLINGTON, CEO, Jane's Information Group (conf.)

### 18:00 – 20:00 Reception

Wednesday, November 22

**09:00 – 12:00 Block II: *Current challenges for international conflict management***

**Chair:** Peter HAZDRA, National Defence Academy, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management (conf.)

**09:00 – 10:00 Speakers:**

***The Challenges of Peacebuilding – what works, what does not?***

Winrich KUEHNE, Head of Center for International Peace Operations – ZIF, Berlin (conf.)

***Current Challenges for Civil and Military Actors in Conflict Management***

Christ KLEP, University College, Roosevelt Academy, Middelburg (conf.)

**10:00 – 10:30** Coffee Break

**10:30 – 11:45 Speaker:**

***Challenges to Peacekeeping Operations in the 21st Century  
Mandate, Financing and Leadership: Lessons Learned***

Jacques Paul KLEIN, Former Special Representative and Coordinator of United Nations Operations in Eastern Slavonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Liberia and Principal Deputy High Representative, Office of the High Representative in Sarajevo (conf.)

**General Discussion**

**11:45 – 12:00** organisational information for the afternoon

**12:00 – 12:50** Lunch Buffet

**13:00 – 16:30 Block III: *Preparing for missions. Introduction to the Austrian Armed Forces Centre for Operations Preparation***  
(organized by the Institute for Higher Military Command and Control of the National Defence Academy)

**13:00** Departure for the Austrian *Centre for Operations Preparation* in Götzendorf

**14:00 – 16:30** Introduction to the Centre, followed by coffee break

Visit of the final exercise of UNDOF-Rotation

**17:30** Arrival in Vienna; free evening

**Thursday, November 23**

**09:00 – 15:30 Block IV: *Civil-military interaction: the test case of Afghanistan***

**09:00 – 10:15 Chair:** Walter FEICHTINGER, National Defence Academy, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management (conf.)

*Approaches to international conflict management in Afghanistan*  
Diego OSORIO, UN Mission in Afghanistan, Civil Military Coordinator  
2004-2006, Ottawa (conf.)

*Country background to Afghanistan*  
Michael DAXNER, Prof. em., University of Oldenburg (conf.)

**10:15 – 10:45** Coffee Break

**10:45 – 12:30 Panel I: *Experiences from the field***

**Chair:** Dietmar PFARR, National Defence Academy, Institute for Human and Social Sciences (conf.)

**Speakers:**

John Robert KELLY, Boston University, College of Communication (inv.)

Vance SERCHUK, American Enterprise Institute, Washington DC (conf.)

Jon BRITTAIN, UK MoD, ISAF-Provincial Reconstruction Team (conf.)

Bernard JULIER, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva (conf.)

**12:30 – 13:30** Lunch

**13:30 – 15:30 Panel II: *Experiences from the field***

**Chair:** Karl Alexander WOHLGEMUTH, National Defence Academy, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management (conf.)

**Speakers:**

Michael POHLY, Institute of Iranistics, Free University of Berlin (conf.)

Jasteena DHILLON, Norwegian Refugee Council, Rule of Law-Representative; presently Sri Lanka (conf.)

Gerald STÖTER, German Police Project, Kabul (conf.)

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**15:30** organisational hints for the evening

**18:30 – 19:30** **Block V: *Closing Ceremony***

**18:30 – 18:50** **Chair:** Walter FEICHTINGER, National Defence Academy, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management (conf.)

Summing up of the entire Symposium by Rapporteur Karin KNEISSL  
(political analyst & journalist)

**18:50 – 19:10** **Final speech: *The future of international conflict management***  
Fred TANNER, Director, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (conf.)

**19:10 – 19:20** Conclusion of the meeting by General Raimund SCHITTENHELM

**19:30** ***Buffet Reception***

## **BASIC INFORMATION ON THE CONTENT OF THE SYMPOSIUM**

The symposium is organized by the Austrian National Defence Academy in Vienna and is dedicated to International Crisis Management, with particular focus on aspects of civil-military interaction.

The first block will discuss the changes in the geopolitical landscape after the end of the Cold War, the characteristics of new conflicts and the resulting challenges to international peace-keepers. As most contemporary wars are not international wars but internal conflicts, the different methods of conflict management have been refined and have become much more comprehensive.

Central topic of the symposium will be the issue of possible cooperation or coordination between military and civilian players in peace keeping, peace enforcement and peace-building missions. Contemporary international missions require the simultaneous presence of military personnel and civilian organisations in a conflict or post-conflict area. On the one hand, this offers enormous synergies, but on the other hand different strategies and objectives are often obstacles to fruitful cooperation. Moreover, different organizational cultures can lead to friction and misunderstanding.

The theoretical deliberations will be exemplified by a case study dealing with Afghanistan. We have invited experts from virtually all the important players with field experience in Afghanistan: Representatives from UNAMA, ISAF, ICRC, US, an NGO, international police trainers as well as independent international analysts will give us their respective views of the peace process and the international conflict management. An Afghan academic will present the perceptions of the local population.

In addition, we are planning an excursion to the Austrian Armed Forces Centre for Operations Preparation.