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# INVITATION

12<sup>th</sup> Civil-Military Relations Seminar  
Democratic Control of Armed Forces in the European Security Context II

Enclosed you will find further information for the seminar including a “Call for Papers”, a “Seminar Description”, and an “Application Form”



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## 12<sup>th</sup> International Civil-Military Relations Seminar

# Democratic Control of Armed Forces in the European Security Context II

Vienna, November 11 - 13, 2009

## Call for Papers

The Austrian National Defense Academy invites you to the 12<sup>th</sup> International Civil-Military Relations Seminar. The conference will take place in Vienna and will be hosted by the Institute for Human and Social Sciences (IHSS) of the National Defense Academy Vienna in cooperation with the Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)

This year's conference will be dedicated to the topic

### **“Democratic Control of Armed Forces in the European Security Context”**

Since 11 September 2001, the topic of civil-military relations and especially democratic control of armed forces has become of current interest once again. Initially the requirement of policy and theory has been the integration of defense and military institutions in democratic statecraft in conjunction with the revolution in Europe. The revival of organized violence and the construction of Europe have raised new issues of policy and theory. Regarding the topic, the seminar 2008 analyzed especially the challenges of democratic and parliamentary accountability and control of security decision making processes of ESDP missions of the European Union. In 2009, the conference organizers wish to address the character of security, defense, and military institutions and the changing face of the soldier in the international system, the European Union, the nation state, and society.

The conference will be divided in four panels over three days. The first panel will address how democratic control of armed forces is currently implemented in member states of the European Union and who oversees and authorizes the decision making process for the deployment of armed forces in missions abroad. The second panel will discuss the different organizational approaches to democratic control of armed forces of European and transatlantic organizations concerned. The third panel speculates about country case studies focusing on the impact of contemporary security challenges and conflicts on all volunteer and conscript armed forces as well as their democratic civilian control. In

particular, what issues of policy have arisen in the last decade? Simply said, are all volunteer forces the ideal military institution for a 21<sup>st</sup> century democracy? The fourth panel focuses on privatization of security, defense, and military institutions and the implications for democratic civil-military relations. Does the rise of private military companies signify the subversion and pervasion of democratic control of armed forces? In addition, challenges of democratic control of armed forces regarding asymmetric warfare will also be discussed.

The organizing committee invites scholars, researchers, as well as civil and military defense experts to participate in the conference. We also invite the participants to contribute to the seminar by presenting a paper on a subject related to the second and third panel.

**We are encouraging all interested colleagues to forward proposals for topics that should be covered at the conference, as well as to provide us with ideas for papers and presentations they would like to contribute to the conference proceedings.**

**Deadline for the submittal of proposals and papers:**

**October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

All papers and the proceedings of the seminar will be published in a Conference Compilation within the National Defense Academy Publication Series.

For detailed seminar registration an application form is included with this call for papers.

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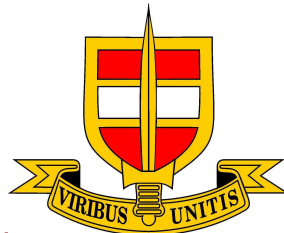
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**Civil-Military Relations XII /**

**DEMOCRATIC CONTROL OF ARMED FORCES IN THE  
EUROPEAN SECURITY CONTEXT II**

November 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

National Defense Academy  
Stiftgasse 2a  
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This International Seminar will be offered by the  
Institute for Human and Social Sciences  
of the National Defense Academy, Vienna  
and conducted in cooperation with the  
Center for Civil-Military Relations,  
Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California  
and the Austrian Institute for European and  
Security Policy, Maria Enzersdorf

## **Introduction and Background**

After the end of the Cold War and since 11 September 2001, the topic of civil-military relations and especially democratic control of armed forces has become of current interest once again. After dealing with the problem of how to prevent a military intervention in transitional and newly developed democracies in Europe, parliamentary scrutiny and accountability of decisions for the deployment of military personnel abroad as become the main emphasis of reflection. Regarding this topic, the seminar will especially deal with the problem of democratic and parliamentary accountability of the decision-making process for (multinational) ESDP mission of the European Union as well as the challenges of democratic control because of the change from conscription to all volunteer forces in many European countries and the question of privatization of security and its impact on democratic control of armed forces.

## **Seminar Description and Objective**

This seminar is the twelfth in a series undertaken by the Austrian National Defense Academy. As a follow-up seminar of the last year's symposium it will be divided in four panels over three days.

The first panel focuses on how democratic control of armed forces is currently implemented in member states of the European Union and who oversees and authorizes the decision making process for the deployment of armed forces in missions abroad. In addition, the panel will deal with the future development of the European Security and Defense Policy, especially the Battle Group Concept, the Permanent Structured Cooperation of the Lisbon Treaty and in some respect the development of a kind of "European Armed Forces".

The second panel will discuss the different organizational approaches to democratic control of armed forces of European and transatlantic organizations concerned, namely NATO, OSCE and the European Union.

The third panel will address the challenges of democratic control of armed forces because of the change from conscription to all volunteer forces in many European countries and focus on the question whether all volunteer forces are the ideal military institution for a 21<sup>st</sup> century democracy?

The fourth panel speculates on privatization of security and its impact on democratic control of armed forces.

## **Seminar Management**

The Institute for Human and Social Sciences (IHSS) of the National Defense Academy will conduct the seminar on a joint basis with the Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) of the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California.

In charge of the scholarly planning and conduct of the seminar is

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who will serve as the main Point of Contact (PoC) for this event.

### **Travel and Accommodation**

The seminar will take place at the compound of the National Defense Academy, Vienna, Stiftgasse 2a, A – 1070 Vienna.

Participants are responsible for all their travel and lodging expenses and should arrive no later than **November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009** in the late afternoon. If necessary, a route description can be ordered from the administration.

#### a) Travel and Transportation

Participants will get a route description after application, since the institute is not able to provide military transportation to the National Defense Academy.

Guests who require a Visa are advised to see the diplomatic representative of Austria in their respective country prior to travel.

b) Accommodation

A choice of accommodation will be offered between military quarters and a nearby private hotel:

- Single room (breakfast included) at the military quarters € 15 per person;
- Single room (breakfast included) at the hotel € 85 per person.
- Double room (breakfast included) at the hotel € 129.

Please indicate your choice on the enclosed application form. Reservations will be taken care of by the organizers.

### **Seminar Language**

The official working language of the seminar will be English. Participants should thus meet the proficiency standard in English as described in STANAG 6001/3232.

### **Registration and Inquiries**

The seminar is open to a maximum of 60 participants. For registration please use the enclosed application form and return it no later than

**October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

to the point of contact, listed above.

A conference fee of € 200 for all three days or € 70 for one day will be charged per participant. This fee covers all the expenses for materials handed out at the seminar as well as meals, coffee breaks, and refreshments.

Please be so kind and sign your agreement to store your personal data as indicated in the application form. The administration will provide a list of participants for all who attend the seminar.

Please refer also to one of the mentioned representatives of the Institute if you have any further questions!

## **Seminar Program and Participation**

The detailed seminar program as well as further information will be forwarded to all participants in due course.

## **Seminar Proceedings**

Please note that all lectures, presentations, working group results, and all other valuable proceedings of the seminar will be published as a book within the publication series of the National Defense Academy Vienna.

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**Application Form**  
**(to be returned by 10 October 2009)**

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double room (€ 129,--):

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For further questions, please contact the seminar administration!

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