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**Invitation to the  
International Symposium**

# ***Asymmetric Security Threats in the Era of Globalization***

Time:

Monday, 12th – Wednesday 14th of December 2005

Place:

“Sala Terrena“ of the National Defense Academy Vienna  
Stiftgasse 2a, 1070 Vienna

## **Introduction and Background**

For some time the phenomenon of the "asymmetrical warfare" has become a theme within most different specialist publications. This form of the warfare isn't new to itself; e.g. first notes are already found in the Old Testament within the description of the Maccabaenwar or when David competed with Goliath and also won this fight, too. More current examples are the Vietnam War or the war of the Mujaheddin against the Soviet troops in Afghanistan. The essays of Mao Tse Tung are representatives of the "classical-literature" of the asymmetrical warfare.

Of the wars waged after 1945 worldwide only a third of all were international wars in the conventional meaning (symmetrical development of the conflict), the predominant rest have being marked by inner social or supranational conflicts, - and they have been handled more and more not in the classic "symmetric" way.

In principle, the idea of the "asymmetrical warfare" describes a situation in which a side disposes of the military superiority and the other side tries to be able to decide the fight for itself despite to this superiority. This primarily on the way to uncover the weak points of the opponent and to make use of the weakness.

If we follow the study of Arreguin-Toft<sup>1</sup>

- the weaker parties were victorious into more than 30% of all examined warlike discussions
- the trend is recognizable that these get more and more victorious.

Therefore very dissimilar opponents contrast in the asymmetrical warfare with themselves in which the one would like to damage the different one with minimal effort. Smaller states with low armed forces potentials against a superior armed forces power but also guerilla unit troops, partisan fighter or terrorists, which either fight themselves under each other or proceed against states fall under this. With the end of the state wars the conventional ideas are anxious regarding this one what wars are, got useless, and a political orientation cannot be won any more from them. Most analysts also agree that this form of the warfare could become the norm of military discussions in future. This won't have only consequences on the future structure and education of the armed forces, but also effects on the international safety and Defense politics.

## **Conference Description and Objective**

No comprehensive study is available to the topic "Asymmetry" or "Asymmetrical warfare" at the moment. This shall happen with the results of the Conference in which leading international experts from all over the world are brought together from most different schools to this topic and develop ideas onto the topic.

It is the aim to give a summary, comprehensive as possible to the theme and will cover both, - theoretical theories as well as practical instances.

Building up to this overview, there will be also given future aspects and the possibility of the future development of the asymmetric warfare. This overview will not only contain further research questions but will also be needed as guide and background-information for political as well as military competences.

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<sup>1</sup> Arreguin-Toft Ivan, How the Weak Win Wars, in: International security No 1 (Summer 2001); pp. 93- 128

## Conference Management

The Institute for Human and Social Sciences (IHSS) of the Austrian National Defense Academy (ANDA) will conduct the conference on a joint basis with the University of Delaware/US, and will be assisted by the Bureau for Security Policy.

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## Travel and Accommodation

The conference will take place at the National Defense Academy, Vienna, Stiftgasse 2a, A-1070 Vienna.

Participants should arrive not later than **December 12, 2005** and are responsible for all their travel and lodging expenses.

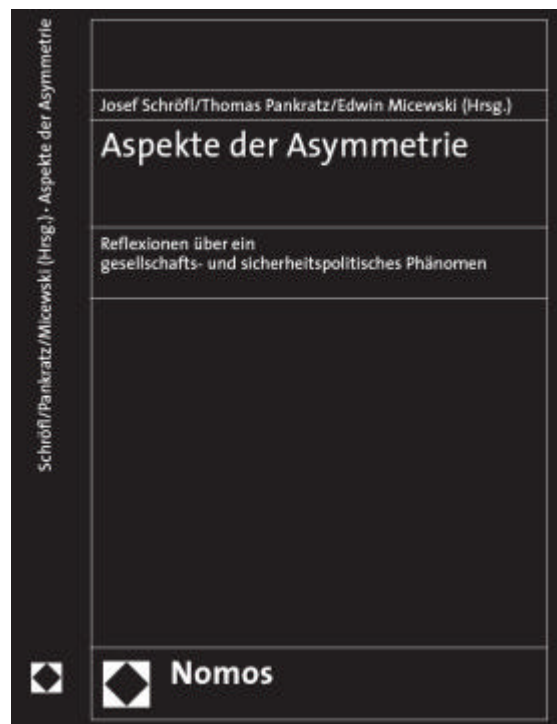
# Programme

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> of December, 2005

18.00 Presentation of the book from Josef Schröfl/Thomas Pankratz/Edwin Micewski:

Moderated by *BrigGen Gustav GUSTENAU*, ViceDirector of the Bureau for Security Policy

**“Aspekte der Asymmetrie - Reflexionen über ein gesellschafts- und sicherheitspolitisches Phänomen“**



After the presentation there will be offered a buffet for all participants.

# Conference: Asymmetric Security Threats in the Era of Globalization

**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> of December, 2005**

09:00 Welcome address by *BrigGen WALTHER*, Acting Commandant, National Defense Academy

Introductory remarks by *LtCol Dr. Josef SCHRÖFL*

1<sup>st</sup> Keynote-Speaker:

**Karl von WOGAU**, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Security and Defense, Member of the European Parliament  
“*Future of a European Security and Defense Policy*”

2<sup>nd</sup> Keynote-Speaker:

**Martina HUBER**, Analyst/Researcher in the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE  
“*Transnational threats and challenges arising for the security sector*”

10.00 Coffee break + Group Photo

10.40 1<sup>st</sup> Panel – Europe:

Chair: **BrigGen Walter FEICHTINGER**, Head of the Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management, ANDA Vienna

Members:

**Prof. Suzanna SANCHEZ FERRO**, Prof. of Constitutional Law at the Autonomous University of Madrid

“Terrorism and Law: Relevant Changes in Law Systems Post 9/11”

**Heiko PÄÄBO**, Institute for Defence Studies of the Baltic Defense College in Riga

“The gap between realities and policies: the Estonian response to asymmetric security threats”

**Günther FLECK**, Scientist at the National Defense Academy

“European armies in transformation: Toward a new self-understanding”

12.30 Lunch

14.30 2<sup>nd</sup> Panel – South America

Chair: **Prof. Christian STADLER**, Head of the Department for Legal Philosophy, Law on Religion and Culture, University of Vienna

Members:

**BrigGen Carlos Roberto JARA GONZALES NAVERO**, Academic Dean of the Institute for advanced Strategic Studies in Ascuncion/Paraguay

**Prof. Aline Contti CASTRO**, University of Vila Velha/Brasilia

“On Development, Morality and Security in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

**Prof. Juan Erardo BATALEME MARTINEZ**, Argentine Navy General Staff, - Department of Political Science, University Buenos Aires

“Sovereignty and asymmetric threats - Rethinking the Principle of Non-Intervention at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

**Capt. (N) Jose Antonio SIFUENTES ESPINOSA**, Academic Director & Vice Chairman of the Center for Strategic Defense & Security Studies in Lima/Peru

“Ungovernance as a big threat in non consolidated Andean democracies”

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 3<sup>rd</sup> Panel – North America

Chair: **Prof. Heinz GÄRTNER**, Professor for International Relations and Political Theory, University of Vienna

Members:

**Prof. Gerardo RODRIGUEZ SANCHEZ LARA**, Chief Advisor to the President of the Mexican chamber of Deputies in Mexico-City

“The Asymmetrical Security and Defense Relations between the United States and Mexico: The Real David and Goliath”

**Samuel R. SCHUBERT/US**, Researcher at the National Defense Academy

“The asymmetric Power of Terrorism”

18.30 Dinner

## Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> of December, 2005

Introduction into the day by *Col Dietmar PFARR*

09.00 Keynote-Speaker of the day:

**Tibor BENCZUR-JURIS**, Austrian Ministry for the Interior. Dept. for International Relations,

*“Möglichkeit und Grenzen der Kooperationen Europäischer Nachrichtendienste bei der Terrorismusbekämpfung ”*

09.30 4<sup>th</sup> Panel – Africa

**Chair: Col Dietmar PFARR**, Head of the Institute for Human- and Social Sciences

Members:

**Prof. Germaine TSHIBAMBE NGOIE**/Head of the Department for International Relations Studies (University of LUBUMBASHI), Dem. Rep. of Congo:

*“Failed States and Security Predicament: the Reciprocity and Equivalency Game of the Asymmetric Threats”*

**Gerald HAINZL**, Scientist at the National Defense Academy

*“African security structures”*

**Prof. David FRANCIS**/Director of the Africa Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Dept. of Peace Studies/University of Bradford/UK:

*“Asymmetrical warfares and the Regionalisation of Domestic Civil Wars in Africa: Implications for EU interventions”*

10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 5<sup>th</sup> Panel - Asia

Chair: **Col Peter STEINER**, *PhD*, Senior Analyst/Researcher at the Austrian MOD

Members:

**Prof. Suresh THAZHATHUPAD ATHIL GOPOLAN**, Prof. Political Science of the Jawaharlal Nehru University in India:

“National Security and Human Development: Exploring the South Asian Predicament”

**Sridhar RAJAVELU, PhD**, Senior Lecturer, - Department of Political Sciences – Univ. of MADRAS

“Asymmetric Threats from the Sea Tigers of Sri Lanka”

**Prof. Joey Shi-Ruey LONG**, Institute of Defense & Strategic Studies, Nanyang Technological University / Singapore:

“Managing Security and Asymmetric Threats through Multilateral Means in East Asia”

**Prof. SUBHILAR**, Dean of the Faculty of Social&Political Sciences at the University of North Sumatra

“The Moslem World within the Globalization”

**Prof. Sonsak SHUSAWAT**, Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy in Bangkok/Thailand

“Asymmetrical Security Threats to Thailand within the Globalization”

13.30 Lunch

Visiting Vienna Programme

19.00 Invitation to a original Viennese “Heuriger”