

# Berlin Conference on Asian Security 2016

Nuclear Stability in Asia. Strengthening Order in Times of Crises

A conference jointly organised by the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, SWP), Berlin, and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), Berlin

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The Berlin Conference on Asian Security (BCAS) serves as a forum for exchange between academics and practitioners from Europe, the United States and Asia. Its aim is to generate new ideas and discuss policy implications of evolving dynamics.

The 10th BCAS will focus on the issue of nuclear stability in Asia. It will address the implications of nuclear weapons for regional security from different perspectives. Stability in South Asia and the nuclear program of North Korea will also be covered.

## **Saturday, June 18, 2016**

*Arrival of overseas participants*

## **Sunday, June 19, 2016**

*Arrival of participants*

19:00 *Welcome dinner at KAS headquarters*

Dinner speech by BrigGen Dr. Erich Vad, Munich University, former Military Adviser to Chancellor Merkel

**Monday, June 20, 2016**

09:00 *Registration*

09:30 Opening remarks by Volker Perthes (SWP) and Wolfgang Maier (KAS)

09:40 **Session I: Implications of nuclear weapons for regional stability**

*What are the national perspectives of nuclear weapon states and non-nuclear weapon states, NPT members and states outside of the NPT on the role of nuclear weapons in regional stability? How important is the nuclear component in extended deterrence? What instruments are needed to contain/limit nuclear armament? What trends are expected in the future?*

Chair: Volker Perthes (SWP)

Jayant Prasad (Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, Delhi) »Implications of nuclear weapons for regional stability«

Tatsujiro Suzuki (Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Nagasaki) »Implications of nuclear weapons for regional security: In case for Japan«

10:10 Plenary debate

10:50 *Coffee break, SWP lobby*

11:20 **Session II: Stability in South Asia**

*Do nuclear doctrines in South-Asia need recalibration? Has South Asia become a more stable / threatened zone with inclusion of more sophisticated nuclear technologies and investments in civil-nuclear energy? Is India a responsible partner or an opportunist? Is Pakistan's "nuclear friendship" with China a cause for concern or does it contribute to stability in South-Asia?*

Chair: Gregor Ryssel (KAS)

Rajeswari Rajagopalan (Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi) »Stability in South Asia: An Indian Perspective«

Pervez Hoodbhoy (FC College, Lahore and Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad) »Nuclear Stability in South Asia: Pakistan-India-China«

Petr Topychkanov (Carnegie Moscow Center and Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow) »Stability in South Asia«

11:50 Plenary debate

12:30 *Buffet lunch, SWP lobby*

14:00 **Session III: North Korea's nuclear program**

*While there has been no progress in the negotiations about the North Korean nuclear program, North Korea has been building up its nuclear capabilities. Is "strategic patience" the right approach to the problem? Can and will the next US president take the issue up in a more pro-active manner? Can the 6PT be revived? Can we think of new formats and/or fresh ideas?*

Chair: Alexandra Sakaki (SWP)

Yun Sun (Henry L. Stimson Center, Washington) »China and the North Korea Nuclear Crisis«

Melissa Hanham (James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey) »North Korea's Nuclear Program: The View from the United States«

Duyeon Kim (Korea Peninsula Future Forum, Seoul) »South Korea and the North Korean Nuclear Problem«

Alexander Zhebin (Institute of Far Eastern Studies, Moscow) »Denuclearization of Korea: Keep Working«

Matthew Cottee (International Institute for Strategic Studies, London) »Containing North Korea's nuclear programme: The role of the EU«

15:00 Plenary debate

16:00 *Coffee break, SWP lobby*

**16:30 Session IV: New technologies, new strategic concepts and nuclear stability**

Chair: Patrick Keller (KAS)

Amy Woolf (Congressional Research Service, Washington)  
»New Technologies and Nuclear Stability«

Tong Zhao (Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy, Beijing)  
»Managing Challenges from New Hypersonic Weapons«

16:50 Plenary debate

17:30 *Dinner at SWP lobby*

**Tuesday, June 21, 2016**

**9:30 Session V: The linkage between regional and global nuclear order**

*Is Asia a facilitator or a stumbling block for the global progress? How can global non-proliferation and disarmament instruments like the NPT, CTBT and the IAEA strengthen the regional nuclear order? What role can export control regimes play in stemming proliferation? How can the nuclear security agenda be used to improve regional security? How can Asian states help to make progress towards the goal of a nuclear weapons free world?*

Chair: Oliver Meier (SWP)

Ramesh Thakur (Australian National University, Canberra)  
»Global Nuclear Orders and the Asia–Pacific«

Nobumasa Akiyama (Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations, Vienna) »Regional-Global Nexus in Multilateral Non-Proliferation Measures in Asia«

Morgane Farghen (Foundation for Strategic Research, Paris)  
»The linkage between regional and global nuclear order: An EU perspective«

10:00 Plenary debate

10:45 *Coffee break, SWP lobby*

**11:15 Concluding Session**

*Summing up and concluding debate*

Chair: Gudrun Wacker (SWP)

Input: C. Raja Mohan (Carnegie India, Delhi) »Envoi: Asia and the Third Nuclear Age«

Closing remarks by Gudrun Wacker (SWP) and Wolfgang Maier (KAS)

11:45 Plenary debate

12:45 *Buffet lunch, SWP lobby*

*End of conference*

*Departure of European participants*

**Wednesday, June 22, 2016**

*Departure of overseas participants*