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Zeynep Arkan Tuncel has been a Visiting Fellow at the oiip since February 2024 and is an Associate Professor of International Relations at Hacettepe University, Ankara. Her research interests include EU foreign and security policy and hybrid threats, Turkish foreign policy, Critical IR theories and the role of identity, discourses and narratives in foreign policy.



Erik Isaksson was an Ernst Mach Fellow from September 2023 to May 2024 at the oiip, conducting a project on narratives of neutrality in Austria and pacifism in Japan. His main research interests are the role of narratives, discourses, identity, status and knowledge regimes in international politics, with a particular focus on Japan and East Asia.



Ljiljana Kolarski was an Ernst Mach Fellow from October 2024 to June 2025. She is pursuing her PhD at the Faculty of Political Studies at the University of Belgrade. Her research interests include women in politics, with a focus on female political representation, citizen participation and authoritarianism. Her PhD thesis is "Political Representation of Women in the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia from 2001 to 2022."



Dan Ziebarth was an Ernst Mach Fellow from October 2023 to June 2025. He is also a PhD Candidate in the Department of Political Science at George Washington University and a PhD Candidate in the Law Group at Wageningen University & Research. His research primarily focuses on climate and environmental policy and law, with other substantive interests including democracy, migration, public opinion, elections and public law.

Affiliated Researchers



Emiliano Alessandri is a policy expert with over fifteen years of experience in international and multilateral settings. He has held positions at the Institute of International Affairs of Rome, the Brookings Institution, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the International Center for Migration Policy Development, among other organizations.



Heinz Gärtner was among the first generation of researchers at the oiip; between 2013 and 2016, he was the academic director of the Institute. His research areas are, among others, European and international security, arms control and International Relations Theory.



Christian Haddad coordinated the research area Global Politics of Innovation at the oiip from 2016 until 2022. Haddad's expertise is at the intersection of critical policy studies and science & technology studies (STS).



Ralph Janik is an Assistant Professor at Sigmund Freud Private University in Vienna. He also teaches at the University of Vienna, Andrassy University Budapest and the University of the Bundeswehr Munich. His research focuses on the interplay between International Relations and international law, human rights and armed conflicts.



George Kalpadakis is a Senior Researcher at the Academy of Athens (Modern Greek History Research Center) and Visiting Professor at the University of Vienna (Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies).



Osnat Lubrani served at the United Nations for 26 years in senior positions, including as UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in Ukraine (2018 – 2022), Fiji and nine other Pacific Small Island States (2013-2018) and Kosovo (2009-2013). She also held several positions as UNDP Resident Representative and as UN Women Director.



Angela Meyer is a founding member and board director of the Vienna-based International Infrastructure Dialogue Centre – IDC and works at the University of Vienna. She holds a PhD in Political Science from Sciences Po (IEP) Paris and the University of Vienna.



Jan Pospisil is an Affiliated Researcher at the oiip and Associate Professor (Research) at Coventry University's Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations (CTPSR), UK. His work focuses on peace and transition processes with a focus on the wider Red Sea region and East Africa, donor politics in peacebuilding, resilience and South Sudanese and Sudanese politics.



Julia Sachseder is an Affiliated Researcher at the oiip. She is also a post-doctoral fellow at the Department of International Relations at the Central European University. Her research interests primarily involve the political economy and (post)coloniality of (border) security, migration, violence and gender, as well as private, non-state and corporate actors in peace and conflict.



Laetitia Spetschinsky was an Affiliated Researcher until June 2024 at the oiip and a guest lecturer at the Catholic University of Louvain, where she has been conducting research and teaching on Euro-Russian relations for more than 15 years (Baillet Latour Chair on EU-Russia relations).



Saskia Stachowitsch is an Affiliated Researcher at the oiip as well as the director of IES Abroad Vienna. Between 2017 and 2021, she was the academic director of the oiip. She was FWF Senior Research Fellow at the Central European University (CEU), Professor of International Politics at the University of Vienna and Affiliated Scholar at the Department of Gender and Women's Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

Interns 2024/25



Yuki Adachi holds an MA in International Relations with a specialization in Conflict and Security from Central European University. Her Master's thesis explored the transition of mediation tactics of Egypt and Qatar in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Her research interests include international security, Middle Eastern foreign policy, diplomacy and geopolitics, as well as EU-Middle East relations.



Domonkos Bobak MA is a graduate of International Relations from the University of Manchester. At the oiip, he was working under the supervision of Dr. Cengiz Günay on a project concerning the succession of autocratic governments.



Ceren Çetinkaya is a PhD candidate in International Relations at CEU, Vienna. Her dissertation investigates the role of cultural producers in foreign policy making with a focus on the production and circulation of Ottoman-themed Turkish soap operas in the MENA region. Before her PhD studies, she worked as a project executive at the Turkish Education Foundation in İstanbul.



Ádám Csobánci MA pursued a Master's in Conflict and Peace Studies at the University of Cyprus. His Master's thesis explored academic perspectives in International Relations on the evolution of EU security and defense policies in response to Russia's war in Ukraine.



Fabian Fischer BA BA was a Master's student in 'East Asian Economy and Society' at the University of Vienna. He has completed his Bachelor's degrees in Political Science and Sinology. His research focus includes Chinese-Arab cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative framework, China's energy policy, inter-Korean relations and territorial disputes in the South China Sea.



Tobias Gerber was a BA student in International Relations at Webster Vienna Private University. He has also studied as a visiting student at Harvard University, where he completed courses at both the Government Department and the Harvard Kennedy School. At Harvard, he focused on nuclear strategy and the connection between leadership traits and militarized interstate dispute initiation, notably in Prof. Alastair Iain Johnston's PhD-level course, "Comparative Foreign and Security Policy."



Jan Hendrik Mannsperger was a BA student in Political Science and Media & Communication Science at the University of Vienna. He is particularly interested in the Middle East and Iran, both domestically and in terms of its role in the region, its proxy network and its conflict with Israel. At oip, he assisted with research related to terrorism and contributed to the PARTES project, which focuses on the protection of places of worship.



Tara Miler BA is a Master's student in the final year of the Erasmus Mundus International Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies, with a BA in International Relations. She was writing her Master's thesis, which explores Russian Influence and Disinformation campaigns in the Western Balkans, reflecting her academic interest in the region's security dynamics, influence campaigns and EU integration processes.



Veronika Nechaeva BA completed the DLG program at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, then continued her Master's studies there. Her academic efforts focused on the topic of studying and analyzing international conflicts through the prism of cultural studies and international communication, as well as developing a methodology for their early prevention.



Manuela Novoa Villada MA was a recent graduate in Critical Gender Studies at Central European University. Her Master's thesis, named Reimagining Sexuality Education: Transforming Everyday Sexual and Gender Dynamics as a Peacebuilding Strategy to Address Colombia's Gender-based Violence Continuum, explored from an ethnographic approach the relationship between comprehensive sexuality education and peacebuilding in Colombia's "post-conflict" period.



Ece Oyman BA was a Master's student in International Relations, specializing in Conflict and Security at Central European University (CEU). Her research interests include the impact of domestic policy on regional security policies, the influence of border security on conflict ecosystems, particularly in the West Asia and North Africa (WANA) region and the role of hegemonic powers in shaping geopolitical security.



Henri Schultz BA holds a degree in Political Science from the University of Vienna. His primary research interests lie in the fields of migration and inclusive democracy, with a particular focus on the exclusion of migrants from electoral participation.



Giulio Vendone BA was a Master's student in Political Science at the University of Vienna, specializing in Political Islam and the MENA region. His academic journey is driven by a passion for global political issues and intercultural communication. He has pursued advanced Arabic studies in Beirut to deepen his regional expertise.

IMSISS – (International Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies) Interns

The oiip is an IMSISS – partner. IMSISS is a 24-month Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's degree (EMJMD) awarded by a consortium of European universities – University of Glasgow (UK); Dublin City University (Ireland); Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic) and the University of Trento (Italy). As part of their studies, IMSISS students can apply for internships at the oiip.



Anya McCrimmon BA was a second year Master's student on the Erasmus Mundus International Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies. She holds an MA in German and International Relations from the University of Aberdeen. As part of her studies, Anya wrote her thesis on the role of cyclical reporting of the government, the media and the public in the disproportionate impacts of the UK's counter-terrorism policy on Muslim Communities in the UK.



Laura Vendruscolo, BA was a final year Master's student in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies (IMSISS), specialising in Intelligence, Peace-building and Terrorism. Her thesis focuses on the impact of the use of violent non-state actors in a peace operations environment. Before that, she worked with government affairs in Brazil, dealing with domestic policies in the Brazilian Congress. Her academic interests revolve around gender and conflict, peace studies, peace operations and territorial non-state actors.



Mariavittoria Maggi, BA was completing her International Master's in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies (IMSISS), after earning a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Business Management. Her research interests revolve around human rights, with a focus on peace and conflict theory, including conflict transformation and international intervention in conflicts, as well as migration governance.

Mission Statement

"oiip – connecting the dots"

We bring expertise on international politics, understandable straight to the point.

Institute

The Austrian Institute for International Affairs (oiip) is an independent, non-partisan research institute situated in Vienna. Founded in 1979, the oiip has established itself as Austria's leading institute in the field of international politics. Positioned at the juncture between academic and policy-oriented research, the oiip and its researchers observe and analyse dynamics and trends in international politics, examine crises and their backgrounds, identify risks and opportunities and develop solutions. The oiip is a member of international research networks and closely cooperates with think tanks and universities around the world.

Mission

We strive for a just world built on human dignity and the well-being of all people. The institute's mission towards this goal has been to inform the public, to advance knowledge and understanding for international dynamics through cutting-edge research and profound analyses, to build international networks and enable academic exchange, to promote international and intercultural dialogue, to engage with decision-makers, to support second track diplomacy processes and to contribute with new ideas and recommendations to decision-making.

Positioning

The oiip is committed to human rights, liberal democracy, diversity, equity and the rule of law. We work to advance an informed and unprejudiced view of the world. We are committed to mutual respect, open communication and transparency, internally and externally. The oiip is also committed to the best possible career development of its staff members and to supporting the qualification of junior researchers.

Work

Our research is guided by academic quality criteria and the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity. Our experts publish their research findings and insights in international journals and present at international conferences. Most of our researchers also teach at universities and colleges alongside their work at oiip. At the same time, we are committed to making our expertise understandable and accessible to an interested public. We take practical, independent and courageous socio-political positions and develop new ideas and solutions which we offer to decision makers at the national and European level, businesses and civil society. Our background analyses, reports, round tables and panel discussions are free and open to the public. We promote and moderate debates, dialogue, exchange and second-track diplomacy processes.

Research Areas

1) Security Politics

Our research focuses on issues of security and security politics: we address the questions of how and by whom security, insecurity and risks are defined and whose security is considered to be relevant. We analyse security policies, institutions, technologies and practices from the perspective of critical security studies, including feminist and postcolonial approaches. Additionally, we research the forms, characteristics, causes, processes and effects of terrorism, extremism, radicalization, as well as hybrid threats to Austrian, European and global security. We take different ideological orientations as well as individual, group and state actors into account.

Research Topics in this Area:

- o Security Regimes
- o Extremism, Radicalization and Terrorism
- o Hybrid Threats
- o Border Politics

2) Europe and the World

Our research focuses on the EU's relations with the Western Balkans, Turkey, North Africa and the Middle East, as well as with China, the USA and the Global South. We examine how EU accession processes, the European Neighborhood Policy and the EU's Foreign Policy instruments work and how they are discussed and perceived in the partner states and we analyse the foreign policy of these countries vis-à-vis the EU.

Research Topics in this Area:

- o EU accession processes
- o EU Neighborhood Policy
- o Transatlantic relations
- o Sino-European relations

3) Political Regimes & Foreign Policy

Democracies around the world are facing multiple challenges. Our research deals with democracy, democratization and reform movements as well as the background of the rise of populist, illiberal and authoritarian forces and their impact on the functioning of state and political institutions. We also examine whether and how populism and autocratization affect the shaping of foreign policy and international relations.

Research Topics in this Area:

- o Democratization
- o Autocratization
- o Opposition and social/protest movements
- o State, statehood and governance
- o Foreign policy research /analysis

4) Multilateralism and the World of Geopolitics

The liberal world order is in flux. Emerging international and regional actors are challenging the dominance of the West and Western-style institutions. Multilateral organizations such as the UN, the OSCE, but also NATO are facing major challenges. Our research starts here and examines the impact of these changes on various levels of international politics. It addresses the question of the future of international organizations and the international system and examines the implications for warfare and peacebuilding. We also examine economic, social and systemic drivers behind geopolitics. We take a critical approach that sees power politics as the outcome of cultural, social, economic and political processes.

Research Topics in this Area:

- o International organisations
- o The international order / international law
- o War and peace building
- o Geopolitics /Power politics

5) Migration, Transnationalism & Diaspora

Our research explicitly examines migration not from a security perspective, but as a social, political, cultural and transnational phenomenon. Our research encompasses two key areas: the intercultural, political and economic coexistence of migrants in Austria and the transnational connections they have. Additionally, we examine the role of migration in international and bilateral relations. We are also researching the policies individual states pursue towards their diaspora, how they are implemented and the factors driving these policies.

Research Topics in this Area:

- o Migration Research
- o Migration Diplomacy
- o Transnationalism
- o Diaspora Politics

Regional Focus

The oiip has many years of expertise in the following regions and countries:

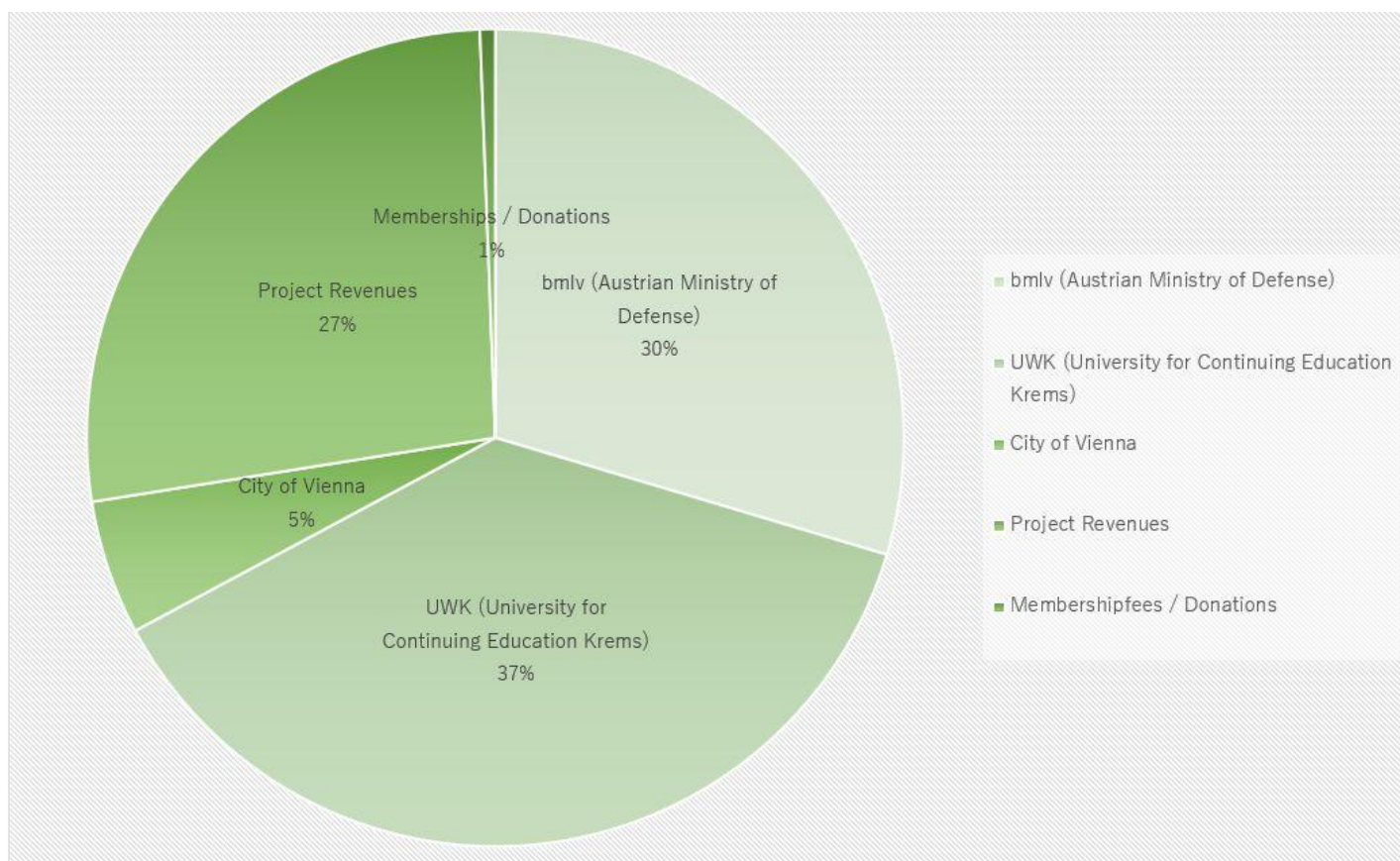
- Western Balkans
- Middle East and North Africa
- Turkey
- China
- Indo-Pacific
- USA

2024 IN

NUMBERS

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| 17 | FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS |
| 55 | PUBLICATIONS |
| 25 | CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS |
| 21 | PUBLIC EVENTS |
| 19 | UNIVERSITY CLASSES TAUGHT |
| 15 | INTERNATIONAL INTERNS |
| 4 | INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS |
| 93 | MEDIA APPEARANCES |

The Institute's Funding 2024



Research 2024

The following pages list the research activities conducted at the Austrian Institute for International Affairs - oiiip throughout 2024. These include funded research projects, published project reports, policy analyses, policy briefs and working papers that are part of one of our cooperations with the Austrian Ministry of Defense and the University for Continuing Education Krems (UWK). The research activities and policy papers are structured along our major research areas and the research topics we have pursued. While the research areas highlight the continuity of the institute's foci, the topics vary from year to year according to specific projects, developments in the world and the expertise of our researchers.

1. Security Politics

1.1 Security Regimes

Project:

Post-War Europe: How to Rebuild our Security Architecture?

In the run-up to the 35th anniversary of the Charter of Paris and the 50th anniversary of the Helsinki Accords, the project puts the achievements and failures of Europe's security architecture under scrutiny and looks for solutions to overcome the deep divides in existing institutions that shape this architecture. oiip & 8 European think-tanks.

Funded by: Institut français des relations internationales (Ifri)

Duration: 2023-25

Project lead oiip: Loïc Simonet

Project:

The Reconstruction of Mosul: Traditional Civil Society, Non-Governmental, State and International Actors

Situated in the North of Iraq, Mosul, the second largest city in the country, has been the centre of multiple developments. By June 10, 2014, Mosul was captured by the so-called Islamic State (IS) and subjected to its brutal rule, which caused massive disruption to its infrastructural, economic and socio-political texture. Once liberated in December 2017, Mosul illustrated the challenges Iraq faces in overcoming the devastating experience of the Islamic State. The project analyses the micro-(individual), meso-(city) and macro-(national and international) levels, it maps and traces the initiatives promoted by traditional authorities, non-governmental organizations, state and international actors in the process of reconstruction.

Funded by: Gerda Henkel Stiftung

Duration: July 2021 – June 2024

Project lead: Irene Costantini (University of Naples, L'Orientale and University of Bologna)

Project:

Pacifist and Neutral, or Passive and Naïve? Japanese Pacifism, Austrian Neutrality and the Construction of Alternative Foreign Security Policies

In a homogenizing international politics characterized by states choosing sides and upping defense spending, what could an alternative foreign security policy look like? Austria and Japan are dissimilar in many respects but share a commitment to foreign security policy narratives that go against the flow in contemporary international politics: neutrality and pacifism. While these are in some respects dominant narratives in their respective domestic contexts, internationally, neutrality is increasingly uncommon and pacifism has always been seen as an unrealistic option for

states. Examining these two cases of “alternative” foreign security policy narratives, this project sought to elucidate the fault lines between dominant foreign security policies and foreign security policies that offer a substantial alternative.

Funded by: Ernst Mach Fellowship
 Duration: September 2023 – May 2024
 Project lead: Erik Isaksson
 Supervisor: Vedran Dzihic

Policy Analysis 2 / 2024

Jason C. Moyer & Patrick Kornegay, Jr.

Free Rider or Strategic Balancer? Austria vis-à-vis NATO and Russia. US – Perspective on Austrian Neutrality Politics

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022 highlighted the fragility of peace and security in Europe. The resurgence of war in Europe prompted a reassessment of the security postures of traditionally neutral countries. Norms on military spending and assistance have been shattered, leading to Finland and Sweden reversing decades of military non-alignment to join NATO. Even Switzerland is eyeing a strategic overhaul and is considering joint exercises with NATO (Revill, 2022). Despite Sweden and Finland’s decision to join NATO Austria remains committed to neutrality. The public debate on Austria’s strategic culture has remained largely the same and policy-makers in Vienna have not changed their stance on NATO. Russia’s war in Ukraine has underscored Austria’s need to reevaluate its policy of neutrality and strategic approach vis-à-vis NATO and Russia.

Policy Analysis 3 / 2024

Erik Isaksson

Identity Continuities, Far-Right Acquiescence and the “New” and the “Old”: Finnish and Swedish NATO Accession and Neutrality

With Finland and Sweden’s accession to NATO, the number of neutral or non-aligned states in the EU has been reduced to three: Austria, Ireland and Malta. How did Finland and Sweden’s shifts come about? It argues that: 1) Both the Finnish and Swedish policy shifts were underpinned by identity considerations, identities that remain largely the same under NATO membership as under non-alignment. 2) The far right’s acceptance of NATO membership has been a mix of opportunism and broadly ingrained views of Russia. 3) Particularly in Sweden, neutrality has become seen as a thing of the past and alliance membership as new and exciting, with possible implications for how neutrality is understood internationally. The paper also examines the neutrality debate in Austria, with particular attention to the notion of neutrality as Austrian identity, the role of the FPÖ and the potential risks for “neutral Austria” going forward. This policy analysis was produced as part of the cooperation between oiip and the Ministry of Defence.

Policy Analysis 5 / 2024

Aku-M. Kähkönen and Robin Forsberg

Preparing for a Rainy Day: What Can EU Member States Learn from Finland's Approach to Resilience?

The EU faces growing threats from geopolitical tensions, pandemics, hybrid warfare and climate change. These challenges require resilience that extends beyond military readiness to include robust civilian preparedness. In the 21st century, the need for rapid responses to complex threats has increased, demanding civilian sector involvement to ensure national security. Finland's Comprehensive Security Model provides a valuable framework for crafting a unified EU resilience strategy.

1.2 Extremism, Radicalization and Terrorism

Project:

PARTES PARTICipatory Approaches to proTECTing placeS of Worship

PARTES proposes a comprehensive prevention model for the protection of PoW (Prisoners of War) that is evidence-based, inclusive and participatory. In order to effectively combat the security threats posed to PoW, it is essential to understand the underlying violent extremist phenomenon and its concrete manifestations in relation to these targets; involve faith-based communities in policies and measures and educate the broader population with regard to toxic extremist rhetoric but also to the features and manifestations of various faiths.

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| Funded by: | Internal Security Fund, European Commission EU-ISF |
| Duration: | March 2023 – April 2025 |
| Project lead: | Daniela Pisoiu |
| Collaborators: | Annika Scharnagl |



Project:

SEEDS (Security Education by Empowering Democratic Strength) KIRAS Study

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has fundamentally altered the understanding of security in Europe and Austria, as well as the European security architecture. In light of new military threats, it is crucial to make democratic societies more resilient and defensible. National defense and security now encompass not only the protection of territorial sovereignty but also the defense of democratic order and the rule of law. In Austria, the concept of comprehensive national defense (ULV) addresses this approach. Alongside economic, civil and military defense, intellectual national defense (Geistige Landesverteidigung) is a key component, focusing on raising awareness and imparting democratic values. Schools play a vital role in conveying and sustainably anchoring democratic resilience. The SEEDS (Security Education by Empowering Democratic Strength) project

addresses this research and educational need. The project focuses on determining young people's knowledge base and information sources on security policy issues through participatory research workshops with students.

Funded by: KIRAS, Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft FFG

Duration: December 2024 – July 2026

Project Lead: Annika Scharnagl, Sophie Reichelt



Project:

Jury: Extremism Prevention in Austrian Schools II (Extremismusprävention macht SchuleII)

The 'Preventing Extremism at School II' initiative aims to raise awareness of the dangers of disinformation and extremist ideologies among pupils at all levels and types of school across Austria and strengthen their resilience to radicalisation. It offers opportunities to reflect on questions of identity and coexistence in a pluralistic society. Experts from the oiip and the UWK were commissioned by the Ministry of Education to form a jury and review and select offers, trainers and workshops.

Funded by: Bundesministerium für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Forschung BMBWF, Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Wirtschaft BMAW

Duration: February – June 2024

Project Lead: Cengiz Günay, Annika Scharnagl

Project:

Monitoring Extremism Prevention in Austrian Schools II

In order to ensure the proper implementation of the initiative Extremism Prevention in Austrian Schools II, experts of the oiip and the UWK are collaborating on monitoring the implementation of the initiative. As part of the ongoing quality assurance and monitoring process, new trainers and workshop concepts are reviewed and assessed. The criteria for the assessment were established during the jury activity.

Funded by: Bundesministerium für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Forschung BMBWF, Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Wirtschaft BMAW

Duration: October 2024 – December 2026

Project Lead: Annika Scharnagl

Project:

Evaluation of Extremism Prevention in Austrian Schools II

The oiip was commissioned by the Ministry of Education for the evaluation of the initiative.

The evaluation process will continue throughout the school years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026.

Using a mixed methods approach, the experts of the oiip gather feedback through questionnaires, focus group discussions, observations and interviews and provide in-depth analysis. The aim of the evaluation is to assess the impact of the initiative and its sustainability.

Funded by: Bundesministerium für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Forschung BMBWF,
Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Wirtschaft BMAW

Duration: December 2024 – October 2025

Project Lead: Cengiz Günay

Collaborator: Annika Scharnagl, Johannes Späth



Policy Brief August 2024

Anya McCrimmon, Daniela Pisoiu und Laura Vendruscolo

Effects of the 7/10 Attack on the International Normative Order

The horrific attacks orchestrated by Hamas on October 7th, 2023, followed by Israel's counter-offensive in Gaza, gave birth to a number of controversies in the context of world politics. Recent discussions in the international relations literature claiming a progressive weakening of the international liberal order appear suitable for further exploration in the context of this developing conflict. In particular, this policy paper sets elements of the Israeli counter-offensive in Gaza against leading principles of international humanitarian law, the Genocide Convention and the international law duty of care of occupying powers. It finds initial indications of an apparent weakening of the international liberal order due to the prioritisation of security considerations in the West. This Policy Brief was published in cooperation with the University for Continuing Education Krems – UWK.

Policy Brief November 2024

Daniela Pisoiu

Hate Crime and Extremism in Austria in the Background of the Middle Eastern Conflict

Drawing on the research insights of the EU-funded research project PARTES, the policy brief outlines the sharp rise in hate crimes in Austria following the outbreak of the conflict in Gaza in response to the Hamas terrorist attack of October 7, 2023. The paper outlines the modus operandi

behind these hate crimes and the nature of the narratives and motivations accompanying them. Austrian Jewish communities are particularly affected by these incidents, as increasing anti-Israel sentiments often translate into acts of antisemitism. At the same time, anti-Muslim narratives and increasing anti-Muslim racism have led to intensified hostilities against Muslim communities. The paper proposes several policy recommendations. This Policy Brief was published in cooperation with the University for Continuing Education Krems – UWK.

1.3 Hybrid Threats

Book Project

European Security and Hybrid Threats: A Narrative in the Making

As an umbrella term encompassing a wide spectrum of threats with complex and multidimensional features, the notion of hybrid threats remains inherently vague and amorphous. This lack of clarity presents significant challenges for policymakers, who must constantly identify potential dangers, anticipate risks and formulate effective responses to safeguard their polities and populations. Consequently, a persistent sense of insecurity has become a defining characteristic of the current European security landscape. The book calls for a critical examination of the underlying assumptions, core concepts and broader political implications of this security paradigm. It argues that the hybrid threat narrative demands a re-evaluation of what security means in contemporary Europe and how it is operationalised.

Duration: June 2024 – April 2025

Project lead: Zeynep Arkan (Visiting Fellow)

2. Europe and the world

2.2 EU Neighbourhood Policy

Project:

Dialogue Residency Kairo

The Dialogue Residency was initiated by the Austrian Foreign Ministry following the study visit of a delegation of the Egyptian National Council for Human Rights to Vienna in June 2024. The Dialogue Residency aims to provide the members of the Council with long-term guidance and capacity building and human rights training for law enforcement, particularly in the context of migration and deportation, as well as conditions in detention facilities, including pre-trial custody and the treatment of children and young offenders. Further discussions explored the role of ombudspersons, with a focus on oversight and the effectiveness of complaint mechanisms, as well as probatory services, including legal frameworks and lessons from the Austrian model.

Funded by: Bundesministerium für europäische und internationale Angelegenheiten
BMEIA

Duration: November 2024 – May 2025

Project researchers: Johannes Späth, Sophie Reichelt

Project:

Coordination of the Austrian Anna Lindh Foundation Network

The coordination of the Austrian Network of the Anna Lindh Foundation includes internal network meetings, the organization of events and workshops, communication with the network members and the headquarters in Alexandria/ Egypt.

Funded by: Anna Lindh Foundation

Duration: April 2023 – April 2025

Project Lead: Sophie Reichelt



Working Paper 121 / November 2024

Vedran Dzihic, Cengiz Günay, Valentina Gruarin, Domonkos Bobak

How the West Loses Public Opinion in Europe's Neighbourhood

The working paper examines the decreasing normative impact of the United States and the European Union in Europe's immediate neighbourhood. The paper discusses the policy changes towards these regions and analyses the reasons behind the decreasing popularity of the "West". This includes the exploration of prevalent narratives, beliefs, myths and fears in the Western Balkans, Turkey and the broader MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region. The Working Paper was produced as part of the project: "The regional dimension of transatlantic relations in a new world order: The war in Ukraine and its impact on the European neighborhood (Western Balkans, MENA, Turkey)", funded by the Austrian-American Partnership Fund.

2.3 Transatlantic Relations



Project:

Scenario Monitoring USA

The project aims to define factors, trends, actors and attributes that shape US domestic and foreign policy. Data is then fed into the corresponding software. Moreover, our experts produce, based on these data, trend reports.

Funded by: Bundesministerium für Landesverteidigung BMLV

Duration: January – December 2024

Project lead: Daniela Pisoiu

Project researchers: Thomas Eder, Johannes Späth

Project:

Perceptions of China and Russia – Transatlantic rifts, overlaps, and prospects for cooperation

The project brought US scholars Dina Smeltz (Vice President for Public Opinion and Foreign Policy, Chicago Council on Global Affairs) and Carla Freeman (Senior Expert on China, US Institute for Peace) to Austria, for public discussion events at the University of Krems and the Amerikahaus in Vienna (US Embassy). The involved oip scholars also engaged in Zoom discussions with Tina Kempin Reuter (University of Alabama) and Guenter Bischof (University of New Orleans). The

project found that US voters' perceptions of China and Russia are mainly divided along partisan lines, as Republicans view China as more threatening, and Democrats Russia. Republicans are less likely to support aid to Ukraine. US voters' support for US alliances in Europe is slightly decreasing, and expectations for Europeans to align with (on a bipartisan basis) increasingly confrontational US China policy are growing.

Funded by: The Austrian-American Partnership Fund
 Duration: 10 Months
 Project lead: Thomas Eder
 Collaborator: Johannes Späth

oiiip commentary, October 2024

Tobias Gerber

J.D. Vance's Vice-Presidential Debate Performance: From Controversial to Civil

J.D. Vance exceeded expectations in the vice-presidential debate, presenting himself as a polished and moderate Republican, a stark contrast to Donald Trump's chaotic rhetoric. His composed performance, focused on key Republican issues like inflation and immigration, helped him appeal to moderate conservatives and independents. Tim Walz, though respectful and passionate, struggled to effectively expose Vance's controversial past statements and hardline views. While the debate is unlikely to shift the race significantly, Vance's performance may have softened his image, positioning him as a viable future leader of the Republican Party.

oiiip commentary, November 2024

Johannes Späth & Tobias Gerber

The MAGA Comeback: Europe Braces for a New Trump Era

Donald Trump's landslide victory in the 2024 US presidential election cements the dominance of the MAGA movement and reshapes transatlantic relations. With Republican control of Congress, Trump now wields unprecedented power, bringing uncertainty for Europe. His administration is expected to demand higher European defense spending, reimpose tariffs and take an unpredictable approach to Ukraine. Multilateral cooperation will likely give way to a transactional relationship, challenging the EU's stability. To navigate this shift, Europe must unify its strategy, bolster defense capabilities and reduce reliance on US leadership. While Trump's return poses risks, it could also push the EU toward long-overdue strategic independence.

2.4 Sino-European Relations

oiiip Working Paper 118 / January 2024

Thomas Eder

China's Role on the Multilateral Level – What Is Changing Due to China's New Strategy Papers? What Are the Implications for Europe and Austria?

The Chinese government's long-term goal is to replace the US as a global leader. However, China's foreign policy strategy is not aimed at overturning the current international order, but rather at increasing China's influence on the multilateral system and its institutions. Beijing is looking for allies and is primarily targeting the countries of the "Global South". Beijing promises a new world order that is more strongly oriented towards the interests of developing countries. Despite its rhetorical outstretched hand to the states of the "Global South", China's reform proposals are sometimes problematic for these states. China, for example, is only thinking about new non-permanent members without veto power in the UN Security Council, which frustrates India in particular.

3. Political Regimes & Foreign Policy

3.3 Opposition and Social / Protests Movements

Project:

Women in Politics: Challenges and Opportunities in Authoritarian Regimes

This project explores the challenges and opportunities of women's political participation in authoritarian regimes, with a specific focus on Serbia. By analysing the impact of authoritarian structures on female political representation, the project investigates whether women's involvement remains symbolic or can genuinely influence policymaking. The study formulates four hypotheses regarding limited engagement, symbolic representation, policy influence and resilience in overcoming obstacles. Employing a mixed-methods approach - including document analysis, interviews and legislative reviews - this research aims to provide a nuanced understanding of women's political roles in Serbia. The findings contribute to the broader discourse on gender equality and political representation, offering insights for policies that promote inclusivity in authoritarian contexts.

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| Funded by: | Ernst Mach Fellowship |
| Duration: | October 2024 – June 2025 |
| Project lead: | Ljiljana Kolarski |
| Supervisor: | Vedran Dzihic |

3.5 Foreign Policy Research / Analysis

oiip Policy Analysis 1 / 2024

Johannes Späth, Carsten Minh Vo & Cengiz Günay

Survival Strategies in the Middle East: Foreign Policy in the Service of Regime Security. The Cases of Egypt and UAE

The policy analysis examines foreign policy making in Egypt and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). It highlights how internal power dynamics and the interaction between formal institutions and informal networks shape foreign policy making in these two different types of Middle Eastern autocracies. The study identifies the politically relevant elite coalitions and their impact on decision-making. In both regimes, the circle at the top of the power pyramid is rather small and characterized by informal and family ties. A small and homogeneous elite promotes cohesion but also limits the diversity of opinions. The royal elite in the UAE and the military and intelligence elite at the core of the al-Sisi regime in Egypt pursue their own economic interests in the service of regime security and stability. The paper identifies areas where the regional and foreign policies/interests of the two friendly countries and their elites diverge. This policy analysis was produced as part of the cooperation between oiip and the Ministry of Defence.

oiip Policy Brief, May 2024

Johannes Späth

Dollar Democracy: Uncovering the Risks of Monetary Meddling in US Foreign Policy

Since the Supreme Court of the United States effectively abolished campaign finance laws, money has flooded into the electoral system at unprecedented levels, prompting politicians to recalibrate their positions to court the necessary funds. Research indicates that as a result, the representative process has been distorted, with the US political apparatus becoming more responsive to wealth than to the collective will of the electorate. Studies also show that this development has been accompanied by the rise of “dark money,” which is legally unaccounted for and often originates from undisclosed sources. Building on these findings, this policy analysis argues that the influx of untraceable funds allows adversarial governments to exert significant influence with minimal oversight, putting the United States at grave geopolitical risk. It is imperative to address these malign financial practices as a serious threat to US sovereignty by reinstating stricter campaign finance and anti-corruption laws to ensure the protection of democratic integrity and national security. The paper was published in cooperation with the University for Continuing Education Krems – UWK.

4. Multilateralism and the World of Geopolitics

4.1 International Organisations

Working Paper 120 / July 2024

Loïc Simonet

The UN Summit of the Future (September 2024): Which Opportunities for the OSCE?

The UN Summit of the Future, scheduled for 22-23 September 2024, brought together the United Nations' 193 member states under the theme “multilateral solutions for a better tomorrow.” Despite a sour mood in New York City against the backdrop of the war in Ukraine and the Israel-Gaza conflict, the Summit was supposed to act as a ‘reset’. The OSCE, which is “multilateralism in action”, was hoped to use the event and its aftermath to promote its remarkable contribution as a ‘regional arrangement’ under Chapter VIII of the UN Charter and its thirty-year concrete cooperation with the UN. The paper presents ten recommendations for the Ministerial Declaration at the December 2024 Council. This working paper was produced as part of the cooperation between oiip and the Ministry of Defence.

4.4 Geopolitics / Power Politics

oiip Working Paper 2024

Thomas Eder & Johannes Späth

The Geopolitical Priorities of the United States in the Context of the Presidential Election

The 2024 presidential elections have had significant implications for the Grand Strategy of the United States. The paper anticipated that a second Trump administration could shift US-Europe relations towards a more transactional dynamic, deprioritizing European security amid a strategic pivot to the Indo-Pacific. The paper suggests that these developments necessitate a reassessment of Europe's security and defense responsibilities. The continent must prepare for a reduced US commitment by strengthening its strategic autonomy and clearly articulating its priorities to Washington. Simultaneously, Europe must navigate the broader geopolitical landscape, including growing US-China tensions and global critiques of Western foreign policy, particularly in response to conflicts such as the Israel-Gaza war. This working paper was produced as part of the cooperation between oiip and the Ministry of Defence.

Policy Analysis 4 / 2024

Jan Pospisil

The New Geopolitical Formation in the Wider Horn of Africa: Consequences for Europe

The ongoing conflicts in Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia significantly destabilise the Wider Horn of Africa and impact the broader Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. These conflicts, rooted in fragmented statehood and exacerbated by internal ethnic, regional and political divisions, threaten regional stability through increased migration and disruptions in the Red Sea. The conflicts are deeply internationalised, involving military engagements from neighbouring countries and attracting global powers due to significant geostrategic stakes. Traditional Western influences are waning. Instead, new actors like China, Russia and various Gulf States are heavily engaged in the region. For Europe, the instability in the Horn of Africa presents urgent challenges, primarily related to migration, the security of maritime routes and potential spillover effects in neighbouring regions like Egypt. Addressing these issues requires enhanced political engagement, addressing humanitarian needs, reforming peacekeeping efforts and strengthening security cooperation. Europe's response should be robust and coordinated, aiming to mitigate immediate threats and contribute to long-term stability in the region, reflecting the complexity of the intertwined interests and ongoing conflicts. This policy analysis was produced as part of the cooperation between oiip and the Ministry of Defence.

oiip Working Paper 122 / December 2024

Cengiz Günay, Sophie Reichelt, Vedran Dzihic

Limited Politics: The EU's Geopolitics-Migration Nexus

In recent years, the EU has significantly shifted its geopolitical strategy towards the Neighbourhood. While it previously relied on soft power and the export of norms, its approach is now increasingly shaped by Realpolitik. Russia's war of aggression and irregular migration have influenced the EU's geopolitical re-orientation. The focus is now on a migration-driven geopolitics that emphasizes the externalization and militarization of borders. The EU has been forging agreements with third countries along migration routes to curb migration movements far beyond its borders. This has led to cooperation with autocratic regimes and has indirectly fostered lawless spaces and violence at Europe's periphery. Critics argue that this approach limits the EU's ability to act while allowing other geopolitical players to expand their influence. This working paper was produced as part of the cooperation between oiip and the Ministry of Defence.

5. Migration, Transnationalism & Diaspora

5.1 Migration Research

Project:

Migration Background in Old Age: Realities, Needs and Resources of Migrant Seniors in Austria

Older people with a history of migration are also a growing group in Austria. This includes people from the so-called 'guest worker generation' from Turkey and the former Yugoslavia, who came to Austria in the 1960s and 70s, as well as younger cohorts of migrants from Europe or the Arabic-speaking world. As their numbers grow, so does the importance of this group for politics and society, but at the same time, little is known about their specific living situation and needs.

Funded by: Bundesministerium für Arbeit, Soziales, Gesundheit, Pflege und Konsumentenschutz BMASGPK

Duration: November 2024 – August 2025

Project lead: Judith Kohlenberger

Collaborators: Vedran Dzihic, Sophie Reichelt

Project:

Recent Arrivals in Austria: Newly arrived Refugees from Syria and Other Third Countries on the Austrian Labour Market

The majority of newly registered persons entitled to asylum and subsidiary protection (KON/SUB) at AMS Vienna come from Syria. Due to the increasing number of asylum applications from summer 2022, this group accounts for more than 20% of all unemployed clients or clients in training. Due to their origin, they have a high probability of staying, while later refugee cohorts usually have lower levels of education, poorer health outcomes and a lower socio-economic background. This can make sustainable labour market integration more difficult and require additional support services, for example, in the areas of health and literacy. Against this background, a mixed-method survey identifies factors and barriers to sustainable labour market integration, such as conditions of flight, extended interim stays and low levels of education, as well as de-skilling, precarious employment and experiences of discrimination.

Funded by: Public Employment Service (AMS) Vienna

Duration: February 2024 - April 2025

Project lead: Judith Kohlenberger

Collaborators: Sophie Reichelt, Kotayba Kadri

Cooperation partners: Isabella Buber-Ennser and Bernhard Rengs, Vienna Institute of Demography, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Project:***What Obligations Do States Have Under Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in Regard to Climate-induced Migration?***

Climate change has led to the displacement of millions of people across the globe and human relocation based on changing environmental conditions is not a recent development, with such movement occurring throughout much of human history. However, the changing structure of the international legal system over time has affected the conditions under which people are able to migrate to different areas and the legal claims they have to protection in another location. This has led to a gap in the current state of research on legal protections for migrants, particularly on the basis of climate change and environmental degradation. The aim of this project is to provide a clearer understanding of states' legal obligations towards climate-induced migrants under international law. The primary research question of the project is, "What obligations do states have to provide protection to climate-induced migrants under international law?"

Funded by: Ernst Mach Fellowship
 Duration: October 2024 – June 2025
 Project lead: Dan Ziebarth
 Supervisor: Loïc Simonet

5.2 Migration Diplomacy

Policy Brief January 2024

Heidrun Bohnet, Federica Zardo (UWK), Clemens Binder, Müge Dalkiran, Cengiz Günay, Daniela Pisoiu, Vedran Dzihic and Sophie Reichelt

The Impact of Migration on International Relations: Power Relations, Security and Migration Diplomacy Reexamined

Migration has become a key issue in international relations (IR), reshaping power dynamics, security policies and diplomatic strategies, particularly within the European Union. While the concept of "migration diplomacy" has emerged, the field of migration in IR remains dominated by Eurocentric perspectives, often framing migration as a security threat, especially since the post-9/11 era and the 2015 refugee crisis. This securitization has led to new challenges, such as pushing migrants toward dangerous routes and reinforcing misconceptions linking migration to terrorism and conflict. Recent research challenges these assumptions, showing that migration does not inherently heighten security risks and that expanding refugees' rights can reduce radicalization. The migration-security nexus highlights the need to broaden discussions beyond security concerns, emphasizing the complex, interconnected nature of migration, development and peace. The Policy Brief was published in cooperation with the University of Continuing Education Krems (UWK).

5.3 Transnationalism

Policy Brief June 2024

Vedran Dzihic

The Bosnian Diaspora in Austria Between Political Apathy in the Country of Origin and New Forms of Political Participation in the Host Country.

With approximately 168.000 people, the Bosnian diaspora is one of the largest diaspora communities in Austria. Due to the size of the diaspora, the close historical, cultural and economic ties, as well as the geographical proximity, a new and hybrid form of political transnationalism has emerged. Notably, the strong ethnic fragmentation in the country of origin is also reflected in the diaspora, which remains largely divided along ethnic lines. The Policy Brief provides a general overview of the Bosnian diaspora in Austria, with a particular focus on its political participation. The decline of political engagement in the country of origin has created space for alternative forms of political involvement in the host country. These alternative forms of engagement within the Bosnian diaspora serve as a prime example of a modern and democracy-affirming model of transnational political participation in democratic immigration societies. The Policy Brief was published in cooperation with the University of Continuing Education Krems (UWK).

5.4 Diaspora Politics

Project:

How Vienna and Prague Aim to Better Understand, Inform and Integrate Chinese Diasporas (CHOICE Fellowship)

The project examined how integration authorities in the Austrian and Czech capitals reach out to local Chinese communities in promising new ways. Language barriers remain key for many first-generation diaspora members, who often feel underinformed and do not participate in local political processes. The project included interviews with Prague city migration and integration authorities and Czech scholars, as well as exchanges at the Czech foreign ministry. A final report was compiled, a policy-related article published, a podcast recorded and a lecture at a joint event in Prague with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation was delivered by the project lead.

Funded by: AMO (Czech think tank)

Duration: April 2024 – June 2024

Project co-leads: Thomas Eder

Policy Brief May 2024

Cengiz Günay, Sophie Reichelt, Till Menke

The Turkish Diaspora in Austria – What Explains President Erdoğan's Strong Support?

In the 2023 Turkish parliamentary and presidential elections, the Turkish diaspora in Austria was considered a stronghold of President Erdoğan and the ruling AKP (Justice and Development Party). This election result was often interpreted in the Austrian public as an indication of a lack of integration and democratic values, without examining the underlying influencing factors. This analysis therefore offers a detailed examination of the Turkish diaspora in Austria, including its social and political identities as well as the civil society and institutional structures that play a role. The Policy Brief was published in cooperation with the University of Continuing Education Krems (UWK).

Trend Reports January & February 2024

The experts of the Austrian Institute for International Affairs – oiiip have analysed trends and risks for international security.

A „new Washington consensus“

Johannes Späth

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Laetitia Spetschinsky

Trend Report 2 / January 2024

Chinese Foreign Policy in 2024: Crisis Management and Global Governance

Thomas Eder

Trend Report 3 / January 2024

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Loïc Simonet

Trend Report 4 / January 2024

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Erik Isaksson

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Loïc Simonet

Trend Report 6 / January 2024

Happy Election Year!

Loïc Simonet

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Vedran Dzihic

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Reflections

The oiip's new magazine Reflections aims to make the institute's expertise available and accessible for people interested in the dynamics, trends, risks and opportunities that drive our world. The first issue focused on Europe and why it matters in an increasingly chaotic and unpredictable world. We are grateful to the experts, affiliates and trainees who have contributed to this issue. They highlight regions, crises and topics where more European involvement, commitment and determination are needed. The first issue also showcases some selected activities of the oiip that aim to foster a diverse, active and impactful Europe. The first issue also included an interview with LSE Professor and oiip advisory board member Kristina Spohr, who warns that the world is about to slide into World War III, but also emphasizes what could be done to prevent this danger. UN High Commissioner Volker Türk spoke in his conversation with oiip President Wolfgang Petritsch about why it has become more difficult, but even more important to advocate universal human rights in a conflict-ridden environment.



45th Anniversary Celebration



2024 marked the 45th anniversary of the Austrian Institute for International Affairs - oiip. Over the past 45 years, the institute has grown into Austria's leading institution on international politics and a key player in policy-relevant research. The anniversary celebration took stock of what has been achieved and included an outlook on the institute's future goals and activities. On the occasion of the anniversary, the institute also presented its new magazine REFLECTIONS.

Opening:

JÖRG NEUMAYER, City of Vienna

Welcome:

WOLFGANG PETRITSCH, President oiip

Keynotes:

VESNA PUSIĆ, Former Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Republic of Croatia

AYSE ZARAKOL, University of Cambridge

Moderation:

CENGİZ GÜNAY, Director oiip

We would like to thank the City of Vienna for providing us with the hall for the celebration.

Public Events

The oiip regularly organizes panel discussions, workshops and public lectures addressing current, but also long-term developments in international politics. These events are important platforms that bring national and international scholars, experts and practitioners together with an interested audience. Over the last years, our events have attracted an ever-growing number of university students, diplomats and representatives of international organizations, public service, NGOs, journalists and interested citizens from Vienna and beyond.



Online Panel Discussion, 13 March 2024

Post October 7: A New Security Architecture for the Middle East?

Moderation:

CENGİZ GÜNAY, oiip

Participants:

ANOUSH EHTESHAMI, School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University

GIDEON LEVY, Israeli journalist and author

DERYA GÖÇER, Middle East Technical University

GEORGES FAHMI, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa, Italy

The online panel discussion aimed to analyse the complex dynamics surrounding the ongoing conflict between Hamas and Israel. Hamas' attack on Israel on 7 October 2023 had significantly affected the lives of Israelis and Palestinians and had also sparked a geopolitical dynamic with unpredictable consequences for the entire region and beyond. The panel discussion aimed to assess the stability of the current regional order, the role of actors such as Iran and its proxies, such as Hezbollah and the Houthis and their impact on global security. It also examined how this conflict influenced foreign policy developments and geopolitical alliances, with a particular focus on the role of Iran. In cooperation with the Ministry of Defence (bmlv).

Panel Discussion, 19 March 2024

How to Win the Fight for Democracy in the Western Balkans? The Impact of the Super-Election Year 2024

Moderation:

VEDRAN DZIHIC, oiip

Panelists:

FLORIAN BIEBER, University of Graz, Centre for Southeast European Studies

RICHARD GRIEVESON, wiiw

CORINA STRATULAT, Brussels

MARINA VULOVIC, University of Potsdam

LURA POLLOZHANI, Centre for Southeast European Studies

NIKOLA DIMITROV, Balkan Center for Constructive Policies – Solution, North Macedonia

JOVANA MAROVIC, Montenegro

SRDJAN MAJSTOROVIC, Belgrade

The year 2024 marked a global democratic paradox. While elections took place across the world, including the EU and US, democracy itself seemed increasingly fragile. Nobel Peace Prize laureate Maria Ressa warned, *"We will know whether democracy lives or dies by the end of 2024."*

This warning felt especially urgent in the Western Balkans, where democratic backsliding has persisted for over a decade. In light of ongoing international support for regimes balancing between autocracy and democracy under the guise of stability, we saw a need for honest debate.

Key questions included: How can stagnation and authoritarianism be countered? What tools exist to address electoral fraud in Serbia or the lack of media freedom across the region? And how can the EU signal real support for recent pro-democracy movements as part of a revitalized enlargement strategy? In cooperation with wiiw, BiEPAG, Centre for Southeast European Studies and EFB.

Book Presentation, 20 March 2024

Forced Migration and Refugee Studies: Handbook for Science and Academia



Welcome & Moderation:

BIRGIT GLORIUS, Chemnitz University of Technology

Inputs:

J. OLAF KLEIST, German Center for Integration and Migration Research, Berlin

TABEA SCHARRER, Max Planck Institute, Göttingen

Panel:

MARCEL BERLINGHOFF, Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies, University of Osnabrück

VERONIKA BILGER, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), Vienna

JUDITH KOHLENBERGER, oip, Institute for Social Policy at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)

JANNIS PANAGIOTIDIS, Research Center for the History of Transformations (RECET), University of Vienna

SIEGLINDE ROSENBERGER, University of Vienna

Refugee research has experienced a boom in German-speaking regions since around 2015. This handbook opened up the field in its breadth and at the same time critically reflected on the current state of research. Part I of the volume discussed the historical development of the research field on a theoretical level, its (trans)disciplinary approaches and research ethics issues. Part II offered a discussion of important core terms and concepts of the research field. Part III was empirically oriented and dealt with flight and refugees in relation to actors and political patterns of action. Finally, Part IV looked at refugee movements and policies in different regions of the world. The handbook is aimed at researchers and teachers as well as students and interested practitioners. In cooperation with the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU), the Research

Center for the History of Transformations (RECET) and the University for Continuing Education Krems (UWK).

Panel discussion, 22 April 2024

Strange New Multipolarity: How Does it Impact Europe's Stability and Security?



Opening:

WOLFGANG PETRITSCH, oiip

Discussants:

STEPHANIE FENKART, IIP

MISHA GLENNY, IWM

JAGANNATH PANDA, Stockholm Center for South Asian and Indo-Pacific Affairs (SCSA-IPA)

We are witnessing the appearance of a new multi-aligned, pluralistic and decentered world order, featuring so-called “middle powers” with aspirations for regional dominance such as Brazil, India, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates, eager to disrupt and reshape the existing architecture with much pragmatism and the good old realpolitik as a compass. A new trend that the Russian Federation and China, both founding members of the BRICS, are tempted to maneuver behind the stage and use as a vector to challenge the rules of the liberal international system and impose their alternative narrative. What can this multipolar world governance offer to the international community? Does this ‘Multiplex’ correspond to the ‘de-Westernisation’ of the world? How does this transactional way of managing order affect the European Union and its convening power, also with regard to the war in Ukraine? Should Europe fear losing control and marginalization? How should it react and adapt? In cooperation with the Ministry of Defence - bmlv.

Panel discussion, 7 May 2024

Accountability of Corporations for Serious Human Rights Violations

Welcome:

TATIANA URDANETA WITTEK, Centre for the Enforcement of Human Rights International

WOLFGANG PETRITSCH, oiip

Moderation:

RALPH JANIK, Sigmund Freud Private University

Discussants:

KARIN LUKAS, Central European University

URSULA KRIEBAUM, University of Vienna

ASTRID REISINGER CORACINI, University of Vienna

EGBERT WESSELINK, PAX, The Netherlands

REV. JAMES NINREW KUONG DONG, Liech Victims Voices, South Sudan

CEHRI – The Centre for the Enforcement of Human Rights International

In cooperation with PAX Unpaid Debt, Svenska Postkodstiftelsen and oiip.

Panel discussion, 14 May 2024

North Macedonia's Double Election: The Day After

Moderation:

IVAN NIKOLOVSKI, CEU, YURG

Discussants:

VEDRAN DZIHIC, oiip

BRANIMIR JOVANOVIĆ, wiiw

LURA POLLOZHANI, Centre for South East European Studies

KRISTIJAN FIDANOVSKI, University of Oxford

After seven years of rule by its social-democratic party (SDSM), North Macedonia is seeing the electoral tide turn, with conservative opposition VMRO-DPMNE's Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova scoring a decisive first-round presidential election victory over SDSM's incumbent Stevo Pendarovski on April 24. The opposition is predicted to achieve a similar win in the parliamentary vote on May 8, as well as reaffirming Siljanovska-Davkova's victory in a presidential runoff on the same day, although Pendarovski might close some of the gap, partly through support from ethnic Albanian voters. In cooperation with the University of Graz, Centre for Southeast European Studies and YURG.

Panel discussion, 21 May 2024

The Eastern Question Revisited – What Can We Learn from 19th Century Power Politics in Europe for Today?

Moderation:

CENGİZ GÜNAY, oiip

Discussants:

ZEYNEP ARKAN TUNCEL, oiip, Hacettepe University Ankara

PHILIPP THER, University of Vienna, RECET

VEDRAN DZIHIC, oiip

MUAMER BECIROVIC, Author

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, European power politics were largely dominated by the so-called "Eastern Question", the division of the territory of the dying Ottoman Empire. Rising nationalisms, territorial ambitions and the struggle for power and influence between Russia, the Western powers, Austria-Hungary and the Ottoman Empire fueled unrest, instability and conflict, ultimately leading to the First World War. Today, more than 100 years later, Southeastern Europe once again seems to be at the centre of European geopolitics and power politics. Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, Russia and the West have been engaged in an indirect struggle for influence in the region. They are joined by Turkey and new players such as China.

The panel analysed the geopolitics of the region from a historical perspective. Where are continuities and disruptions in the power game? What are the fault lines along which tensions are developing? What can we learn from the experiences of the late 19th and early 20th centuries to avoid future crises and conflicts? In cooperation with the Ministry of Defence (bmlv).

Panel discussion, 28 May 2024

Border Externalization Policies of the EU in the Balkans and their Impact on Human Rights – Austria's Role

Moderation:

VEDRAN DZIHIC, oiip

Discussants:

NIDZARA AHMETASEVIC, Independent Researcher and Journalist

LUKAS GAHLEITNER-GERTZ, Asylum coordination

KLAUDIA WIESER, University Vienna, Push-Back-Alarm Austria

FEDERICA ZARDO, University for Continuing Education Krems

In recent years, the EU has increasingly externalized its border protection, framing migration mainly as a security threat. The new EU Pact on Migration and Asylum further legalizes this shift. These policies have serious consequences for the rights of people on the move and for the societies subjected to externalization. Austria plays a key role in this process, especially in the Balkans, by forging political and economic ties in exchange for cooperation on migration control. A recent study by Nidzara Ahmetasevic and Klaudia Wieser, focusing on Austria's role in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, highlights how this approach neglects human rights in favor of combating smuggling networks, often at the expense of asylum and freedom of movement. In cooperation with the University for Continuing Education Krems.

Panel discussion, 2 July 2024

Terror in the Middle East – How are Others Reacting?

Moderation:

DANIELA PISOIU, oiip

Discussants:

GUDRUN HARRER, Der Standard

WALTER POSCH, National Defence Academy – LVAk

HEINZ GÄRTNER, IIP

Since the Hamas terrorist attack on October 7, there has been increased terrorist activity across the region: Hezbollah in Lebanon is setting fire to Israel's border, the Houthis are threatening international trade routes out of Yemen and Da'esh has once again become a focus of attention with attacks in Iran and Russia. This panel discussion will assess the reaction of various countries in the Middle East to the current situation. How are Egypt, Syria and Iran reacting to the current threat? What tactics and concrete counter-terrorism measures are being used to try to restore and protect internal and regional stability? The goal was to gain an overview of the current terrorism climate in the Middle East and to understand the perspectives of the regionally affected states. In cooperation with the Ministry of Defence - bmlv.

Panel discussion, 23 September 2024

China & India: Global South Partners or Himalayan Rivals?



Moderation:

THOMAS EDER, oiip

Discussants:

JUSTYNA SZCZUDLIK, The Polish Institute of International Affairs, PISM

JAGANNATH PANDA, Stockholm Center for South Asian and Indo-Pacific Affairs (SCSA-IPA), Institute for Security & Development Policy (ISDP)

China and India, often seen as leaders of the “Global South,” have cooperated in multilateral forums like the WTO, G20, BRICS, AIIB and SCO. Their 2018 “Wuhan Spirit” meeting was seen as a sign of warming ties. Yet, major disagreements persist—over UN Security Council reform, nuclear policy, China’s close ties with Pakistan and unresolved border disputes. Relations worsened significantly after the deadly 2020 Galwan Valley clash. Since then, India has banned many Chinese apps, strengthened ties with the US, Japan and Australia via the Quad and both countries have ramped up border infrastructure. This raises key questions: How central is their bilateral relationship in shaping broader strategic goals? How risk-tolerant are they, especially in the Himalayan region? And could tensions escalate into open conflict? In cooperation with the Ministry of Defence bmlv.

Panel discussion, 3 October 2024

The UN Summit of the Future – Main Takeaways and Practical Aspects to Reinvigorate Multilateralism



Moderation:

LOÏC SIMONET, oiip

Opening:

MARTIN NESIRKY, Director, UNIS Vienna

Discussants:

JANA BERCHTHOLD, UN Youth Delegate Austria (online),

REBECCA JOVIN Chief, UNODA Vienna Office,

ALEXANDER MARSCHIK, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, United Nations Security Council (UNSC)

MARKUS WOLTRAN UN Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)

In his report *Our Common Agenda*, UN Secretary-General António Guterres sent a wake-up call to UN Member States. Under the slogan “breakdown or breakthrough”, he proposed a Summit of the Future, which he described as “a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reinvigorate global action, recommit to fundamental principles and further develop the frameworks of multilateralism so they are fit for the future”. In cooperation with UNIS Vienna and Summit of the Future.

Panel discussion, 14 October 2024

Perceptions of China and Russia – Transatlantic Rifts, Overlaps and Prospects for Cooperation

Moderation:

JOHANNES SPÄTH, oiip

Discussants:

DINA SMELTZ, Public Opinion and Foreign Policy at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs,

CARLA FREEMAN, US Institute of Peace

SUDHA DAVID-WILP, Berlin office of the German Marshall Fund

This event was part of a project assessing the prospects for transatlantic cooperation in times of 1) new geopolitical challenges and 2) changing domestic perceptions of these challenges on both sides of the Atlantic. The project was generously co-funded by the Austrian-American Partnership Fund of the US Embassy in Austria.

Panel discussion, 22 October 2024

From the Ground Up: Civil Society's Impact on Transformative Change

Welcome:

ALEXANDER RIEGER, BMEIA

Moderation:

SOPHIE REICHEL, Anna Lindh Foundation, oiip

Discussants:

7 AWARDEES OF THE INTERCULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

On October 22, 2024, the seven awardees of the Intercultural Achievement Award were invited.

The award, bestowed by the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, recognized innovative civil society initiatives both in Austria and internationally. These projects were committed to intercultural and interreligious dialogue across diverse domains: art and culture, youth empowerment, human rights, global citizenship education, integration and gender equality.

The evening kicked off with a panel discussion, where the international awardees showcased their grassroots projects in Lebanon, Estonia, Israel, Colombia, Serbia, Poland and Austria. Attendees discovered their bold visions, ambitious goals and the hurdles they had to overcome in their respective countries. The discussion explored the ripple effect of their work – how local action

sparked transformation. Besides, this event aimed to be a platform for knowledge exchange. Hence, the organizers were very eager to hear more about attendees' impactful projects, too! This event was kindly supported by the Anna Lindh Foundation.

Panel discussion, 12 November 2024

Book Presentation "Ceasefire Monitoring and Verification and the Use of Technology: Insights from Ukraine 2014-2022"

Opening:

LOÏC SIMONET, oiip

Moderation:

AMBASSADOR (RET.) FRED TANNER, Center for Strategic Analysis, Vienna

ALEXANDER HUG International Commission on Missing Persons, Iraq

Alexander Hug presented his book *Ceasefire Monitoring and Verification and the Use of Technology: Insights from Ukraine 2014-2022* (2024, Center for Security Studies (CSS) at ETH Zürich / Simon J. A. Mason [ed.]) and commented on his experience in Ukraine.



Online Discussion, 20 November 2024

Transatlantic Perspectives: Trump, Orban, Le Pen, Wilders, Kickl – The Rise of Right-Wing Populism and the Future of the Transatlantic Partnership

Moderation:

JEROEN DEWULF, UC Berkeley

CENGİZ GÜNAY, oiip

Discussants:

AKASEMI NEWSOME, UC Berkeley

MARIANNE RIDDERVOLD, Norwegian Institute of Foreign Affairs (NUPI), Innlandet Norway University of Applied Sciences, UC Berkeley

WOLFGANG PETRITSCH, oiip

DANIELA PISOIU, oiip

This online discussion between scholars from the UC Berkeley Institute of European Studies, the Austrian Marshall Foundation and the Austrian Institute for International Affairs in Vienna examined how the growth of right-wing populism would affect the future of the transatlantic partnership.

Panel discussion, 28 November 2024

The EU in the Sahel: The Day After



Moderation:

ANGELA MEYER & LOÏC SIMONET oiip

Discussants:

ROBERT ZISCHG, Director, Sub-Saharan Africa & African Union, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

FIDELIS ETAH EWANE, European External Action Service (EEAS)

AMANDINE GNANGUËNON, Africa Policy Research Institute (APRI)

Between 2020 and 2023, four coups in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger severely disrupted the EU's strategy in the Sahel. Instead of a "ring of friends," the region has become part of a growing "ring of fire" around Europe. Despite declining influence, the EU cannot ignore the Sahel due to its economic and strategic importance. Rebuilding trust will require both a short-term exit strategy and a long-term rethink of Europe's role. Key questions include: What alternatives does the EU have? How should it engage with military juntas? How to respond to rising Russian and Chinese influence? And how to prevent regional instability from spreading? In cooperation with the Ministry of Defence - bmlv.

Panel discussion, 16 December 2024

The EU and the Western Balkans: Losing or Gaining Ground

Welcome:

HANNES SWOBODA, IIP

GAZMEND BERLAJOLLI, The Balkan Forum

GERHARD MARCHL, Karl-Renner-Institut

Moderation:

VEDRAN DZHIHIC, oiip

Discussants:

FILIP MILAČIĆ, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Montenegro and Vienna

BRANIMIR JOVANOVIĆ, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies

LEONIE HAIDEN, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vienna

TARA TEPAVAC, University of Belgrade (IFDT)

The International Institute for Peace, together with oiip, the Karl-Renner Institut and The Balkan Forum, hosted a public panel and Christmas gathering to discuss the EU's evolving role in the Western Balkans. Despite EU efforts, the region remains marked by political polarization, democratic fragility and growing skepticism toward European integration. The panel examined whether the EU still acts as a transformative force and what steps are needed to bridge the gap between promises and reality. Key topics included regional cooperation, citizen and youth engagement and the impact of global shifts—such as war, disinformation and rising autocracies—on the region's democratic prospects. Experts shared insights on peacebuilding and whether the EU can still inspire meaningful reform and stability.

Panel discussion, 17 December 2024

X Marks the Spot: The Performance of Precise Targeted Killing of Terrorists

Moderation:

DANIELA PISOIU, oiip

Keynote:

CHRISTOPHER J. FULLER, University of Southampton

Dr Christopher J. Fuller's talk stemmed from his latest project, *The Hammer and the Scalpel: America's Precision Ethos and Culture of War*, which explores not just the military aspects of precision warfare, but also its political, linguistic, aesthetic and social impact upon the US and its allies. High-Value Targeting (HVT) has been a cornerstone of American counter-terrorism for two decades. Beyond eliminating targets, it aims to deter future threats and reassure citizens of their government's ability to keep them safe. In cooperation with the University for Continuing Education Krems. The event was recorded and made available as an audio podcast.



2024 Event Series

Austrian Foreign Policy – A New Approach

In light of the new legislative period, the event series *"Austrian Foreign Policy – A New Approach"* aims to bring foreign policy—an area largely overlooked in Austria—into focus. The discussions aim not only to analyse the current state of Austrian foreign policy but also to explore options, room for manoeuvre and challenges in an increasingly volatile and crisis-ridden world.



Panel discussion, 17 September 2024

Episode 1: Austria's Foreign Policy Reimagined

Moderation:

CENGİZ GÜNAY, oiip

Discussants:

MARTIN SENN, University of Innsbruck

INGRID STEINER-GASHI, KURIER

WOLFGANG PETRITSCH, oiip

Foreign policy is a largely neglected policy area in Austria. This is reflected in the dwindling public interest in the topic, the consistent underfunding of diplomatic missions and, above all, the lack of a clear foreign policy position for the country. On the occasion of the National Council elections, the Austrian Institute for International Affairs - oiip would like to initiate the event series "Austrian Foreign Policy New". The individual events are not only intended to analyse the "current state",

but we would also like to work out options, goals, scope for action and challenges for Austrian foreign policy in a volatile and crisis-ridden world. In this first episode, we discussed the traditional priorities of Austrian foreign policy. Where were there breaks and where continuities? How and where can Austria contribute to EU foreign policy? Where should the priorities be? And what are we missing out on if we don't act?

Panel discussion, 06 November 2024

Episode 2: The US Presidential Elections – What does it Mean for Austria and Europe?

Moderation:

CENGİZ GÜNAY, Director oiip

Discussants:

URSULA PLASSNIK, Former Foreign Minister ÖVP

PAUL SCHMIDT, Secretary General, Austrian Society for European Policy – ÖGfE

ELISALEX HENCKEL, Editor-in-Chief

In Episode 2 of our series "Austrian Foreign Policy Reimagined"*, the discussion focused on the impact of the US presidential elections on Austria and Europe. A day after the elections, the following questions were addressed: What does the new presidency mean for the USA and transatlantic relations? What does it mean for Austria? What is the state of Austro-American relations? Can we rely on the EU? How well is the EU positioned? What can and should Austrian foreign policy do?

Panel discussion, 11 December 2024

Episode 3: Neutrality: Obstacle or Opportunity for an Active Foreign Policy

Moderation:

CENGİZ GÜNAY, oiip

Discussants:

RALPH JANIK, Sigmund Freud Private University, oiip

ANNA GIULIA FINK, Der Standard

THOMAS MAYR-HARTING, Former Diplomat, Board Member oiip

In the third episode of the series "Austrian Foreign Policy New," the discussion focused on neutrality as either an obstacle or an opportunity for active foreign policy.

What exactly is neutrality? Is it possible to be politically neutral? As an EU member, are we neutral at all? How should neutrality be reinterpreted? How can we combine an active foreign policy and neutrality?

Workshops

Dialogue on foreign and security policy, 26 January 2024

De-risking in European China policy



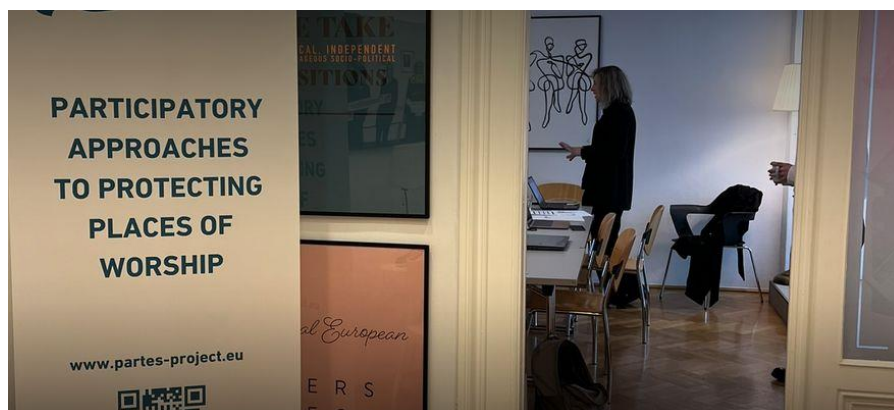
Keynote:

WERNER SCHOLZ, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels

With the Dialogue on foreign and security policy, the Austrian Institute for International Affairs - oiip initiates a series of talks on topics that are highly relevant to Austrian foreign and security policy. The aim is to promote exchange between international and national experts and Austrian parliamentarians from all parliamentary groups and political decision-makers and to identify options and possibilities for action.

PARTES Workshop, 6 March 2024

Interreligious Events as Part of the PARTES Project



The workshop “Establishing Communication Channels” took place at the oiip with the aim of bringing together religious and civil society organizations from all over Austria. This event took place as part of the PARTES project; similar events were held in 8 other European countries. On April 26, two participants from each workshop met in Brussels to establish Europe-wide communication channels. The last event in the series was an interreligious dialogue, which took place in Vienna on 15 May 2024 and was attended by participants from Austria and Germany.

Mini-Clausur, 8 March 2024

Strategic Outlook and Future Directions: Key Takeaways from the Mini-Retreat

During the mini strategy retreat (Mini-Clausur) in February 2025, participants assessed the institute's position within a changing national and international landscape, identifying core competencies and key partnerships. They aligned individual project plans with the oiip's strategic goals, focusing on flagship publications, projects and events. Breakout sessions explored funding and sponsorship strategies, innovative outreach methods for new target groups and the development of an oiip Academy curriculum for training and courses.



oiip & The Institute of International Relations Prague - IIR Workshop, Prague 11-12 March 2024

What Does it Take to Do Policy Research and Address the Right Audiences?

During the joint workshop between the oiip and the Prague Institute for International Relations (IIR) in March 2024, participants explored key aspects of conducting policy research and effectively addressing target audiences. Discussions focused on structural constraints and opportunities in Austria and the Czech Republic, as well as the composition of academic and policy-oriented research in both institutes. The workshop included presentations of ongoing research projects and an exchange on methodologies for effective policy analysis. Participants examined the

balance between theoretical and applied research and strategies for increasing outreach. On the second day, concrete areas for cooperation were defined, including potential joint research projects, events and collaborations in international research networks. The concluding session focused on outlining the next steps for continued cooperation and joint initiatives.

14 March 2024

Human Rights - a Path to Solutions

VOLKER TÜRK, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights



Workshop, 15 March 2024

Crises and Erosion of Confidence Between Russia and the West: What Led Us to 2022?

Workshop in the framework of the pan-European project “Post-war Europe: how to rebuild our security architecture?”

Guest Experts:

AMBASSADOR CHRISTIAN STROHAL, former Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE

BARBARA KUNZ, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

DIMITRI MINIC, Institut Français des Relations Internationales (Ifri)

WOLFGANG MUELLER, Institute of East European History, University of Vienna

Moderation:

LOÏC SIMONET, oiip

In cooperation with the Ministry of Defense.

Workshop, 12 September 2024

Old and New Levers in EU-Neighbourhood Relations

The workshop explored shifting EU-Neighbourhood dynamics in two focused sessions.

The first session, *"The ENP is dead; long live the ENP!"*, featured Elisabeth Johansson-Nogués (Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals), Erzsébet Nagyné (University of Public Service, Budapest) and Jan Daniel (Institute of International Relations, Prague). They offered global and Central/Eastern European perspectives on the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) in light of recent challenges such as the war in Ukraine.

The second session, *"Migration as a driver of EU-Neighbourhood relations?"*, examined how migration influences cooperation with neighbouring countries. Contributions came from Judith Kohlenberger (oiip/WU Vienna) and Federica Zardo (Krems University of Applied Sciences), with moderation by oiip Director Cengiz Günay. Discussions addressed ENP governance, regional approaches and the long-term implications of EU migration agreements.

The workshop was made possible through the kind support of the Anna Lindh Foundation and was organised in cooperation with the University of Krems.

International Studies Association Partner Organization Roundtable

The oiip has been a long-standing partner of the ISA. Partner Organization Roundtables are a special collaboration between ISA and various partner organizations. These follow the standard discussion-centered roundtable format and require a chair and at least five participants. At the ISA Annual Convention 2024 in San Francisco, the oiip organized the following round table:



The Future of Competitive Authoritarian Regimes

Chair:

Participants:

CENGİZ GÜNAY, oiip

SENEM AYDIN -DÜZGİT, Sabanci University

BERK ESEN, Sabanci University

SEBNEM GÜMÜSCÜ, Middlebury College

The consolidation of competitive authoritarian regimes (CAR) has entailed state capture, building a partisan judiciary, constitutional amendments, the limitation of democratic freedoms, control of the media, polarizing nationalist rhetoric, the harassment of oppositional parties, politicians and supporters. Although in time societal support for most CARs has been decreasing and oppositional forces can seriously challenge the incumbents, populist authoritarian leaders are usually able to mobilize their electorate and remain in power. Affective polarization and clientelism have proven to be important pillars of popular support. However, how long can authoritarian populists

remain in power? While the strong focus on the leader has proven to be part of the success story, how does it affect regime-survival in the mid- and long-run? What strategies do oppositional forces use to develop to beat the ruling parties in elections? Is the opposition to competitive authoritarian regimes democratic? The round table will discuss the future of authoritarian electoral regimes and the chances of oppositional movements in a comparative perspective, including examples from Turkey, Tunisia, the Western Balkans, Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America.

External Lectures /Presentations /Talks

Find here a list of events in which our researchers participated in 2024.



Vedran Džihic

- Europas Autoritäre Versuchungen und Gefahren – Lernen aus dem Beispiel Serbien, Vortrag bei der Sektion 8, SPÖ, Wien, 7.3.2024.
- Strange new multipolarity: How does it impact Europe's stability and security? Panelteilnahme am oiip, Vienna, 22.4.2024.
- Mittel- und Osteuropa vor den EU-Wahlen, Podiumsdiskussion von IDM und Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Wien, 7.5.2024.
- North Macedonia's Double Election: The Day After, Panelteilnahme an der Diskussion am oiip, Vienna, 14.5.2024.
- Gastarbeiter aus Ex-Jugoslawien, Vortrag bei der Tagung „60 Jahre Migration: Gestern.Heute.Zukunft“, Wien, 15.5.2024.
- The Eastern Question revisited – What can we learn from 19th century power politics in Europe for today?, Paneldiskussion am oiip, Panelist, Wien, 21.5.2024.
- Border Externalization Policies of the EU in the Balkans and their Impact on Human Rights – Austria's Role, Panel am oiip, Wien, 28.5.2024.
- EU I modeli integacija – kuda ide politika prosirenja? Sarajevski Plenum, Panel, Sarajevo, Bosnien und Herzegowina, 9.6.2024.
- Premiere des neuen Buches von Vedran Džihic: Ankommen, Thalia Mariahilferstrasse, Gespräch von Olivera Stajic mit Vedran Džihic, Wien, 10.9.2024.

- Serbia, Austria and Hungary: Comparative European Perspectives on Conflict & Democracy, Lectures and Moderation, Vienna, SIT Programm, 9.-12.10.2024.
- Buchpräsentation des neuen Buches von Vedran Džihic: Ankommen am Bruno Kreisky Forum für internationalen Dialog, Helfried Carl im Gespräch mit Vedran Džihic, Wien, 7.10.2024.
- Ankommen - eine persönliche Geschichte zum brennenden öffentlichen Thema: "Flucht und Migration", Buchpräsentation des neuen Buches von Vedran Džihic: Ankommen an der Akademie der Bildenden Künste Wien, gemeinsam mit Manuela Tomic, 17.11.2024
- Ankommen – Mitreden, Diskussion mit Aleksandra Stanic und Vedran Džihic, Renner Institut, Wien, 20.11.2024.
- Buchwien – Präsentation des Buchs Ankommen bei der Buchmesse Wien, 22.11.2024.
- Buchwien – Braucht Europa eine gemeinsame Armee, Diskussionsteilnahme an der Buchmesse Wien, 22.11.2024.
- Buchpräsentation des neuen Buches von Vedran Džihic: Ankommen, Keppler Salon Linz, 26.11.2024.
- Missionstag: Nicht Probleme relativieren, sondern Lösungen gemeinsam suchen. Vortrag beim Missionstag der Ordensgemeinschaften Österreich, Kardinal König Haus, Wien, 27.11.2024.
- Lesung und Diskussion rund um das neue Buch von Vedran Džihic: Ankommen, ZIMT Braunau, 29.11.2024.
- Will the Rush for Lithium Crash Standards in the EU? EPC Discussion, Brussels, 6.12.2024.
- The EU and the Western Balkans: Losing or Gaining Ground?, Diskussionsveranstaltung mit dem IIP und dem Renner Institut, 16.12.2024.
- Europe Talks Solidarity, Webinar organisiert von European Solidarity Corps and OeAD, Lecture von Vedran Džihic, 12.12.2024.
- The EU and the Western Balkans: Losing or gaining ground, Workshop and Panel Discussion, oiip together with IIP and Renner Institut, Wien, 16.12.2024.
- Ankommen - eine persönliche Geschichte zum brennenden öffentlichen Thema: „Flucht und Migration“, Buchpräsentation des neuen Buches von Vedran Džihic: Ankommen im Literaturhaus Graz, Diskussion mit Florian Bieber, 9.12.2024.

Thomas Eder

- Friedrich Ebert Stiftung – Workshop Series (last session in 2024) | Transatlantic Dialogue on China, Roundtable discussions, Washington D.C. (6/2023) / Berlin (09/2023) / Washington D.C. (2/2024).
- Konrad Adenauer Stiftung – Prague Office (with AMO) | China-Russia Relations & the Russia-Ukraine War, lecture by Thomas Eder, Prague, 27.3.2024.
- IIP | China and the world, with Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik, Kang Ouyang, Stephanie Fenkart, Thomas Eder, Vienna, 6.5.2024.

- Amerikahaus (with US Embassy) | Transatlantic Perceptions of China and Russia: Convergence, Divergence and Areas of Cooperation, with Carla Freeman, Dina Smeltz and Thomas Eder, Vienna, 15.10.2024.
- ISDP Stockholm Forum on Himalaya | China-India Relations, Thomas Eder, 17.10.2024.

Cengiz Günay

- Antisemitismus und die Europawahlen, 30.01.2024. Erlebnis Europa, Wien.
- Türkei: Die Schwächen und Stärken des neo-autoritären Systems unter Tayyip Erdogan, Symposium : "Bedrohungen der Offenen Gesellschaft heute", Karl Popper Gesellschaft, Universität Klagenfurt, 14.3.2024.
- Polarisierung, Populismus und Autokratisierung ohne Alternative? 4. Christoph Probst Lecture, Innsbruck, 20.03.2024.
- 60 Jahre Migration: Gestern.Heute.Zukunft, Wien 15.5.2024.
- Diversität in türkischen Communities - Unterschiedliche soziale und politische Identitäten, Stadt Wien, Abteilung Integration und Diversität, 4.6.2024.

Judith Kohlenberger

- Denys, Oksana, Kohlenberger, Judith. 2024. The Austrian experience in the wider European context. Roundtable Ukrainian Displaced People's Integration: Country Focus Austria, Central European University, 21.11.2024.
- Kohlenberger, Judith. 2024. Wir und die anderen: Flucht und Fremdheit, Aufbrechen und Ankommen. Campus Gespräche, Universität Liechtenstein, Vaduz, Liechtenstein, 12.11.2024.
- Kohlenberger, Judith. 2024. What to make of the Turkey- EU deal, Migration as a driver of EU-Neighbourhood relations, Workshop, Austrian Institute for International Affairs (oiip), 12.9.2024.
- Kohlenberger, Judith, Gerbavits, Michael, Heinzl, Jimmy, Carretero, José Moisés Martín Eichberger, Alexandra. 2024. A matter of location – people (Panel). FFG Forum, MQ Hofstallungen, Wien, 11.9.2024.
- Kohlenberger, Judith. 2024. Externalization policies of the EU. Western Balkans Strategy Group, Heinrich Böll Stiftung, 12.6.2024.
- Kohlenberger, Judith. 2024. What to make of the Turkey- EU deal, Migration as a driver of EU-Neighbourhood relations, Workshop, Austrian Institute for International Affairs (oiip), 12.9.2024.
- Kohlenberger, Judith, Gerbavits, Michael, Heinzl, Jimmy, Carretero, José Moisés Martín Eichberger, Alexandra. 2024. A matter of location – people (Panel). FFG Forum, MQ Hofstallungen, Wien, 11.9.2024.
- Kohlenberger, Judith. 2024. Externalization policies of the EU. Western Balkans Strategy Group, Heinrich Böll Stiftung, 12.6.2024.

- Kohlenberger, Judith. 2024. Commentary on Attila Meleghs Karl Polanyi Visiting Professorship Lecture Balancing the Imbalances. Vienna University of Economics and Business, Vienna, 22.5.2024.
- Glorius, Birgit, Kleist, Olaf J., Scharrer, Tabea, Berlinghoff, Marcel, Bilger, Veronika, Kohlenberger, Judith, Panagiotidis, Jannis, Rosenberger, Sieglinde. 2024. Flucht- und Flüchtlingsforschung: Handbuch für Wissenschaft und Studium, Buchpräsentation, Österreichisches Institut für Internationale Politik, Wien, 20.3.2024.
- Kohlenberger, Judith. 2024. Zwischen Aufnahme und Abschreckung: Paradoxien von Flucht und Vertreibung. IAB-Kolloquium, Institut für Arbeit und Beschäftigung (IAB), Nürnberg, Deutschland, 6.3.2024.
- Kohlenberger, Judith. 2024. Entgrenzte Gewalt. Lunch Talk am NS Dokumentationszentrum München, Deutschland, 5.3.2024. (invited talk)
- Buber-Ennser, Isabella, Kohlenberger, Judith. 2024. Ukrainische Vertriebene in Österreich und Polen: Einblicke in eine Rapid-Response-Erhebung. Geflüchtete aus der Ukraine in Deutschland und Österreich: Was wissen wir über ihre Familiensituation, Unterbringung, Arbeitsmarktbeteiligung und Integration. Online-Fachtagung der Akademie für Politik und Zeitgeschehen in Kooperation mit den DGD-Arbeitskreisen „Migration, Integration, Weltbevölkerung“ und „Fertilität und Familie“, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Demographie (DGD), 16.2.2024. (online)

Annika Scharnagl

- Verde Niederösterreich Seminar weekend: “Together against the right” |Introduction to Right-Wing Extremism (in Austria), 17.2.2024.

Loïc Simonet

- Intervention at the ISDP-KIIP Webinar on “A Strategy to Securitize Economy? The EU’s Partnerships in Indo-Pacific”, 17.5. 2024.
- OSCE Expert Network, first planning meeting of the OSCE expert network, 21.3. 2024.
- OSCE Expert Network, second annual meeting of the expert network on the OSCE “Working together in responding to today’s challenges and preparing for the future”, 11.-12.11.2024, Vienna.
- „Post-War Ukraine: How to rebuild our Security Architecture ?” Vienna Workshop, 15.3.2025.
- VIP Public event in Paris (Ifri) 21.6.2024.

Presentations at Conferences

Zeynep Arkan

- Ankara Sosyal ve Beseeri Bilimler Konferansi/ Bilkent University, Ankara (part of the organising committee and chaired the panel on security studies).

Vedran Dzihic

- The Budapest Balkans Forum, Hungary Connects, presentation on the panel on Bosnia and Herzegovina by Vedran Dzihic, Budapest, Hungary, 9.-10.3. 2024.
- European Conference 2024: Are we ready for the EU of 30+? Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Input and Panel by Vedran Dzihic, Bratislava, Slovakia, 13.5.2024.
- CRES SUMMER SCHOOL: Regaining new European and democratic momentum together, Keynote und Vorträge, 22.–27.9.2024, Cres, Croatia.
- Evangelische Akademie Loccum, Keynote bei der Konferenz zum Westbalkan, 22.11.2024.

Thomas Eder

- ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco, 3.-6.4.2024.

Cengiz Günay

- ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco, 3.-6.4.2024.
- CATS Annual Network Meeting, Berlin, 18.-19.4.2024.
- EUROMesco Annual Meeting, Brussels, 16. -17.5.2024.
- The Renewal of the opposition in Türkiye: the 'Kemalists' in the post-AKP perspective, IFRI Paris 22.10.2024.
- TEPSA Polish Pre-Presidency Conference, Warsaw 21.-22. 11.2024.
- Sicherheitspolitischer Workshop Levante, Schlaining 25.-27.11.2024.
- The Incoming Administration and the Future of the Transatlantic Relations, EU Delegation Building, Washington DC, 04.12.2024.

Judith Kohlenberger

- Parusel, Bernd, Saracino, Daniele. 2024. Spillover-Effekte der anderen Art: Nebenwirkungen der gegenwärtigen Entwicklung der Asylpolitik der EU?, 5. Konferenz des Netzwerks Fluchtforschung: Regionale und lokale Antworten auf globale Fluchtbewegungen: Kontexte, Herausforderungen, Lösungen, Bonn, Deutschland, 16.9.-18.9.2024.
- Martin-Shields, Charles, Easton-Calabria, Evan. 2024. 'Managing' the Paradox: Refugee Self-Reliance and Solving the Problem of Refugee Policy Discontinuity?, 5. Konferenz des Netzwerks Fluchtforschung: Regionale und lokale Antworten auf globale Fluchtbewegungen: Kontexte, Herausforderungen, Lösungen, Bonn, Deutschland, 16.9.-18.9.2024.

- 2024. Inner-europäische und außenpolitische Effekte der GEAS-Reform, 5. Konferenz des Netzwerks Fluchtforschung: Regionale und lokale Antworten auf globale Fluchtbewegungen: Kontexte, Herausforderungen, Lösungen, Bonn, Deutschland, 16.9.-18.9.2024.
- Haben wir versagt? Zur zunehmenden Diskrepanz zwischen Forschungsstand und polit-medialer Debatte im Bereich Flucht & Vertreibung (Panel), 5. Konferenz des Netzwerks Fluchtforschung: Regionale und lokale Antworten auf globale Fluchtbewegungen: Kontexte, Herausforderungen, Lösungen, Bonn, Deutschland, 16.9.-18.9.2024.
- (Trans)nationale Erinnerung in der postmigrantischen Demokratie Migration – Konflikt – Solidarität. Im Spannungsfeld zwischen Politik und Forschung. DeZIM-Tagung 2024, Berlin, Deutschland, 9.10.2024.
- SFU-Frauentagung 2024: Die Welt als unsicherer Ort, Sigmund Freud Privatuniversität, Wien, 9.11.2024.

Daniela Pisoiu

- ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco, 3.-6.4.2024.

Loïc Simonet

- Participation in the ACONA Conference Reykjavík 2024 “Negotiating the Future of Nuclear Diplomacy”, 17.5.2024, Reykjavík, Iceland.
- Intervention on “The French legal framework for arms transfers” at the seminar „Six Shades of Arms Trade Regulation. The Reform of the Italian Arms Export Law and Other National Regulatory Frameworks in Comparison », 7.10.2024, School of International Studies, University of Trento.
- Intervention at the 29th International Summer University 2024 “Europa and the Minotaur: Geopolitics Between Myths and Reality”, 23.-28.6.2024, Kőszeg, Hungary.
- Intervention at the OSCE Focus Conference 2024: “Changes, Crises and Opportunities”, 30.-31.10.2024, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Intervention at the conference “The Incoming Administration and the Future of the Transatlantic Relations”, EU Delegation – Virginia Tech, 4.12.2024, Washington, DC.

Teaching

Vedran Dzihic

- Winter 2023/24: Human Rights and International Relations, University of Applied Arts Vienna, Applied Human Rights Master (in English)
- Winter 2023/24, BAK 6 VO, Österreichische Außenpolitik, University of Vienna, Institut für Politikwissenschaften
- Winter 2023/24: Bachelorseminar, University of Vienna, Department of Political Science
- Summer 2024: Bachelorseminar, University of Vienna, Department of Political Science
- Summer 2024: Masterseminar, University of Vienna, Department of Political Science
- Winter 2024/25: Forschungspraktikum FOP, Südosteuropa zwischen Demokratie und autoritären Tendenzen. Grundlagen und Trends, University of Vienna, Department of Political Science
- Winter 2024/25: Masterseminar, University of Vienna, Department of Political Science

Thomas Eder

- Summer 2024: Bachelor seminar, University of Vienna, Department of Political Science ('EU-China Relations')
- Winter 2024: Bachelor seminar, IES Abroad – Vienna Office ('The Future of International Law')

Cengiz Günay

- "Strategische Analysen zu Nordafrika, Maghreb und Naher Osten". Ausbildungsmodul geopolitische Grundlagen, Österreichische Außenpolitik und Diplomatie. Diplomatische Akademie, Wien, 11.10.2024.
- "Islamismus und Post-Islamismus" Weiterbildungsprogramm „Wissenschaftliche Grundlagen zur Prävention von Radikalisierung und Extremismus“ für das BMJ, Universität für Weiterbildung Krems, 05.11.2024.
- Winter 2024, SE M13: Seminar for MA, Department of Political Science, University of Vienna
- Summer 2024, BAK18: Bachelorseminar, Department of Political Science, University of Vienna
- Summer 2024, VM1 / VM6 - Soziale und globale Ungleichheit als Grundlage für politischen Umbruch und Revolution? Department of Development Studies, University of Vienna

Judith Kohlenberger

- Winter 2024/25: Bachelor Seminar Zukunftsfähiges Wirtschaften (WIRE) „Migration, Flucht und Integration“, Vienna University of Economics and Business

Daniela Pisoiu

- Winter 2023/24: BAK11 SE Europäische Union und Europäisierung - Terrorismus und die Antiterrorpolitik der EU, University of Vienna
- October 2024: 'Extremismus und Terrorismus' Einführung in Radikalisierung und Extremismus – Ansätze zur Prävention Universität für Weiterbildung Krems
- November 2024: 'Extremismus und Terrorismus' Einführung in Radikalisierung und Extremismus – Ansätze zur Prävention Universität für Weiterbildung Krems

Loïc Simonet

- IES Abroad, Vienna, Fall Semester 2024. Course PO 357 - International Organizations: Practice and Challenges in Time of Crisis of Multilateralism

Fieldwork / Research Stays



Sophie Reichelt

In January and February 2024, Sophie Reichelt conducted field research in Melilla to examine the impact of European and Spanish migration policies. She conducted eleven interviews with representatives from (I)NGOs, IGOs and civil society organizations, visited the CETI reception center and participated in a memorial action for the victims of the Nador-Melilla massacre. Expanding her research to the Moroccan side, she explored cross-border migration issues. Her study aimed to capture the complex realities migrants face and the strategies local actors employ in response to European border policies. Central to her inquiry was the question: Can these organizations effectively drive change amid increasingly restrictive migration measures?

Johannes Späth

In November and December 2024, Johannes Späth conducted field research in Cairo, Egypt, focusing on human rights governance within an authoritarian context. His research centred on the Egyptian National Council for Human Rights, with particular attention to the institution's mandate, operational scope, and capacity to effect change. Through a series of individual and group interviews with Council members, he assessed both the constraints and potential for institutional agency, identifying areas where targeted capacity-building—particularly through Austrian support—could be of value.

In coordination with the Austrian Embassy in Cairo, Johannes also facilitated dialogue around the Austrian probationary system, presenting it as a case study relevant to ongoing discussions in the

Egyptian parliament concerning penal code reform. This exchange supported the Council's broader efforts to inform and influence legislative debate, offering comparative insights into alternative approaches to criminal justice and rehabilitation.

Media Review

January

- **NIN (Serbian weekly)**, 11.1.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Kosovo is the heart of stabilocracy: Why the West supports Aleksandar Vučić
- **ORFIII**, 12.1.2024, Thomas Eder: Die Wahlen in Taiwan
- **Radio Free Europe**, 14.1.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Radio Most: Može li se Republika Srpska otcijepiti bez rata?
- **OE1**, 15.1.2024, Thomas Eder: Die Wahlen in Taiwan
- **Kurier**, 15.1.2024, Judith Kohlenberger: Kamen weniger Migranten in die EU?
- **Ganz offen gesagt, Podcast**, 17.1.2024, Thomas Eder: Die Wahlen in Taiwan

February

- **Ö1 Mittagsjournal**, 28.2.2024, Vedran Dzihic: EU-Erweiterung am Westbalkan
- **Frankfurter Rundschau**, 28.2.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Mehr als AfD und FPÖ: Rechtspopulisten in Europa auf dem Vormarsch – was der Umfrage-Vergleich zeigt

March

- **Newsflix.at**, 2.3.2024, Judith Kohlenberger: Wir haben im Asylsystem Personen, die dort nicht hingehören
- **N1 (CNN affiliated)**, 7.3.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Kosovo i Bosna su neuralgicne tacke Balkana
- **KURIER**, 14.3.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Bosnien's Serbenführer Dodik trat in Wien auf
- **ZDF heute**, 20.3.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Bosnien-Herzegowina: Beitrittsgespräche: Der lange Weg in die EU
- **ARD tagesschau.de**, 21.3.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Bosnien und Herzegowina Gewinner des "EU-Erweiterungs-Wirbelwinds"?
- **N1 (CNN Affiliated)**, 21.3.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Lista reformi koja je pred BiH je mnogo duža

April

- **Czech media**, 3.4.2025, Thomas Eder: China-Russia relations & the war in Ukraine
- **Deutschlandfunk**, 17.4.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Balkan-Experte erwartet autoritären Kurs nach der Parlamentswahl in Kroatien
- **Radio Free Europe**, 21.4.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Radio Most: Koliko Rusija i Kina mogu pomoći Vučiću u kampanji protiv Rezolucije o Srebrenici?

- **OÖ Nachrichten**, 26.4.2024, Judith Kohlenberger: mehrGRIPS“: Private Initiative für eine bessere Politik gestartet
- **Radio Free Europe**, 30.4.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Zašto su Si Đinpingu bitni Srbija i Mađarska?

May

- **Voice for CHOICE Podcast**, 1.5.2024, Thomas Eder: Debunking myths around China-Russia relations
- **Der Standard, Kommentar der anderen**, 4.5.2023, Vedran Dzihic: Wie nationalistische Geister der Vergangenheit die Zukunft des Westbalkans ruinieren
- **ORFIII**, 6.5.2024, Thomas Eder: Xi Jinping in Europa
- **OE1**, 10.5.2024, Thomas Eder: Xi Jinping in Europa
- **Deutsche Welle - Chinese**, 15.5.2024, Thomas Eder: Putin in China
- **Podcast**, 15.5.2024, Daniela Pisoju, Podcast mit Judith Kohlenberger: Wieso werden immer mehr religiöse Kultstätte angegriffen
- **NOVA S**, 15.5.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Medju nama o Gruziji i Zapadu
- **Diepresse.com**, 22.5.2025, Judith Kohlenberger: Was ich nicht mehr hören kann: 2015 darf sich nicht wiederholen

June

- **N1 (CNN affiliated)**, 4.6.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Newsnight
- **Profil**, 4.6.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Siegt die Opposition in Nis? Serbien
- **Wirtschaftskammer Österreich Podcast**, 5.6.2024, Vedran Dzihic: LOOKAUT Außenwirtschaft der Wirtschaftskammer Österreich
- **WDR-Zeitzeichen Podcast**, 12.6.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Die Bundeswehr rückt in den Kosovo ein
- **ZDF Heute**, 19.6.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Wenn Nationalismus den Weg ins Stadion findet
- **ORF**, 20.6.2024, Judith Kohlenberger: Forderungen zum Weltflüchtlingstag
- **Der Standard, Kommentar der anderen**, 28.6.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Fußball – nicht nur ein Sommermärchen

July

- **The i Paper (UK)**, 1.7.2024, Thomas Eder: China accused of building 'Sunflower 200' attack drones for Russia
- **Die Furche**, 12.7.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Vučićs Medienmasche: 300 abendfüllende Fernsehauftritte
- **Der Spiegel**, 17.7.2024, Judith Kohlenberger: Das Ruanda-Modell ist gescheitert – das sollte man endlich auch in Berlin verstehen
- **Deutsche Welle**, 18.7.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Islamistische Tendenzen auf dem Westbalkan

- **Kronen Zeitung**, 19.7.2024, Thomas Eder: Chinas Wirtschaft
- **ORF Zeit im Bild**, 30.7.2024, Judith Kohlenberger im Gespräch: Zwei neue Bücher zu Flucht und Integration

August

- **ZIB 1, ORF 2**, 8.8.2024, Daniela PISOIU: Terrordrohung: Aktueller Stand der Ermittlungen
- **ORF III Aktuell**, 8.8.2024, Daniela PISOIU: Extremismusforscherin PISOIU über IS-Gruppen
- **PULS 24 NEWS**, 8.8.2024, Daniela PISOIU: Terrorgefahr: Attentate werden professioneller
- **Die Presse**, 8.8.2024, Judith Kohlenberger: Wenn der Krieg kommt: Expertin hält Migrationsströme aus dem Libanon für möglich
- **Ö1 Punkt eins**, 9.8.2024, Daniela PISOIU: Terrorbedrohung in Österreich – Absage der Megakonzerne
- **ORF 2, Wien heute**, 9.8.2024, Daniela PISOIU: Hintergründe der Terrorverdächtigen
- **Der Standard, Kommentar der anderen**, 11.8.2024, Daniela PISOIU: Antiterrorpolitik muss durchdacht sein, nicht impulsiv
- **Wienerin.at**, 12.8.2025, Judith Kohlenberger: Wie wir unsere Demokratie stärken können
- **Der Standard**, 15.8.2024, Daniela PISOIU: Teilerfolge des Terroristen, Fehler der Medien und Kampf gegen Radikalisierung
- **SRF** (Schweizer Rundfunk), 18.8.2024, Judith Kohlenberger: Das Sterben im Mittelmeer hat sich verlagert
- **ORF, Ö1**, 23.8.2024, Vedran DZIHIC: Sommergespräch
- **Der Standard, Kommentar der anderen**, 31.8.2025, Judith Kohlenberger: Was die Politik in Asylfragen plant – und wo sie an Grenzen stößt

September

- **ORF III**, 6.9.2024, Thomas Eder: China-Afrika Gipfel
- **PROFIL**, 9.9.2024, Vedran DZIHIC: Warum Muslime in Österreich die FPÖ wählen
- **taz.de**, 12.9.2025, Judith Kohlenberger: Schlepperrouen verlagern sich
- **Frankfurter Rundschau**, 15.9.2024, Vedran DZIHIC: FPÖ - „Allmachtsfantasien“ in Österreichs Kanzleramt drohen – Wie kann der „Wettbewerb an Gehässigkeit“ enden?
- **Falter**, 17.9.2024, Vedran DZIHIC: Er kam als Flüchtling. Jetzt erforscht er die Fremdenfeindlichkeit Österreichs
- **SRF** (Schweizer Rundfunk), 20.9.2024, Judith Kohlenberger: Migration stellt EU vor Zerreißprobe
- **Der Standard**, 19.9.2024, Vedran DZIHIC: So kommt das Gute in die Welt
- **Falter Podcast #1223**, 21.9.2024, Vedran DZIHIC im Gespräch mit Raimund Löw: Ankommen: Eine Geschichte von Flucht und Integration
- **Salzburger Nachrichten**, 26.9.2025, Judith Kohlenberger: Migrationskommissar steht vor vielen ungelösten Aufgaben

- **Kurier**, 28.9.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Migration muss geregelt, nicht panisch bekämpft werden
- **ORF WIEN**, 28.9.2024, Vedran Dzihic zu Gast in Wien Heute bei Patrick Budgen: Migration und Integration
- **WDR Aktuell**, 29.9.2024, Cengiz Günay: Wahlergebnisse in Österreich
- **Al Jazeera Balkans**, 29.9.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Najrealnija opcija je koalicija bez krajnje desnice
- **The Washington Post**, 29.9.2024, Cengiz Günay: Austrian far right set to win national election, in postwar first
- **N1 Croatia** (CNN affiliated), 29.9.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Džihic objasnio koje su dvije opcije najvjerojatnije za sastavljanje austrijske vlade
- **The Guardian**, 30.9.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Austrian parties to begin talks on forming government after far-right win

October

- **BHT1**, 15.10.2024, Vedran Dzihic zur Situation in Bosnien und Herzegowina
- **ORF 2, Report**, 22.10.2024, Judith Kohlenberger zu Gast in der Sendung, Asylpolitik: Ruf nach strengeren Gesetzen
- **ZDF online**, 23.10.2024, Judith Kohlenberger: Menschenrechte zum Schimpfwort geworden
- **ORF 2, ZIB 2**, 24.10.2024, Thomas Eder: BRICS Gipfel
- **ORF 2 - Bundesland heute Burgenland**, 25.10.2024, Judith Kohlenberger im Porträt: Heimat großer Töchter und Söhne
- **SRF** (Schweizer Rundfunk) Podcast, 26.10.2024, Cengiz Günay, Was bedeutet der Anschlag der kurdischen PKK in der Türkei?

November

- **European Western Balkans**, 4.11.2024, Vedran Dzihic: BiEPAG Reacts: Waiting for Godot – New EU Commission report on BiH's EU integration brings nothing new
- **Ö1, ORF Punkt Eins**, 5.11.2024, Cengiz Günay: Trump, Harris und der Rest der Welt
- **Ö1 Morgenjournal**, 9.11.2024, Judith Kohlenberger: Debatte um Schengenbeitritt für Rumänien und Bulgarien
- **Falter**, 13.11.2024, Judith Kohlenberger: Gegen die neue Härte
- **ORF. Heimat Fremde Heimat**, 17.11.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Vom Flüchtling zum Forsch
- **Kurier**, 22.11.2024, Judith Kohlenberger: Österreich gibt grünes Licht: Rumänien und Bulgarien ab Jänner Schengen-Mitglieder?
- **Die Presse**, 25.11.2024, Judith Kohlenberger: Asylgrund Frau: Gehen die Gerichte zu weit?
- **DORF TV**, 26.11.2024, Ankommen, Vedran Dzihic: TV-Aufnahme der Diskussion im Kepler Salon Linz

- **AKNOE MONTALK Podcast #120**, 28.11.2024, Thomas Eder: China im Warenkorb – Wie Temu & Co. den Handel dominieren

December

- **Deutschlandfunk**, 2.12.2024, Ankommen, Vedran Dzihic: Zum Thema Migration und Integration in Europa
- **Der Standard, Kommentar der anderen**, 5.12.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Trumps Gefährten auf dem Westbalkan stehen bereit
- **ORF 2**, 8.12.2024, Judith Kohlenberger: Syrien: Assad wurde gestürzt - Auswirkungen auf Europa
- **Puls24.at**, 9.12.24, Judith Kohlenberger: Assad-Sturz: Wie realistisch ist die Rückkehr von syrischen Geflüchteten?
- **Radio Wien**, 9.12.24, Judith Kohlenberger: Machtwechsel in Syrien: Zukunft syrischer Flüchtlinge in Österreich
- **Radio Arabella**, 10.12.2024, Thomas Eder: China-Afrika Gipfel **GELD-Magazin**, 20.12.2024, Johannes Späth, Interview, „Der kryptische Präsident“
- **Die Presse**, 22.12.2024, Op-ed, Cengiz Günay & Judith Kohlenberger: Syrien steht an einem neuen Nullpunkt
- **ORF III**, 12.12.2024, Hybrides Kriegsgeschehen, Vedran Dzihic analysiert im Interview die russische Einmischung insbesondere in Osteuropa
- **ZDF**, 18.12.2024, Vedran Dzihic: Korruption ist Krebskrankheit Albaniens

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Judith Kohlenberger, Österreichische Akademie der
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We are pleased to announce that the Anas Shakfeh Prize 2024 was awarded to Judith Kohlenberger in the category *"Merits in Human Rights, Democracy and the Promotion of the Rule of Law."* She was recognized for her outstanding contributions to the public discourse on migration and integration. Her work combines academic excellence with a strong commitment to social engagement, embodying the values the prize seeks to honor. The laudatory speech was delivered by the actor Cornelius Obonya. The oiip is proud to see our colleague being awarded for her great work.

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- Österreichische Gesellschaft für Politikwissenschaft (ÖGPW)
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