



EDITORIAL

Dear friends and supporters of the oiip,

Spring has already arrived and brings us the first hot days of the year. Things are also heated in the world of international relations - the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine is in a critical phase, and the situation in the Middle East is extremely turbulent and dangerous even six months after Hamas' terrorist attack on Israel. In the global super election year, the elections for the European Parliament are coming up and the fight for the presidency in the USA is already casting its shadow. We at the oiip are following all these developments closely and trying to classify and analyse them.

This spring also brings dynamic changes to the institute. We are delighted to welcome two new team members: The renowned migration researcher and author [Judith Kohlenberger](#) has been part of the team since the beginning of the year and, as a senior researcher, leads an [AMS project](#) on "New refugees from Syria and other third countries in the Austrian labour market". We also welcome [Roman Rudenko](#) as a new colleague at the oiip. Roman completed his master's degree in political science with an excellent thesis on the Ukrainian diaspora in Vienna and Prague and is now joining us to work on the topics of Ukraine and Eastern Europe. We have also launched a new internship programme with the Vienna-based Central European University ([CEU](#)) and the first fellows are already supporting us. As part of our long-standing cooperation with the University of Glasgow and the [IMSISS programme](#), young international colleagues are once again joining us this year to complete an internship lasting several months.

Forecasting world politics is rarely easy, but certain trends and possible "futures" can certainly be deduced from careful analysis. We did this at the beginning of the year in a series of concise and up to date oiip trend reports. The range of exciting topics that we analyse in these trend reports is very broad: from the situation in the USA and Ukraine, to the Middle East, the Western Balkans, China, as well as trends in terrorism research and the future of the OSCE. You can find all these trend reports on our [website](#).

We are very proud of our work in the first few months of the new year and would like to use this newsletter to recommend several publications, events, and media contributions by our researchers. In particular, we would like to highlight a recent study by our young colleague Johannes Späth on the geopolitical role of the EU in relations with the MENA states and the study by our colleague Loïc Simonet on the status quo of human rights in a

multipolar world. Cengiz Günay, Judith Kohlenberger and Vedran Dzihic have enriched two new books (“[Europa neu gedacht](#)” and “[Erlebtes Europa](#)” – “Rethinking Europe” and “Experiencing Europe”, respectively) with their guest contributions on the future of Europe. The oiip has long since become an important address in Vienna for an open dialogue with current and in-depth discussion events. Highlights in the last few weeks were certainly the online discussion about the new security architecture in the Middle East after October 7th, and the book presentation on forced migration and refugee studies at the oiip. You can find the video recordings of these events along with numerous other events on our [YouTube channel](#).

We are taking the momentum of spring with us as we work intensively on numerous new publications, events, and projects. To continue to research the world of international politics and discuss it with politically interested circles with such enthusiasm and dynamism, we depend on support. You too can contribute by becoming a [member](#) of the oiip and keeping your finger on the pulse of dynamic world developments.

As always, you can find all information on the [oiip website](#) or on social media such as [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [X](#).

Of course, you are also welcome to visit us at our premises at Währinger Straße 3/12, 1090 Vienna – we look forward to exchanging ideas and inspiring you for the world of international politics!

PUBLICATIONS



Mask off: Implications of the EU’s “geopolitical awakening” for its relations with the MENA region

EUROMESCO Paper 67 / February 2024
Johannes Späth

[Link to the Paper](#)



Serbien: Demokratie am Abgrund

Artikel / Februar 2024
Blätter f. deutsche & internationale Politik
Vedran Dzihic

[Link zum Artikel](#)



Survival strategies in the Middle East: Foreign policy in the service of regime security. The cases of Egypt and UAE

Policy Analysis 1 / January 2024
Johannes Späth, Carsten Minh Vo & Cengiz Günay

[Link to the Policy Analysis](#)



Die Rolle Chinas auf multilateraler Ebene – was verändert sich durch Chinas neue Strategiepapiere?

Arbeitspapier 118 / Jänner 2024
Thomas Eder

[Link zum Arbeitspapier](#)



The impact of migration on international relations: Power relations, security, and migration diplomacy reexamined

Policy Brief / January 2024
Authors of the UWK & oiip

[Link to the Policy Brief](#)



Human rights in a multi-aligned world: How to counter challenging narratives and restore universalism

Study / December 2023
Loïc Simonet

[Link to the Study](#)



The future of the transatlantic partnership: US perceptions and debates

Policy Analysis 10 / November 2023
Sophia Winograd, Valentina
Gruarin, Cengiz Günay & Vedran Dzihic

[Link to the Policy Analysis](#)

MEDIA & PODCASTS



Über Taiwans Wahlen und Chinas Reaktion

Podcast
Ganz offen gesagt / 17. Jänner 2024
Thomas Eder

[Link zum Podcast](#)



One-Man-Show mit fatalen Folgen für die Demokratie in Serbien

Kommentar der anderen
Der Standard / 22. Dezember 2023
Vedran Dzihic

[Link zum Kommentar](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Strange new multipolarity: How does it impact Europe's stability and security?

Panel Discussion
22 April 2024, 5:30 pm

[Link to the Event Page](#)

PAST EVENTS: RECORDINGS & SUMMARIES



Flucht- und Flüchtlingsforschung: Handbuch für Wissenschaft und Studium

Buchpräsentation
20. März 2024, 18:00 Uhr

[Link zur Aufzeichnung](#)



Post October 7: A new security architecture for the Middle East?

Online panel discussion
13 March 2024

[Link to the Recording & Summary](#)



Living in a à la carte world – New global rifts and cleavages between democracies and autocracies

Panel Discussion
11 December 2023

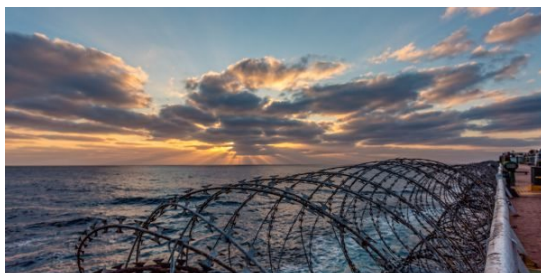
[Link to the Summary](#)



Human rights in a multi-aligned world: How to counter challenging narratives an restore universalism?

30 years after the Vienna World
Conference on Human Rights
5 December 2023

[Link to the Recording](#)



Challenges in European Security Politics

Stakeholder Forum
24 November 2023

[Link to the Summary](#)

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