

23rd Foreign Policy Conference

23. Außenpolitische Jahrestagung

Security in the Twilight Zone

Regional, Transatlantic and Global Perspectives on the War in Eastern Europe

Conference Program (as of 03 February 2023)

6 – 10 February 2023

Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

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Dates

Mon, 6 Feb 2023 – Public Online Event, 4pm to 5.30 pm (CET) – (Eastern European Perspective)

Tue, 7 Feb 2023 – Public Online Event, 4pm to 5.30 pm (CET) – (Euro-Atlantic Perspective)

Wed, 8 Feb 2023 – Public Online Event, 4pm to 5.30 pm (CET) – (Global Perspective)

Fri, 10 Feb 2023 – Public Hybrid Event, 10am to 3:00pm (CET) – (Closing Event)

Conference Languages are German and English.

Simultaneous translation of all conference modules will be provided.

Background

Since Russia's attack on Ukraine, the security of Central, Northern and Eastern European States – especially those outside of NATO and the EU – has gained growing attention.

Russia has proven to be a revisionist state which is openly threatening the European security order. At the same time, countries within Moscow's traditional sphere of interest have grown more assertive and are striving for sovereignty and self-determination. Their quest for independence and dignity – along with an ever more confident civil society in Eastern Europe – represents a challenge and an opportunity for a revised European security architecture.

The repercussions of Russia's War against Ukraine nevertheless go far beyond Europe, and have global implications, both economically and politically, with different interpretations in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Hence, the 23rd Foreign Policy Conference of the Heinrich Böll Foundation will assess the regional, Euro-Atlantic and global implications of the war in Eastern Europe. Throughout the conference, the current German foreign and security policy will receive special attention, since Berlin is expected to take on more responsibilities in foreign affairs, especially in the Eastern neighborhood of the EU.

Wednesday, 8 February 2023**The Global Impact of the War in Eastern Europe** (Public Online Event)

- 4 p.m. Welcome and Introduction
Giorgio Franceschini, Head of Foreign and Security Policy Division, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin
Imme Scholz, Co-President, Heinrich-Böll Foundation, Berlin
- A Message from the Ground
Nivin Al Hotari, Human Rights Activist and IDP, Syria [tbc]
- Opening statement
Can the UN protect humanity from the scourge of war and its consequences?
Amb. Martin Kimani, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the UN
- 4.30 p.m. Spotlight Africa, India, Latin America
The war in Eastern Europe as seen in the Global South
Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, South African Institute of International Affairs, Johannesburg
Gaurav Sharma, Global Diplomacy Lab, Bonn
Amb. Lila Roldán Vázquez, Argentine Council for International Relations C.A.R.I., Buenos Aires
- 4.55 p.m. The view from Eastern Europe
Why the West and the Global South are talking past each other on Russia's war against Ukraine
Ivan U.K. Klyszcz, International Centre for Defence and Security, Tallinn
- Facilitation
Anna Fleischer, Office Director Lebanon, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Beirut
- 5.10 p.m. Global Learnings and Main Takeaway
Katja Keul, Green Party, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office, Berlin
- Facilitation
Giorgio Franceschini and **Imme Scholz**, Heinrich-Böll Foundation, Berlin
- 5.30. p.m. *End of day three (public event)*

Key questions:

- How do countries of the Global South assess the war in Ukraine and its impacts?
- How does the Ukraine War impact the global world order and the validity of the UN Charter, especially the principle of territorial integrity?
- What are the implications of the war in Ukraine for global governance, especially in the fields of global security and peacekeeping, food security and climate diplomacy?