



Central Asian Parliamentarians Conference
Democratic control of armed forces and parliamentary involvement in the security sector
23 - 26 October 2006, Berlin, Germany

Co-organized with the
German - Central Asian Parliamentarian Group of the German Bundestag
and the
Ministry of Defense, Federal Republic of Germany

This is the third George C. Marshall Center conference on the democratic parliamentary control of all security forces for parliamentarians from Central Asia, Afghanistan and Mongolia. The last was held in June 2005.

The conference will provide a forum for discussion on the democratic parliamentary oversight of the security sector, develop cooperative approaches to the challenges facing the Atlantic-European-Eurasian community of nations, facilitate coalition development and enhance regional security in Central Asia.

The conference will help specify requirements for effective parliamentary involvement in national security policy and budgeting processes, impart knowledge of relationships between parliaments and ministries, discuss possibilities of parliamentary regional cooperation, educate on the role of security in civil societies, harmonize views on common security challenges, and promote democratic reform.

Time	Event	Location
Monday, 23 October 2006		
1800 - 1930	Welcome remarks Speaker: MajGen (Ret) Dr. Horst Schmalfeld, German Deputy Director, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies Reception speech: Current issues on German foreign and security policy with a special focus on Central Asia, Afghanistan and Mongolia Speaker: Dr. Hans-Dieter Lucas, Authorized Representative for Russia, Caucasus and Central Asia, German Ministry of Foreign Affairs Reception , hosted by Dr. Hans-Dieter Lucas	Hotel Park Inn Berlin - Alexanderplatz Alexanderplatz 8, D - 10178 Berlin Germany T +49 30 2389 0 F +49 30 2389 4305 berlin_hotel@rezidorparkinn.com
Tuesday, 24 October 2006		
0945 - 1020	Conference opening, introduction of conference agenda, Marshall Center briefing Speaker: MajGen (Ret) Dr. Horst Schmalfeld, German Deputy Director, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies	Hotel Park Inn Berlin - Alexanderplatz
1020 - 1115	Plenary session 1: The history of democratic development in Europe - from Montesquieu and Locke to today's principles of democracy Moderator: MajGen (Ret) Dr. Horst Schmalfeld Speaker: Dr. Detlef Puhl, German Associate Dean, College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies	Plenary Doeblin 1

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Tuesday, 24 October 2006 (continued)		
1115 - 1145	Coffee break	Hotel Park
1145 - 1300	Plenary session 2: NATO and American foreign and security policy Moderator: MajGen (Ret) Dr. Horst Schmalfeld Speakers: Mr. John Koenig, Deputy Chief of Mission, United States Embassy to Germany	Inn Berlin – Alexanderplatz Plenary Doeblin 1
1300 - 1420	Lunch	
1420 - 1515	Plenary session 3: The administration of the German <i>Bundestag</i> as a service provider for parliament <i>This lecture aims to set out the political framework in which the German Bundestag carries out its parliamentary work; it outlines the structures of the parliamentary administration and the services it offers. It centers on the role which the parliamentary administration plays in the provision of advice and support to policymakers.</i> Moderator: MajGen (Ret) Dr. Horst Schmalfeld Speaker: <i>Ministerialdirigent</i> Dr. Gerhard W. Rakenius, Director, Department of International Relations, German <i>Bundestag</i>	
1515 - 1540	Coffee break	
1540 - 1645	Plenary session 4: Defense budgeting issues for parliamentarians <i>This session focuses on the essential defense budgeting issues that parliamentarians must address in ensuring that defense spending is appropriate to the security needs of their countries and that expenditures for defense are made in such a manner that security outcomes are achieved successfully, efficiently and economically. It will emphasize the information structures that parliamentarians should be able to access in debating budgetary proposals and in evaluating the results of expenditures actually made.</i> Moderator: MajGen (Ret) Dr. Horst Schmalfeld Speaker: Dr. Jack Treddenick, Professor, College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies	
1800	Depart to <i>Gästekasino</i> , German Federal Ministry of Defense	
1830 - 2045	Group photograph , subsequently Dinner speech: Current issues on German defense and security policy with a special focus on transformation of the German armed forces Speaker: Parliamentarian State Secretary Christian Schmidt, German Federal Ministry of Defense Welcome remarks Speaker: Ms. Hedi Wegener, Member of Parliament, Head of the German - Central Asian Parliamentarian Group of the German <i>Bundestag</i> Reception and dinner , hosted by Parliamentarian State Secretary Christian Schmidt, German Federal Ministry of Defense	<i>Gästekasino</i> <i>BMVg</i>
2045	Depart to hotel	

Time	Event	Location
Wednesday, 25 October 2006		
0930 - 1030	<p>Morning synopsis, subsequently</p> <p>Plenary session 5: The NATO parliamentary assembly and its contribution to parliamentary oversight in the defense and security sectors</p> <p><i>This session will focus on the role of parliamentarians in defense and security and the contribution of inter-parliamentary assemblies in strengthening national and multilateral mechanisms for democratic control. The NATO parliamentary assembly's role and experience in promoting and assisting the integration of transition countries into Euro-Atlantic structures will be discussed, with a special emphasis on the activities and training programs available for members of parliament and parliamentary staff.</i></p> <p>Moderator: MajGen (Ret) Dr. Horst Schmalfeld Speaker: Ms. Ruxandra Popa, Director, Committee on the Civil Dimension of Security and Advisor on Central and East European activities, NATO Parliamentary Assembly</p>	<p>Hotel Park Inn Berlin – Alexanderplatz</p> <p>Plenary Doeblin 1</p>
1015 - 1055	Coffee break	
1055 - 1205	<p>Plenary session 6: Defence institution building in Central Asia and Afghanistan: An area for interaction between NATO and parliamentarians</p> <p><i>Today's NATO is designed to help provide security in a new world. Modern security threats can only be defeated through a broad network of international cooperation. Central Asia and Afghanistan are a crucial part of that network. Hence, we have seen increased allied engagement in this region. This session will highlight the different NATO co-operation and assistance initiatives addressing Central Asia and Afghanistan, with a special focus on defense reform and the potential role of the parliaments in these efforts.</i></p> <p>Moderator: MajGen (Ret) Dr. Horst Schmalfeld Speakers: Mr. Peter Kovacs, NATO International Staff, Political Officer for Central Asia</p>	
1220 - 1315	<p>Plenary Session 7: Regional parliamentary assembly in Central Asia</p> <p><i>This session will discuss the possible benefits of a regional assembly in Central Asia which would allow parliamentarians in the region to share lessons learned and overcome challenges together.</i></p> <p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Moderator: MajGen (Ret) Dr. Horst Schmalfeld Panelists: One spokesperson each from AFG, KGZ, MGL and TJK</p>	
1315 - 1425	Lunch	

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1425 - 1535	<p>Plenary session 8: Technical tools of parliamentary oversight of the security sector <i>Civilian control over the military and the security sector is a pre-requisite for the normal functioning of a civilized state. Control of armed forces by civilians alone does not guarantee 'civil democratic control'. Historical points, the legal and regulatory bases, institutionalization, independent civilian expertise, civil-military relations and more will be discussed in this session.</i> Moderator: Dr. Detlef Puhl, German Associate Dean, College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies Speaker: Dr. Philipp Fluri, Deputy Director, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)</p>	<p>Hotel Park Inn Berlin – Alexanderplatz</p> <p>Plenary Doeblin 1</p>
1535 - 1625	Coffee break	
1625 - 1715	<p>Plenary session 9: Democratic control of armed forces - the parliamentary commissioner of the German <i>Bundestag</i> for the armed forces <i>In Germany, great emphasis is placed on the 'concept of inner leadership' - in German 'Innere Führung - a model of the 'citizen in uniform' in the armed forces, respecting the individual soldiers personal character, dignity and fundamental rights. The realization of the concept, and the role and impact of the parliamentary commissioner will be explained in this session.</i> Moderator: MajGen (Ret) Dr. Horst Schmalfeld Speaker: Mr. Reinhold Robbe, Commissioner of the German <i>Bundestag</i> for the Armed Forces</p>	
1730	Depart to <i>Reichstag</i>	
1750 - 1900	Visit of <i>Reichstag</i>	<i>Reichstag</i>
1910	Depart to hotel	

Thursday, 26 October 2006		
0900	Depart to <i>Reichstag</i>	
0930 - 1030	<p>Plenary session 10: The intelligence services and parliamentary control in Germany <i>The activity of intelligence services, necessitated by collection and security requirements, takes place predominantly in the realm of secrecy. Secret national activity; however, is in direct conflict with the principle of an open and transparent society specified in the German federal constitution. In this area, since public control and oversight can not be exercised effectively, a special arrangement of parliamentary oversight is called for. With the parliamentary control group - or "PKGr" - Germany balances the need for protecting secrets and the need for effective control and oversight of the intelligence service.</i> Moderator: MajGen (Ret) Dr. Horst Schmalfeld Speaker: <i>Ministerialrat</i> Hans-Ulrich Gerland, Secretary, parliamentary control panel of the German <i>Bundestag</i> and Mr. Joachim Mewes, <i>Referatsleiter</i>, German Federal Chancellery</p>	<p>Marie- Elisabeth Lüders Haus, Room 3.101</p>
1030 - 1100	Coffee break	

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Thursday, 26 October 2006 (continued)		
1100 - 1230	Plenary session 11: Defense committee Moderator: MajGen (Ret) Dr. Horst Schmalfeld Speaker: Ms. Ulrike Merten, Head of the Defense Committee, German <i>Bundestag</i> and cross-party members of the Defense Committee, German <i>Bundestag</i>	
1230 - 1345	Lunch	<i>Jakob Kaiser Haus, Bedienung-restaurant</i>
1410 - 1445	Session 12: Participation at a session of the German <i>Bundestag</i>	<i>Reichstag</i>
1500 - 1530	Coffee break, hosted by the German - Central Asian parliamentary group of the German <i>Bundestag</i>	<i>Marie-Elisabeth Lüders Haus, Room 3.101</i>
1530 - 1630	Plenary session 13: The German - Central Asia parliamentary group of the German <i>Bundestag</i> Moderator: Ms. Hedi Wegener, Member of Parliament, head of the German - Central Asian parliamentary group of the German <i>Bundestag</i> Speaker: Members of the German - Central Asian parliamentary group of the German <i>Bundestag</i>	<i>Marie-Elisabeth Lüders Haus, Room 3.101</i>
1630 - 1645	Conference Evaluations via Questionnaire	
1645 - 1700	Conference closing Speaker: Ms. Hedi Wegener, Member of Parliament, head of the German - Central Asian parliamentary group of the German <i>Bundestag</i> Speaker: MajGen (Ret) Dr. Horst Schmalfeld	
1700	Depart to hotel	