

With regard to the Cold War, it seems that, over the course of more than 45 years, catastrophic escalation was avoided because, even at times of extreme tension, common sense and moderation prevailed. Within the larger framework provided by the two Cold War superpowers, the *Europeans* – i.e. the smaller allies of either the USA or the Soviet Union – are said, or claim, to have contributed a great deal to the emergence of a new pattern of thought that overcame the habitual (violent) ways of conflict resolution, and that they did so for the sake of compromise and in search of common interests.

This way, the Europeans tended to see themselves as the vanguard of mankind, leading the way towards a new paradigm of global politics based on a new, value-oriented, transnational political culture. This view often implied establishing a certain distance from the 'old-fashioned' and militant superpowers; in turn, the latter regarded (and the USA still regards) the Europeans as largely useless in the pursuit of old-school *Realpolitik*. But did the Europeans really undergo such a fundamental change in mentality that one can identify a principled refusal of military violence and the emergence of a transnational policy concept? And was the designation of the auto-stereotype of „civilian power Europe“ motivated by something more than just the wish on the part of the European powers to compensate for their loss of global stature after 1945 by displaying 'moral superiority'?

Conference participants, who come from ten countries and represent different generations of scholars, will address these questions from various angles, both theoretically and empirically, taking into account different national perspectives.

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„The Pacification(?) of post-World War II Europe”

**Continuity and breaks in mentalities
and policies, 1945–1990**

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Conference room 3 rd floor**



Thursday, 20 February 2014

15.00-15.20 Jens BOYSEN (Warsaw)
Welcoming address and introduction
to the conference

15.20-17.05 Panel 1: Ideologies/philosophies/concepts of Pacification and Europeanization after 1945

Chair: Oliver BANGE (Potsdam)

15.20-15.35 Stefan BERGER (Bochum)
National Histories in Europe after the Second
World War: Business As Usual
or New Beginnings?

15.35-15.50 Agata BIERNAT (Świecie)
Tito and the Non-Aligned Movement –
a Yugoslavian Idea How to Bring Peace?

15.50-16.05 Bogdan C. IACOB (Sofia)
Patterns of Europeanization in Communist
Romania (1960s-1970s)

16.05-16.20 Holger NEHRING (Stirling)
Negotiating Peace in Post-1945 Europe:
Some Conceptual Thoughts

16.20-17.05 Discussion

17.05-17.25 Coffee break

18.00-19.30 Keynote speech by Dieter MAHNCKE (Bonn): *European Lessons: Has the Continent of Wars become a Continent of Peace?*

Friday, 21 February 2014

09.00-10.45 Panel 2: Europe as 'Space of Pacification' (?)

Chair: Dietrich BEYRAU (Tübingen)

09.00-09.15 Igor MARKOVIĆ (Zagreb)
Mitteleuropa – Old(?) Region under New(?)
Empire. Imagined Communities, European
Subaltern Voices, and the Provincializing
of (sub-)Europe

09.15-09.30 Jamal RAKHAEV (Moscow/Nal'chi)
Not Drifting Past: World War II and
the Deportation to the Cultural Memory
of the Peoples of the North Caucasus

09.30-09.45 Giuseppe PERRI (Brussels)
Ukraine Between Exclusion and Inclusion
into "Europe"

09.45-10.00 Jens BOYSEN (Warsaw)
The European Union's (Self-) Image
as a "Civilian Power"

10.00-10.45 Discussion

10.45-11.10 Coffee break

11.10-12.45 Panel 3: The 'Pacification of Europe' by the Superpowers: Liberation or Absorption?

Chair: Dieter MAHNCKE (Bonn)

11.00-11.15 Ilaria POGGIOLINI (Pavia)
Italy – the Price of Defeat and Pacification

11.15-11.30 Dietrich BEYRAU (Tübingen)
Getting Out of War and Militancy.
The Soviet Case

11.30-11.45 Mark EDELE (Perth)
Preparing for War and Peace:
The Soviet Pattern

11.45-12.00 Lisa Payne OSSIAN (Des Moines)
"The Grimmiest Spectre": The Famine
Emergency of 1946 and US Policy on Europe

12.00-12.45 Discussion

12.45-15.00 Lunch break

15.00-16.45 Panel 4: The Military and Civil-military Relations

Chair: Jens BOYSEN (Warsaw)

15.00-15.15 Bastian Matteo SCIANNA (London)
Continuity, Not Metamorphosis –
Mentalities in the Italian Armed Forces
after the Second World War

15.15-15.30 Jörg ECHTERNKAMP (Potsdam)
Between Demilitarization and Rearmament –
Reordering Civil-military Relations
in Post-war West Germany

15.30-15.45 Benedict VON BREMEN (Tübingen)
Planning for War during Détente:
NATO and the Cold War in the Mid-1970s

15.45-16.00 Rajesh KUMAR (Kanpur)
Nuclear Deterrence and European Peace –
a Non-European perspective

16.00-16.45 Discussion

16.45-17.00 Coffee break

17.00-18.30 Panel 5: Germany as Vanguard of Pacification and Post-nationalism(?)

Chair: Stefan BERGER (Bochum)

17.00-17.15 Adam R. SEIPP (College Station/TX)
Rumors of War: Militarization and Anxiety
on the West German Border, 1949–1952

17.15-17.30 Jared Ryan DONNELLY (College Station/TX)
Local Activism for Global Peace,
Conscientious Objection and the Roots
of Transnational Peace Activism
in West Germany, 1956-1966

17.30-17.45 Stephen MILDER (Durham/NC)
From Anti-Nuke to Ökopax: Anti-Reactor
Activism and the Emergence of a Mass Peace
Movement in West Germany, 1975–1983

17.45-18.30 Discussion

20.00 Common dinner

Saturday, 22 February 2014

09.30-11.00 Panel 6: Germany and Its Neighbourhood as Testing Ground for European Pacification

Chair: Jörg Echternkamp (Potsdam)

09.30-09.45 Wanda JARZĄBEK (Warsaw)
Thinking about European Peace and Security
in People's Poland (1960s-1980s)

09.45-10.00 Mathias SCHÜTZ (Munich)
Integrating Germany – Pacifying Europe?
European Unification Movements and their
Perception of the "German Problem", 1945–1951

10.00-10.15 Mattias FISCHER (Erfurt)
Evidence for European Pacification?
European States and the Unfinished Project
of European Defence Community

10.15-10.30 Oliver BANGE (Potsdam)
The "German Problem" – Hindrance
or Catalyst on the Path to 1989?

10.30-11.15 Discussion

11.15-11.35 Coffee break

11.35-13.15 Final discussion: Reaping the Fruits
of Pacification? European Politics
and Identity since the End of the Cold War

13.15 End of conference