



CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION



EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE (ESDC)

CSDP Orientation Course

Ohrid, 9 – 13 October 2023

Programme

(23-24/3/3)

Austrian National Defence Academy, Vienna
Military Academy "General Mihailo Apostolski", Skopje
RACVIAC Centre for Security Cooperation, Zagreb

Course Venue

Hotel Bellevue/Metropol Lake Resort – Ohrid

Course Directors

Ms Sandra Kick
and
COL Prof. Dr Mitko Bogdanoski

Monday, 9 October 2023

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 – 10:00 **Opening Statements and Course Outline**
- *Ms Sandra KICK*
Austrian National Defence Academy, Vienna
 - *COL Prof. Dr Mitko BOGDANOSKI*
Military Academy “General Mihailo Apostolski”, Skopje
- 10:00 – 10:30 Group Photo and Coffee Break
- 10:30 – 10:45 **The European Security and Defence College – An Introduction**
Ms Anna MALEC
European External Action Service, Brussels
- 10:45 – 12:15 **The European Union – European Strategies and Policies in the Framework of CSDP**
Dr Sven BISCOP (vtc)
Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations, Brussels
- 12:15 – 13:15 Lunch Break
- 13:15 – 14:45 **Recent Development of CSDP**
Dr Jochen REHRL
Austrian Military Representation to the EU and NATO, Brussels
- 14:45 – 15:15 Coffee Break
- 15:15 – 16:45 **The EU's Integrated Approach to Crisis Management**
Mr Marcus HOUBEN
Netherlands Ministry of Defence, Amsterdam
- 16:45 Summing up
- 18:00 – 20:00 Ice-Breaker Reception with Words of Welcome
COL Christian SMUTEK
Austrian Defence Attaché, Skopje & Belgrade

Tuesday, 10 October 2023

- 09:00 – 10:30 **CSDP Missions and Operations, Capability Development, EU Crisis Management Procedures and Crisis Response Mechanism**
Dr Jochen REHRL
Austrian Military Representation to the EU and NATO, Brussels
- 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45 – 12:15 **Regional Aspects of CSDP – Perspectives on Ukraine**
Mr Christoph BILBAN (vtc)
Austrian National Defence Academy, Vienna
- 12:15 – 13:15 Lunch Break
- 13:15 – 14:45 **Regional Aspects of CSDP – Perspectives on Africa**
Dr Gerald HAINZL
Austrian National Defence Academy, Vienna
- 14:45 – 15:15 Coffee Break
- 15:15 – 16:45 **Regional Aspects of CSDP – The Western Balkans**
Dr Predrag JUREKOVIĆ
Austrian National Defence Academy, Vienna
- 16:45 – 18:15 **North Macedonia's EU Expectations**
Gen Prof. Dr Metodi HADJI-JANEV
Military Academy “General Mihailo Apostolski”, Skopje
- 18:15 Summing up
- Free Evening

Wednesday, 11 October 2023

- 09:00 – 10:30 **The EU Maritime Security Strategy**
Mr Marcus HOUBEN
Netherlands Ministry of Defence, Amsterdam
- 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45 – 12:15 **Working with Partners in CSDP – Experiences from the Field**
Gen Prof. Dr Metodi HADJI-JANEV
Military Academy “General Mihailo Apostolski”, Skopje
- 12:15 – 13:15 Lunch Break
- 13:15 – 13:45 **Introduction to Parallel Breakout Groups**
Ms Sandra KICK
COL Prof. Dr Mitko BOGDANOSKI
- 13:45 – 17:00 Sightseeing Tour in Ohrid
- 17:00 – 21:00 Hosted Dinner

Thursday, 12 October 2023

- 09:00 – 10:30 **Security and Irregular Migration in the Western Balkans – Expert Facts and Scholarly Findings**
Dr Sandra CVIKIĆ
Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar Regional Center, Vukovar
- 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45 – 12:15 **Panel Discussion: Emerging Security Challenges**
- Challenges in Cyber Security
COL Prof. Dr Mitko BOGDANOSKI
Military Academy “General Mihailo Apostolski”, Skopje
 - Challenges for the European Energy Sector
Mr Philipp IRSCHIK
Energie Steiermark AG, Graz
- 12:15 – 13:15 Lunch Break
- 13:15 – 15:00 **Parallel Breakout Groups**
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 – 17:30 **Parallel Breakout Groups**
- 18:30 – 21:00 Official Dinner

Friday, 13 October 2023

- 08:30 – 10:00 **Presentation of Breakout Groups Results**
- 10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:30 – 12:30 **Protection of Civilians in CSDP**
Ms Susanne GYÖRÖG (vtc)
Austrian Centre for Peace, Stadtschlaining
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Future Prospects for CSDP**
Dr Riccardo SCALAS
Netherlands Defence Academy, The Hague
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Closing Remarks**
- *H.E. Ambassador Martin PAMMER*
Austrian Ambassador to North Macedonia, Skopje & Belgrade
 - *Representative from the North Macedonia Ministry of Defence (tbc)*
- Certificate Ceremony**
- *Ms Sandra KICK*
Austrian National Defence Academy, Vienna
 - *COL Prof. Dr Mitko BOGDANOSKI*
Military Academy “General Mihailo Apostolski”, Skopje
- from 15:00 **Individual departures**



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Curriculum Vitae

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Since 1999 Austrian Ministry of Defence

1999 – 2000 Austrian National Defence Academy

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Management, Organisation and/or course director:

- 2002: “International Security and the Fight against Terrorism”;
- 2003: “Mediterranean Security, Stability and Cooperation”,
- since 2004: Deputy project manager of the Strategic Leadership Course in Austria
- since 2005: numerous courses of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) (Orientation Courses in Austria and the Balkans, High Level Courses in Austria, Estonia and Athens, Courses on Recovery and Stabilisation Strategies, Advanced Courses for Political Advisors in EU Missions and Operations, etc.)

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Since 2015 Austrian representative in the ESDC Executive Academic Board

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He has a diverse background, extensive knowledge and expertise with over 20 years of experience in the area of cyber security and IT. His research interests include Information/Cyber Security, different aspects of IT, Terrorists’ and Criminals’ use of Cyberspace and Technologies, Digital Forensics, Hybrid threats, Electronic and Information warfare, Social network analysis. He is an author of more than 100 cyber security related publications (books, chapters, articles, papers).

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SARA MILENA SCHACHINGER

Ms Sara Milena Schachinger has a degree in Political Science from the University of Vienna. Her focus is on conflict research and human rights. Since May 2022, she has been working at the Austrian National Defence Academy, Department of Research Management and Cooperation. Prior to that, she worked inter alia in the International Office of the University of Vienna in the area of digitalisation.



In October 2022, she completed the ESDC CSDP Orientation Course.

From 2019 to 2022, she attended a literary writing course and has published two short stories.

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GOCE STEVANOSKI

Mr Goce Stevanoski M.Sc. is a teaching associate at the Military academy “General Mihailo Apostolski” – Skopje, an associate member of the University “Goce Delcev” – Stip. His academic career began in 2014, besides working as an army signals officer. He defended his Master’s thesis in 2018 related to computer science and informatics.



He has references as a researcher in NATO and EU-funded projects. As most relevant is: SIARS (Smart I (eye) Advisory Rescue System) – (NATO multi-year SfP project 2015-2018).

Working for the army on an operational level for almost 18th years, he participated in many multinational exercises on computer networks and cybersecurity. Also, he was an organizer and lecturer in several NATO ATC dedicated to cybersecurity. He is an author of articles related to computer science and cybersecurity issues. He is also a doctoral student at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies – Skopje.

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JESSICA GUSSARVIUS

Ms Jessica Gussarvius, Swedish national expert, seconded since 2018 by The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) to the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC) as a Senior Human Resource Expert and from May 2023 working as a Project Manager for the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) in Brussels.



She has a master's degree in Work Science Orientated towards Organisational Development and Leadership and an extensive background in the Swedish Armed Forces by also serving in a number of peacekeeping operations abroad lead by EU, NATO or/and UN. Additionally, Jessica has served in civilian CSDP missions like EUMM in Georgia and EULEX in Kosovo as well.

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SVEN BISCOP

Dr Sven Biscop obtained his degree in political science/public administration at Ghent University (Belgium) in 1998, winning the best thesis award for his work on European defence. Subsequently awarded the Paul-Henri Spaak PhD scholarship of the Fund for Scientific Research – Flanders, he defended his dissertation in Ghent in 2002, published as *Euro-Mediterranean Security: A Search for Partnership* (Ashgate, 2003).



Currently Sven is the Director of the Europe in the World programme at the Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations in Brussels, which he joined in 2002, and a Professor in the Ghent Institute for International Studies (GIIS) at Ghent University. His research and teaching focus on the strategies of the European Union, NATO and their Member States.

Sven also teaches at the College of Europe in Bruges and at LUISS in Rome. As a member of the Executive Academic Board of the EU's European Security and Defence College (ESDC), he regularly lectures in its courses, as well as in various European staff colleges, and at the People's University in Beijing, where he is a Senior Research Associate of the Centre for European Studies. Sven also represents Egmont in the Higher Studies in Security and Defence, a course for security practitioners organized with the Belgian Royal Higher Institute for Defence.

In 2015, on the occasion of its 10th anniversary, Sven was made an Honorary Fellow of the ESDC. He also is an Honorary Member of the ESDC Alumni Association. He further serves as a Senior Research Fellow within the Global Europe Centre (GEC) at the School of Politics and International Relations of the University of Kent, and as a Senior Associate Fellow of the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES) and of the Baltic Defence College.

He chairs the jury of the biennial European Defence Agency – Egmont PhD Prize in European Defence, Security & Strategy. He is a member of the Strategic Advisors Group of the Atlantic Council (Washington) and of the board of the Flemish United Nations Association.

With Richard Whitman, Sven co-edits the European Strategy & Security book series for Routledge; and with Knud Erik Jorgensen he co-edits *Global Affairs*, the journal of the European International Studies Association (EISA). He is the editor-in-chief of Egmont's journal *Studia Diplomatica* and its *Egmont Papers*, and a member of the editorial board of the journals *European Security* (UK) and *The International Organisations Research Journal* (Russia).

Sven's latest book is *Peace without Money, War without Americans – Can European Strategy Cope?* (Ashgate, 2015).

Born in Willebroek (Belgium) on 10 February 1976, Sven now lives in Brussels with his husband Aberu, amid a great many books, military paraphernalia, and chinoiserie. Unfortunately they travel too often to keep a cat.

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JOCHEN REHRL

Dr Jochen Rehrl is the Austrian delegate to the European Peace Facility working at the Austrian Permanent Representation in Brussels. Between 2012 and 2021, he held posts as the representative of the National Research Director (European Defence Agency, European Defence Fund), training manager at the European Security and Defence College (mainly responsible for the partnership courses) and Chair of the ESDC.EAB Cyber Security Board. In the Austrian Ministry of Defence, he was the Head of the Defence Policy Unit in the Security Policy Directorate. He was actively involved in both EU Presidencies in 2006 and 2018 in various functions.



He holds several academic degrees (Dr iur, Mag phil, M.A.I.S.) from the universities of Salzburg and Vienna as well as from the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna. Besides his civilian/diplomatic functions, he is a reserve officer in the Austrian Armed Forces and served in mission at home and abroad (e.g. KFOR).

His research and publications focus on EU issues related to security and defence. Rehrl is the editor-in-chief of the ESDC handbook series, which includes five volumes on CSDP, decision-making, missions and operations, migration and cyber security.

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MARCUS HOUBEN

Mr Marcus Houben is a Dutch national, his current position is that of team leader of the European Defence cooperation branch in the Dutch MoD.

Marcus has been seconded to the European External Action Service where he was responsible for the strategic planning of EU's first regional maritime capacity building mission, EUCAP Nestor, now EUCAP Somalia; he was a member of the core team drafting the EU Maritime Security Strategy and headed the EU support team for the EU Presidency of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia. In March 2018 Marcus was seconded as senior liaison officer to the EU Delegation in Tripoli, Libya to contribute to the coordination of the EU's integrated approach to manage the migration flows in the Mediterranean. His academic contribution includes articles and the standard text International Crisis Management. The approach of European states.



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CHRISTIAN SMUTEK

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Work Experience

Since 2020 Defence Attaché for Serbia, North Macedonia and Montenegro
2015 – 2020 Defence Attaché for Russia, Belarus, Armenia and Kazakhstan
2011 – 2015 Defence Attaché for Hungary, Romania, Slovenia and acting Head of Roving
2008 – 2011 Attaché Office
Defence Attaché for Hungary, Romania and Slovenia
2007 Attaché and Protocol Division/MoD
2003 – 2007 Deputy Head of the Austrian Military Mission to NATO/BRUSSELS
2002 – 2003 Austrian MOD
2001 – 2002 Head of Subdivision A (NATO/EAPC/PfP/EU)/Military Policy Division/MoD
1997 – 2001 Deputy Head of Subdivision A (NATO/EAPC/PfP/EU)/Military Policy Division/MoD
1997 – 2002 Military Representative of the Austrian Delegation to the EAPC Foreign Minister Sessions
1996 Desk Officer Arms Control/MoD
1993 – 1995 Lecturer at the Austrian Armour School (main battle tank, tank destroyer, mechanized infantry), responsible for officers training
1989 – 1992 Commander of a mechanized combat unit/Austrian Armour School
1985 – 1989 Platoon Leader (MBT) and instructor for MBTS and responsible for cadets training

Education & Training

1999 NATO Staff Officers Military Terminology Course
1998 Senior Staff Officers Course for higher military specialized services/National Defence Academy/Vienna
1997 PfP/OSCE Course/NDC/Rome
1991 – 1996 Studies of political sciences and historical sciences/University Vienna
1982 – 1985 Theresian Military Academy/Wiener Neustadt
1979 Entry into the Austrian Armed Forces
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CHRISTOPH BILBAN

Mr Christoph Bilban was born in 1991, he is a researcher in the Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management at the Austrian National Defence Academy since 2016. He worked as a desk officer with the Austrian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs in September 2021.



His research covers Russian foreign policy and conflicts in the area of the former Soviet Union, with a focus on the conflict in Ukraine and the conflicts in the South Caucasus. Moreover, he is interested in modern Russian military thinking. He is a logistics officer in the Austrian Armed Forces' active reserve.

Academic Career

- 2014 – 2019 Master's degree in Political Science, University of Vienna
Specialisation: Eastern European Studies, International Politics with a focus on Russia's foreign and domestic policy, European Neighbourhood Policy, European
and Russian security policy, geopolitics
- 2015 – 2015 Semester abroad, Moscow State University "Lomonosov"
- 2011 – 2018 Bachelor's degree in Slavic (Russian) Studies, University of Vienna
- 2010 – 2013 Bachelor's degree in Political Science, University of Vienna

Work Experience

- Since 2019 Researcher & Lecturer,
Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management, National Defence Academy
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GERALD HAINZL

Dr Gerald Hainzl (born 1970) has been a Senior Researcher at the Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management at the National Defence Academy in Vienna, Austria since 2004. His main tasks are research and teaching (e.g. strategic leadership course, general staff and staff courses) on African conflicts as well as contributions to policy advise and the production of outreach material to inform the public on security policy issues. You will find a selection of his publications at:



<http://www.bundesheer.at/wissen-forschung/publikationen/person.php?id=623>

His professional activities led him to countries like South Africa, Botswana, Ghana, Somaliland, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Burkina Faso. Together with the KAIPTC he developed a course for Political Advisors in Peace Support Operations in Africa.

Dr Hainzl used to lecture Peace and Conflict Studies (introductory courses as well as specialised seminars) at the Institute for Social- and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Vienna. In addition he has given lectures at various institutions.

Trained in social- and cultural anthropology as well as African studies, Gerald Hainzl is continuously trying to improve his knowledge and his personality. He holds inter alia certificates in economics, negotiations, organisational behavior and financial risk management.

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He has participated in several research projects dealing with the peace processes in South East Europe (amongst others in a joint project with the German Nobel prize laureate for game theory Reinhard Selten on crisis management in Kosovo) and has numerous publications on the security political development in South East Europe.

Since 2003 he has been head of section for conflict analysis in the Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management at the Austrian National Defence Academy. He is the Austrian co-chair of the Study Group “Regional Stability in South East Europe” in the scope of the PfP Consortium of Defence Academies and Security Studies Institutes.

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He is a graduate of the Macedonian Military Academy and the United States Air Command and Staff College. He also holds MA and Ph.D. degrees in Law from the Law Faculty "Justinian-I" in Skopje, Macedonia.

In 2018 BG Hadji Janev was awarded the Legion of Merit Award by the US Defense Secretary, James Mattis, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements as a Macedonian Defense attaché in Washington DC, USA.

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Previously, she worked and lived for 20 years in East Africa (Rwanda and Kenya) and has been employed with Caritas Austria, the ICRC, UNDP, MONUC and a GIZ project at the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) in Nairobi, Kenya. She has specialized in DDR and SSR, Post-Conflict Recovery and Peacebuilding as well as Training Programmes in her subject matter expertise.

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RICCARDO SCALAS

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He is Course Director of the recent five editions of the High Level Course. Member of the ESDC Academic Board representing the Netherlands Defence Academy. Active as Academic Board member and faculty since the foundation of the ESDC in 2005, married, two children.

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2019 – 2020	Head of Task Force Dialogue of Religions and Cultures / Unit Dialogue of Civilizations
2013 – 2019	Austrian Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina
2009 – 2013	Austrian Ambassador to Montenegro
2004 – 2009	Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of Unit Central Europe, Baltics and Regional Cooperation
2000 – 2004	Austrian Embassy Budapest / Hungary, Minister-Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission
1997 – 2000	Austrian Embassy Ljubljana / Slovenia, First Secretary and Deputy Head of Mission
1996 – 1997	Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Dep. COREPER)
1995 – 1996	Attaché at the Austrian Embassy in Zagreb / Croatia
1995	Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department for Eastern and South Eastern Europe (Unit Former Yugoslavia)
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1994	Internship at the Higher (Regional) Court of Appeal, Vienna
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