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#### International CORE Activities

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##### OSCE Tolerance Implementation Meeting, Almaty

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From 10 - 14 June, Dr. Anna Kreikemeyer travelled to Almaty, Kazakhstan to take part in the OSCE Tolerance Implementation Meeting on “Promoting Inter-Cultural, Inter-Religious and Inter-Ethnic Understanding”. During the concluding panel, led by OSCE Secretary General, Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, she lectured on the topic „Comprehensive Security for Civilizations“, on the question of the further development of OSCE activities in this area. In addition, she spoke during the Side Event „Comparative Approaches to the Prevention of Violent Extremism“, on experiences from the CORE Dialogue Project in Tajikistan.

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##### MPS-Student Excursion to International Organisations in Vienna

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The MPS masters course took part in an excursion to Vienna organized by Prof. Kurt P. Tudyka and Merle Vetterlein (both from CORE) from 29 May to 2 June. During more than 20 lectures by different experts, the students were informed about current topics of security policy as well as the main emphases of the international organizations resident in Vienna. The

two days at the OSCE were at the centre of the stay. The participants also visited the UN, the Austrian Institute for International Politics, the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia, as well as the two German ambassadors at the OSCE and the UN.

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### CORE-Presentation at IR-Conference for Young Scholars

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CORE researcher, Solveig Richter, participated in a conference for graduate students and young scholars organized by the International Relations section of the German Association of Political Sciences from the 26 - 28 May 2006 in Arnoldshain, Germany. She presented a paper on her concept for measuring the effectiveness of external democratization instruments, which is a crucial part of her PhD dissertation. She argued that the interventions of international organizations are highly effective if they not only attain their goals but also adapt them to the needs of the domestic democratization process. Often, discrepancies in the approach of the IOs between "goal attainment" and "problem solving" create counterproductive side effects. Questions of effectiveness and impact analyses were at the core of a variety of papers. Therefore, the approach presented by Solveig Richter was received with great interest by the participants. All papers were commented upon by well-known senior scholars of the German IR-community.

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### „But it is not done for us, is it?“ Fourteenth Meeting of the OSCE Economic Forum, Part Two Prague, 22 – 24 May 2006

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The annual meeting of the OSCE Economic Forum, traditionally conducted in Prague, the Czech Republic, offered two innovations this year, both of procedural character. First, the Forum was split into two parts with the first part carried out in Vienna in January, thus, in a way, opening the economic and environmental agenda of the new Chairman-in-Office. Second, the Forum's Prague segment was reduced to three days. Both changes made handling the Forum's still highly formalized procedure slightly easier, but they did not help to overcome the meeting's widely discussed shortcomings. Unfortunately, the Forum's organizers at the office of the Co-ordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities of the OSCE had failed again to acquaint invited speakers with the specifics of the OSCE's security agenda and the Forum's main intentions. Thus, while the key speeches on this year's subject of "Transportation in the OSCE area: Secure transportation networks and transport development to enhance regional economic co-operation and stability" presented valuable information, they were hardly targeted at the interests and needs of the Forum's audience. „But it is not done for us, is it?“ was the comment of a career diplomat, head of a participating State's delegation, on the regrettably low attendance at the 14th Forum by scientists, civil society representatives and businessmen.

As before, CORE was represented at the Forum by Dr. Frank Evers, CORE Deputy Head, who was a member of the German Delegation.

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International NGO Conference on the occasion of the Belgian OSCE Chairmanship

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On 16/17 May 2006, an international NGO conference took place in Brussels organized by the Belgian NGO Co-ordination. The conference was opened with a keynote speech by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, the Belgian Foreign Minister Karel De Gucht. It was particularly useful as an exchange of views between NGOs active in different issue areas. The Centre for OSCE Research (CORE) was represented by its Head, Dr Wolfgang Zellner, who gave a presentation on the security concept of the OSCE.

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Conference „Media in the Enlarged Europe,“ in Luton, United Kingdom

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When are caricatures blasphemy? What does technological change mean for democratic processes and how will the new members act on media regulation? In many ways the EU accession countries had been the big unknown at a Conference on “Media in the Enlarged Europe”, Luton University, 5/6 May 2006. In her presentation, Friederike Gräper (PhD student at CORE) addressed the way in which “old” Europeans and other actors tried to steer the “Newbies” through external intervention.

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### New CORE Publications

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Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg/IFSH (Ed.), OSCE Yearbook 2005, Yearbook on the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Vol. 11, Baden-Baden 2006, 480 pages, ISBN 3-8329-1881-7.

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The OSCE Yearbook 2005 contains a wealth of essays on the Organization, its work, and the participating States. Highlights include several contributions looking back on the 30th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act by individuals who were involved in these events. The OSCE policies of France, Belarus and the “like-minded countries” are presented, and there are reports on the OSCE’s field operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Georgia, and Albania. Human dimension topics include diplomatic assurances on the use of torture, the OSCE and customary international law, and election standards and monitoring. As well as reviewing the institutional year, the Yearbook looks at the work of the Special Representative on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, and OSCE outreach activities. Alongside the usual annexes, the OSCE Yearbook 2005 reprints three recent key documents on OSCE reform: the Final Report and Recommendations of the Panel of Eminent Persons, the joint report of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Swiss Institute for World Affairs on “The Future of the OSCE”, and the CORE report “Managing Change in Europe”.

The OSCE Yearbook 2005 can be ordered from: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, Postfach 10 03 10, D-76484 Baden-Baden, [vertrieb@nomos.de](mailto:vertrieb@nomos.de), <http://www.nomos.de>

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Jens Narten, Building local institutions and parliamentarianism in post-war Kosovo: A review of joint efforts by the UN and OSCE from 1999-2006, in: Helsinki Monitor, Vol. 17, No. 2, pp. 143-158.  
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After the breakdown of state institutions in Kosovo following the war in 1998/99, the missions of the United Nations (UNMIK) and the OSCE in Kosovo (OMIK) were tasked with the establishment of functioning local institutions for self-government. Striving towards this common goal, both missions combined their efforts in a joint pillar structure to provide for an international interim administration in the province, build local party structures, compile voter registers, hold elections at municipal and central levels, and assist the nascent parliamentary assembly and local government in Kosovo. This article introduces the different steps in the development of this process, starting with a brief overview of the missions' mandate for institution-building and followed by an analysis of UNMIK's and OMIK's joint efforts in the pre-election administrative structure, the establishment of democratically elected municipal and central institutions, and the current negotiations on Kosovo's future status. The article analyses the strengths and weaknesses of the co-operation between the two missions by comparing their qualitative advantages and operational shortcomings at four different levels: their functional mandates, their hierarchical structures, their organizational cultures, and their operational working procedures. The final conclusion summarizes the main differences between the two missions as rather participatory and bottom-up oriented in the one case, and more hierarchically and top-down oriented in the other.

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Zellner, Wolfgang, The Reform of the OSCE - Problems, Challenges and Risks, in: Victor-Yves Ghebali/Daniel Warner (Eds), The Reform of the OSCE 15 Years after the Charter of Paris for a New Europe: Problems, Challenges and Risks, PSIO Occasional Paper 2/2006, Geneva 2006, pp. 73-95.  
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The essay deals with the reform debate of the OSCE analysing the three main reform reports, namely the Final Report and Recommendations of the Panel of Eminent Persons, the joint report of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and of the Swiss Institute for World Affairs on "The Future of the OSCE", and the CORE report "Managing Change in Europe".

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Zellner, Wolfgang, Die OSZE zwischen Anpassungskrise und Reformdebatte [The OSCE Between Adaptation Crisis and Reform Debate], in: Friedensgutachten 2006, Reinhard Mutz/Bruno Schoch/Corinna Hauswedell/Jochen Hippler/Ulrich Ratsch (Eds), Friedensgutachten 2006, Berlin 2006, pp. 54-62.

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This essay analyses the causes of the OSCE's current crisis – changed tasks, a new political geography after EU enlargement, and Russian/CIS criticism -, and gives an overview on the OSCE reform debate in 2005 including the results of the 2005 Ljubljana Ministerial.

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Recent OSCE-Relevant Publications

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German, Tracey, Le conflit en Ossétie-du-Sud: la Géorgie contre la Russie, in: Politique étrangère (Paris) 1/2006, pp. 51-64.

Ghebali, Victor-Yves/Daniel Warner (Eds), The Reform of the OSCE 15 Years after the Charter of Paris for a New Europe: Problems, Challenges and Risks, PSIO Occasional Paper 2/2006, Geneva 2006.

McMahon, Patrice C., Ethnic Peace in the East? Transnational Networks and the CSCE/OSCE, in: Ethnopolitics 2/2006, pp. 101-123.

Saari, Sinikukka, Human Rights Cooperation Between Russia and European Intergovernmental Organisations: a One-Way Transference of Norms or a Mutual Process of Adaptation? (UPI Working Papers No. 54), Helsinki 2006. Online available at [http://www.upi-fiia.fi/doc/WP\\_54.pdf](http://www.upi-fiia.fi/doc/WP_54.pdf).

Weitz, Richard, Terrorism in Eurasia: Enhancing the Multilateral Response, in: The China and Eurasia Forum Quarterly, Washington/D.C. 2/2006, pp. 11-17.

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