



Conference Booklet

Women Peacemakers 2018



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Forewords



Dear participants,

Let me join Silvana Koch-Mehrin in welcoming you to the Women Peacemakers Conference. It is a true pleasure to see this initiative blossom, not only because it helps to enrich the 54th Munich Security Conference, but also because it is yet another step towards an equitable inclusion of the female perspective in everything we do. Many more steps will need to be taken, but the trend is positive. With about 20 percent of our participants being women, we are not yet where we want to be, but considering where we have been only five years ago, we have made significant progress. This event testifies to it.

But this WPL initiative is not only important because it gathers, and hopefully amplifies the female voices at the MSC, but also because the topic per se is an important one. To identify best practices from around the world, and to discuss how to translate them into useful policy guidelines for present and future conflicts is something that too often does not cross the threshold between academia and the world of politics. With so many senior decision makers – both male and female – from around the world gathered here in Munich, I sincerely hope that the impulses that you can generate will find their way into policies and politics.

Let me finish by thanking WPL for realizing this event and wishing you all an enjoyable and exciting time here in Munich.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, which appears to read 'Wolfgang Ischinger'.

Wolfgang Ischinger
Ambassador
Chairman of the Munich Security Conference



Dear participants,

I am thrilled that so many outstanding leaders convene for the WPL Women Peacemakers Conference, just ahead of and in cooperation with the Munich Security Conference 2018. Indeed, the quest for more women as leaders, specifically in the area of peace and security, has gained a sense of urgency. It is discussed in leadership circles, as well as in civil society and business. It's high time to take action, to walk the talk, and I applaud Ambassador Ischinger for tackling the issue upfront!

The lines between war and peace today are blurred. How can we prepare for new forms of conflict, how can we prevent or solve them? The emerging security risks of the 21st century come from many angles; climate change, migration, religious extremism, viruses – both organic and digital. The threats now are not necessarily regimented invading armies, but often individuals. Tackling these challenges and their root causes requires new thinking, and looking closely at best practice examples of what really works. WPL during the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in March 2017 launched the WPL Policy Forum on Peace and Security, together with the governments of Canada, Germany and Lithuania, as well as UNDP. This WPL Policy Forum serves as the knowledge platform where female political leaders and other experts exchange information on politics that are successful. The Women Peacemakers Conference at the 2018 Munich Security Conference is part of the WPL focus work on peace and security.

I am delighted about the continuous partnership between WPL and the Munich Security Conference. In this joint endeavour, we take action to have more women leaders be vocal – both during our mutual flagship events at the Munich Security Conference, and the WPL Global Summit, as well as in conferences like regional Defence Roundtables. As the world moves towards a multi-polar order, leaders and experts need to collaborate across regional, political and national boundaries. The WPL Women Peacemakers Conference is testament to this.

Welcome to WPL, welcome to Munich!

Sylvia Koch-Mehrin
Founder of the Women Political Leaders Global Forum

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Venue: Hotel Bayerischer Hof, Königssaal

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| 18.00 – 18.15 | Welcoming Words
Women Transforming Global Security |
| 18.15 – 19.30 | Bavarian Tapas |

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Venue: Prinz-Carl-Palais

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| 9.00 – 9.10 | Opening Remarks |
| 9.10 – 9.30 | Keynote |
| 9.30 – 10.15 | Panel Discussion
New Threats Demand New Leadership:
Setting the Global Security Agenda from Women's
Perspectives |
| 10.15 – 10.45 | Coffee break |
| 10.45 – 11.30 | Panel Discussion
Mosaic Worldview: Peace and Security on the Five
Continents |
| 11.30 – 12.30 | What Works? Insights on Best Practice of Keeping,
Making and Negotiating Peace (Interactive Mapping) |
| 12.30 – 12.45 | Closing Remarks |

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New Threats Demand New Leadership: Setting the Global Security Agenda from Women's Perspectives

The purpose of this panel is to discuss today's broader range of security challenges, going beyond the traditional definitions. This includes, but is not limited to, climate change, cyber threats, health and diseases, gender-based violence.

KEY QUESTIONS INCLUDE

- Are today's security measures the best answers to today's new threats?
- What role do socio-cultural & social cohesion issues play in escalation of conflicts and challenges to peace and security? And are they sufficiently addressed at international peace and security debates?
- How can new threats be identified at an early stage?
- What are the main security policy priorities that world leaders should be addressing? Why?
- How can women politicians bring a new perspective on how to manage these threats?

Mosaic Worldview: Peace and Security on the Five Continents

The purpose of this panel is to showcase good practices of successful security policy implementation, crisis management, conflict negotiation and policy making from different regional perspectives.

KEY QUESTIONS INCLUDE

- In a world of diverse mutating threats is “military pacification” still the answer to stability and security?
- In finding solutions; is there a sufficient level of focus and investment given to preventive diplomacy and other methods of dealing with the root causes of conflicts?
- What are the windows of opportunity to transform conflict/construct durable peace? How can we identify these windows of opportunity?
- What impact can enhanced economic cooperation and development policies have on transforming conflict and promoting peace?
- How much effort is put by international community into ensuring universal human rights standards and principles are upheld by States, who are bound by UN human rights conventions?

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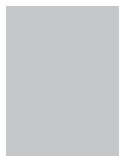
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"Via WIP, Parliamentarians from across the globe are given a platform in order to exchange, to discuss common solutions to global problems and at the same time support each other"



José Manuel Barroso
President of the European Commission (2004-2014),
WPL Advisory Board member

"We need women in the highest levels of leadership"



Michelle Bachelet
President of the Republic of Chile

"WIP Summits complement and reinforce the job that the UN and other institutions fight for, to build a better world that is more inclusive and where we all can prosper"



Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma
Chairperson of the African Union Commission (2010-2016), WPL Advisory Board member

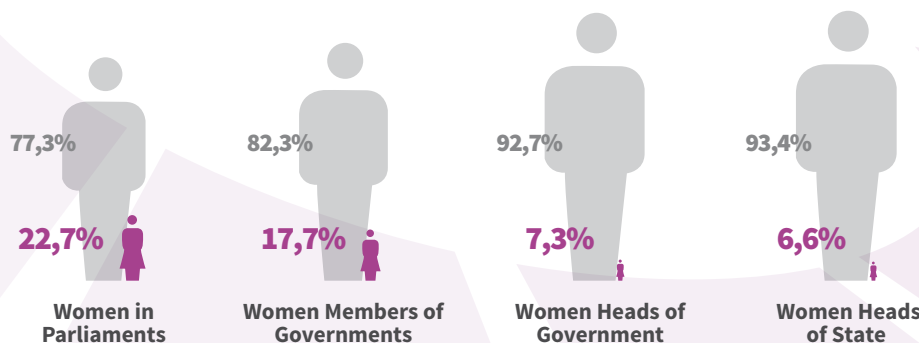
"Gender equality begins in our homes"

MISSION STATEMENT

The Women Political Leaders Global Forum (WPL) is the global network of female politicians. The mission of WPL is to increase both the number and the influence of women in political leadership positions.

WPL strives in all its activities to demonstrate the impact of more women in political leadership, for the global better. To accelerate, women need three things: communication, connection, community. At WPL, optimising the power of communication and connection builds new communities of knowledge for women political leaders everywhere. WPL believes that progress happens by convening women political leaders who have the drive and the influence to create positive change. WPL members are women in political office – Ministers, Members of Parliaments, Mayors. Membership is free and members are honoured by their participation.

WPL is an independent, international, post-partisan and not-for-profit foundation based in Reykjavik, Iceland (the world champion of gender equality). Silvana Koch-Mehrin is the Founder and President of the WPL Foundation.



Source: 'IPU - UN Women 'Women in Politics 2015 Map'

COMMUNITIES

Different communities will function under the umbrella of Women Political Leaders (WPL):

- **Women in Parliaments (WIP):** WPL's most prominent and largest community includes the 9.000 female Parliamentarians working at national level, and the European Parliament.
- **Women Government Leaders (WGL):** includes Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Cabinet Members / Ministers.
- **Women Mayors International (WMI):** includes Mayors of national capitals and other important cities around the world.

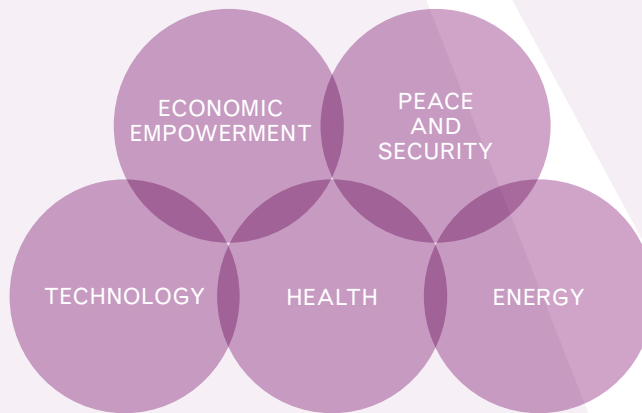




POLICY FORA

WPL Councils are the knowledge platforms that align purpose, impact and action. In WPL Council meetings, female political leaders and other experts exchange information on political decisions that successfully passed the reality test: best practice examples (e.g. legislation, agenda setting, leadership) that advance society.

WPL Councils focus on five policy areas:





GOVERNANCE

WPL GLOBAL ADVISORY BOARD

Outstanding political leaders and influential personalities have endorsed the WPL Mission Statement by serving as Members of the WPL Advisory Board. They oversee and provide guidance for WPL initiatives.



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The WPL Executive Board provides guidance for all the WPL activities. It coordinates the network of WIP Ambassadors, and the WPL Councils.



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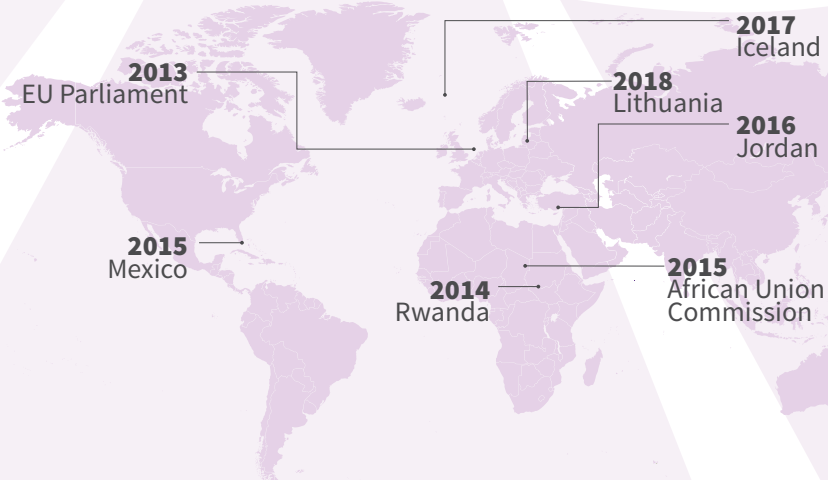


Silvana Koch-Mehrin



WPL ACTIVITIES

WPL engages in a broad variety of activities in order to achieve its mission. This includes the annual WPL Global Summit, always co-hosted by a country's Government and Parliament, as well as regional conventions. WPL commissions academic research, and launches advocacy campaigns. The WPL Councils focus on policy work, in areas where women leaders are still missing. WPL concludes partnerships with international organisations and reputed stakeholders from academia, business and civil society.



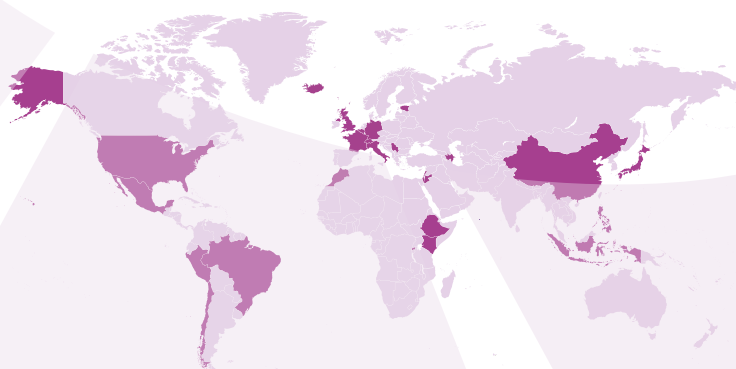
WPL SUMMITS

WPL Global Summits are the foremost global gatherings of female political leaders. WPL Global Summits address today's intertwined global challenges, and offer the opportunity to exchange best practice of and knowledge on political decision-making. Discussions are held with the purpose to get to action. Women political leaders and selected other participants meet in the Parliament of the host country. WPL Global Summits are always a cooperation between WPL and the host country's Government and Parliament. They convene around 400 participants – women political leaders from around the world: Heads of State and Government, Cabinet Ministers, Parliamentarians, Mayors. In addition, other experts and thought-leaders from academia, business and civil society are invited to participate. International institutions such as the UN, OECD, World Bank and others join as partners.



WPL CONVENTIONS

WPL demonstrates its strong convening power in various fora and formats. In addition to the annual WPL Global Summit, WPL hosts sessions regionally, or in alignment and cooperation with other organisations, such as the United Nations, the World Bank, the OECD, APEC and more.



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WPL AWARDS

A special highlight of the WPL Global Summit is the presentation of the WPL Awards. The prestigious recognition is given to countries for achievements in female political leadership. The WPL Awards are based on the rankings of the World Economic Forum's annual "Global Gender Gap Report", and the Inter Parliamentary Union's women in parliaments world classification.

WPL AWARDS CATEGORIES

- Women Political Leaders
- Closing the Gender Gap (by region)
- Achievements in closing the Gender Gap in the Arab World
- Lifetime Award as Woman Political Leader





WPL STUDIES

Data and evidence are crucial to support advocacy for more women in political leadership. WPL Studies build this knowledge. WPL partners with outstanding academic institutions, international organisations and private sector supporters to produce fact-based reports.



THE FEMALE POLITICAL CAREER 2015

Why are still almost 80 % of the world's Parliamentarians men, and only 17% of government ministers are women? Why are there, in 2016, only 19 female Heads of State or Government? The study "The Female Political Career" analyses survey answers of 617 female and male politicians from 84 countries. It is designed to understand the non-legal barriers that women face in the different phases of the political lifecycle. "The Female Political Career" is the result of a cooperation with the World Bank, the Universities of Yale and California-Berkeley, and it is supported by EY.



SOCIAL MEDIA: ADVANCING WOMEN IN POLITICS? 2016

Over 900 female Parliamentarians from 107 countries participated in this unique survey-based study, giving insights into their social media experiences and behaviour. Is social media a means to bypass the bias often found in classical media? Is it a tool to counter stereotypes that women political leaders face? In cooperating with Harvard University (Shorenstein Center) and Facebook, WPL assembled data and information on today's chances and challenges of social media in politics.



ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS

WPL Advocacy work aims to raise awareness and lift topics on the global agenda. WPL brings female political leaders, WPL partners and WPL supporters together to encourage the changes necessary to achieve gender equality in politics.

LEADERSHIP CAMPAIGN

WPL's flagship campaign. Over 60 male Heads of State and Government contributed a testimonial, giving their personal reason for more women as leaders. These statements are continuously exhibited in fora such as the headquarters of the United Nations, the OECD, the African Union, the World Economic Forum, the International Trade Center, and many Parliaments around the world. A book accompanies the displays. The WPL Leadership Campaign has been inspired by the UN Women HeForShe activities, which aim to engage men as agents of change to achieve gender equality.

The Prime Minister of Iceland holds the patronage of the WPL Leadership Campaign.





#GIRL2LEADER CAMPAIGN

#Girl2Leader targets the next generation's political leadership: #Girl2Leader aims to get adolescent girls interested in politics. #Girl2Leader wants to show that political leadership is a place for women, and that parity in politics is good for all of society. #Girl2Leader connects adolescent girls with today's female politicians, worldwide. You can be what you can see!

On the International Day of the Girl Child (11 October 2017), #Girl2Leader was launched with women political leaders from 15 countries. YouTubers amplified the messages on social media. A Call to Action urges change, to speed up closing the gender gap in politics.

#Girl2Leader continues throughout the year. If you are a political leader, and you want to join the campaign to encourage more girls to #LeadLikeAGirl!: let us know!

#Girl2Leader resides under the distinguished patronage of H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta



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OUR MISSION

The MSC's objective is to build trust and to contribute to the peaceful resolution of conflicts by sustaining a continuous, curated and informal dialogue debate within the international security community. Today, the MSC is the world's leading forum for debating international security policy. The MSC conceives of its conferences as a type of "market place of ideas" where initiatives and solutions are developed and opinions are exchanged. It provides a venue for official and non-official diplomatic initiatives and ideas to address the world's most pressing security concerns. The MSC also offers protected space for informal meetings between officials and thus – as its original motto has it – build peace through dialogue. In addition to its annual flagship conference, the MSC regularly convenes high-profile events on particular topics and regions and publishes the Munich Security Report, an annual digest of relevant figures, maps, and research on crucial security challenges.



(Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)

OUR AUDIENCE

During the MSC's main conference in February, we assemble more than 450 high-profile and senior decision-makers as well as thought-leaders from around the world, including heads of state, ministers, leading personalities of international and non-governmental organizations, high-ranking representatives of industry, media, academia, and civil society, to engage in an intensive debate. The MSC believes in the need for an informed and sustained public debate on security policy broadly defined and thus aims to involve the wider public in its debates. We broadcast most of our debates and disseminate the results of our events via reports, interviews, and social media.

OUR FOCUS

The Munich Security Conference has transatlantic and European roots but our activities also reflect a globalized world. The MSC strives to increase its geographic diversity and reach to include all relevant stakeholders. The Munich Security Conference aims at debating the world's most relevant security challenges. The MSC does not only include the most urgent security challenges in its programs, but also draws attention to issues that might not yet be on the top of the security community's agenda. The Munich Security Conference embraces a comprehensive definition of security, which encompasses not only traditional national or military security, but also takes into account – among others – the economic, environmental and human dimensions of security.



(Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)

On the History, Purpose and Goals of the Munich Security Conference

Since its inception in the fall of 1963, the conference we today call the Munich Security Conference (MSC) has changed in many ways – not just in terms of its name. Yet in some ways, it has not changed at all. What was the main rationale behind the first conferences – then called Internationale Wehrkunde-Begegnung – remains true today. Munich was, is, and will continue to be an important independent venue for policymakers and experts for open and constructive discussions about the most pressing security issues of the day – and of the future.

The participation of a remarkable number of heads of state and government and foreign and defence ministers is not the only feature that makes the MSC unique. Most importantly, there is a very special atmosphere that fills the corridors every year when decision-makers and experts from different fields of foreign and security policy invade the Hotel Bayerischer Hof.

The extraordinary commitment not only of the German government but of every single US administration and of key members of Congress has contributed enormously to the success and the reputation of the conference. In 2013, one full tenth of the US Senate attended the conference! For Germans, Wehrkunde, which literally translates as “military science,” is a rather old-fashioned notion, but the fact that our US participants continue to refer to the conference as Wehrkunde underlines the powerful tradition of the institution.



From left: Helmut Kohl and Ewald von Kleist, founder of the MSC (Credit: SZ)



Angela Merkel, German Chancellor (Credit: Müller / MSC)

Our participants come to Munich to talk – and to listen. The conference itself does not “produce” any direct “result.” This does not mean that the conference does not have an impact. On the contrary, many key participants have pointed out how some of the debates have had a major influence on a number of diplomatic initiatives. The conference is a rather unregulated marketplace of ideas. Here, new or old proposals are floated – sometimes successfully, sometimes not. But if they are uttered here, they will be heard and not soon be forgotten by the community.

In addition, the MSC offers protected space for informal meetings between representatives from governments who might not be on the best terms but who may wish to meet informally, behind the scenes. Sometimes, foreign and defence ministers even use their joint presence in Munich to agree on and sign important bilateral documents.

For the first decades of the conference, the participants did not hail from as many countries as they do today – and that was entirely by design. Back then, the audience was relatively small, not exceeding a few dozen people. While Wehrkunde was an international conference from the very beginning, it was first of all a venue where German participants met their counterparts from their most important ally, the United States, but also from other NATO member states. As a result, the conference has often been dubbed the “transatlantic family meeting.”



Vladimir Putin addressing participants of the 2007 Conference (Credit: Mörk)

Debates in Munich concentrated on Western policy within the overarching framework of the Cold War confrontation. Just like today, these intra-alliance debates were far from uncontroversial, at times even heated.

When the Cold War came to an end, both von Kleist and his successor as chairman from 1998 on, Horst Teltschik, built on the unique character of this transatlantic meeting, but they also decided to invite participants from countries that had not been part of the Western world before. They made room for participants from Central and Eastern European countries and the Russian Federation. The conference – much like NATO – had to move beyond the confines of one “side” of the Cold War if it were to remain relevant.

Over the years, as the number and variety of important players in international security has increased, the circle of conference participants has continued to grow wider. At the same time, the core of the conference will always be transatlantic. It is sometimes said of NATO that it is not a global alliance but an alliance in a global world. The same is true for the Munich Security Conference. It cannot and will not become a global conference, but it has to be a conference reflecting a globalized world.

Today, we welcome high-ranking participants from key rising powers, such as China, Brazil, and India. In addition, in recent years, both the Arab uprisings and the debate about Iran’s nuclear ambitions brought leaders from the Middle East to Munich, sparking both controversial arguments and the opportunity for further dialogue on and off the conference stage.

The audience today is not only more diverse in terms of geography, it also mirrors the broader understanding of security itself. Now, when the participants gather at the Hotel Bayerischer Hof, you still see military leaders – and rightly so. But you also see CEOs, human rights activists, environmentalists, and other leaders representing global civil society. Munich will not lose sight of its core themes belonging to traditional “hard security.” Traditional topics such as regional crises, arms races, nuclear proliferation, the purpose and role of NATO, transatlantic burden sharing, or European military capabilities will continue to be important items on the agenda. However, contemporary security policy is more than counting missiles and debating military doctrines.



Ban Ki Moon delivering remarks at the 2014 Conference (Credit: Kleinschmidt / MSC)

It is a testament to the extraordinary work and personality of Ewald von Kleist, who sadly passed away in March of 2013, that it developed and kept such a high reputation throughout the decades. The Munich Security Conference will always be his conference. The conflict that helped give birth to the conference no longer exists, but that does not mean that the Munich Security Conference's reason to exist has become any less relevant. Quite the contrary: it may well be even more important in an era in which global governance in general, and international security in particular, is certain to become messier and more difficult to manage, and in which the transatlantic partners will have to both stick together as well as reach out to new partners.*



John F. Kerry at the Munich Security Conference 2016 (Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)

* This text is adapted from Wolfgang Ischinger's essay "Towards Mutual Security. From Wehrkunde to the Munich Security Conference," published in 2014 in the book "Towards Mutual Security – Fifty Years of Munich Security Conference."

The Ewald von Kleist Award

EWALD VON KLEIST

Ewald von Kleist was the founder and defining personality of the Munich Security Conference. As its patron for over 30 years, Kleist was instrumental in advancing the transatlantic security dialogue and introducing post-war Germany into NATO and the broader Cold War security order. Kleist, a prolific author, jurist, and publisher, founded the “Internationale Wehrkunde” conference in 1963 to overcome what he viewed as a “lack of experts on nuclear matters” as well as to enhance German lawmakers’ understanding of American security policy. Kleist was noted for his expertise on the role of nuclear weapons in NATO’s defence posture and Europe’s role in the transatlantic partnership, issues that confronted NATO and “Wehrkunde” throughout and after the Cold War. Until his death in 2013, Kleist remained active in security affairs and a regular participant of the MSC, a reflection of his devotion to “Wehrkunde” and the issues to which he had dedicated his life. His legacy will continue to inspire leaders and practitioners from around the world.

THE AWARD

Aiming to honor leading figures in security policy that have made an outstanding contribution to international peace and conflict management, the MSC inaugurated the Ewald von Kleist Award in 2009.

We are honoured that outstanding statesmen and practitioners of security policy, most of which have been conference speakers and participants for many years, have accepted the award.



(Credit: Kleinschmidt / MSC)

RECIPIENTS

2009 – 2018

- 2018 John McCain**
Senator of the United States of America
-
- 2017 Joachim Gauck**
Federal President of the Federal Republic of Germany
-
- 2016 Laurent Fabius**
Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development of the French Republic; President COP 21 and
Christiana Figueres
Secretary General of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
-
- 2015 The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe**
Didier Burkhalter (Chairman in Office 2014), Ivica Dačić (Chairman in Office 2015), Frank-Walter Steinmeier (Chairman in Office 2016), Lamberto Zannier (Secretary General)
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- 2014 Helmut Schmidt**
Former Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany and
Valéry Giscard d'Estaing
Former President of the French Republic
-
- 2013 Brent Scowcroft**
Former National Security Advisor of the United States of America
-
- 2012 Joseph Lieberman**
Former Senator of the United States of America
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- 2010 Javier Solana**
Former Secretary General of NATO; former High Representative of the European Union for Common Foreign and Security Policy
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- 2009 Henry Kissinger**
Former Secretary of State of the United States of America



(Credit: Müller / MSC)

Munich Young Leaders



THE IDEA

The Munich Security Conference and Körber Foundation share the goal to give promising young professionals and future decision makers an opportunity to participate in the debate, introduce fresh ideas, and strengthen their networks.

Every year, twenty-five outstanding representatives of governmental institutions, parliaments, think tanks, the media, and the private sector debate current issues related to transatlantic foreign and security policy with high-ranking participants of the Munich Security Conference. The Munich Young Leaders come from Germany, selected NATO member and partner states, as well as from states in the Asia-Pacific region, the Middle East and Africa – thus ensuring a strong diversity of perspectives. Candidates for the program are identified by German Embassies in selected countries. In coordination with the chairman of the Munich Security Conference, Körber Foundation then nominates the international participants out of the proposals submitted. The German participants of the Munich Young Leaders program are members of the Körber Network Foreign Policy, a group of outstanding young foreign policy specialists in the German government, the German Bundestag, as well as think tanks and the private sector.

ACTIVITIES

Aside from tailored events on the sidelines of the MSC, participants are invited to attend the MSC program. Additionally, MSC and Körber Foundation regularly convene MYL Alumni reunions in different locations around the world to promote an enduring network among present and future leaders. Past MYL Reunions took place in Berlin (2010), Kyiv (2011), Rabat (2012), Wildbad Kreuth (2014), Washington D.C. (2015), Warsaw (2016) and Moscow (2017). The reunions provide opportunity for in-depth discussions about the most pressing security challenges with high-level speakers from the respective region. The MSC Component of the Munich Young Leaders activities is kindly supported by KPMG.

For more information on the Munich Young Leaders and past editions, please visit Körber Foundation's website under **www.munich-young-leaders.org**.



(Credit: Darchinger / Körber Foundation)

Junior Ambassadors

THE IDEA

The MSC's Junior Ambassador Programme offers three promising students or young professionals under the age of 28 an opportunity to participate in the conference each year. The three annual winners qualify through an essay contest and are awarded the "Ulrich Weisser Scholarship". The essays are published on our website in the days ahead of the conference. With the Junior Ambassadors program, the MSC aims to give very dedicated students and young professionals a chance to have a unique opportunity and an extraordinary experience in Munich. The three winners are able to participate in the Munich Security Conference and write about their impressions through our website and social media.

Junior Ambassadors have come from Argentina, Austria, Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Norway, Russia, and the United States.



(Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)

The Munich Security Report 2018



The Munich Security Report (MSR) is published every year and compiles data, analyses, and maps that illuminate major developments and critical challenges to international security. The report is meant to serve as a conversation starter for the MSC and as background reading for MSC participants, but is also made available to security professionals and the interested public around the globe.

Central topics of the 2018 edition of the Munich Security Report (entitled: “To the Brink – and Back?”) include the crisis of the international order, the new momentum of European security and defence policy, and the foreign policy challenges under President Trump. In addition, the report assembles information on the threat of cyberattacks, the developments in nuclear and environmental security, and the security situation in Africa and the Middle East.

The Munich Security Report was prepared in cooperation with numerous renowned institutions and think tanks, including the International Institute for Strategic Studies, the Mercator Institute for China Studies, the Nuclear Threat Initiative, the RAND Corporation, the United Nations Environment Programme, and McKinsey & Company. Please feel free to share any feedback or draw our attention to research and analytical work that you feel should be included in next year’s MSR by contacting msr@securityconference.de.



The President of the German Bundestag Norbert Lammert at the MSC Kick-off event 2017
(Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)

ACTORS

United States: Home Alone?

United States: Home Alone? This report examines the role of the United States in the world, particularly in the context of the 2017 election. It discusses the challenges facing the country and the potential for a new era of leadership.

Key findings:

- The United States is facing a significant challenge in the form of a new president who is likely to be a member of the Republican Party.
- The country is also facing a number of other challenges, including a growing budget deficit and a rising level of political polarization.
- Despite these challenges, the United States remains a powerful and influential country in the world.

Conclusion: The United States is at a crossroads. It is facing a number of challenges, but it also has the potential to lead the world in a new era of leadership.

US GDP (billions of dollars)

Year	GDP (billions of dollars)
1950	2,000
1955	2,500
1960	3,000
1965	3,500
1970	4,000
1975	4,500
1980	5,000
1985	5,500
1990	6,000
1995	6,500
2000	7,000
2005	7,500
2010	14,000
2017	14,500

PLACES

Africa: The Young and the Restless

Africa: The Young and the Restless This report examines the role of young people in Africa, particularly in the context of the 2017 election. It discusses the challenges facing the continent and the potential for a new era of leadership.

Key findings:

- Young people are a significant part of the African population, and they are playing an increasingly important role in the continent's development.
- They are also facing a number of challenges, including a growing unemployment rate and a rising level of political polarization.
- Despite these challenges, young people in Africa are showing a growing sense of responsibility and leadership.

Conclusion: Young people in Africa are at a crossroads. They are facing a number of challenges, but they also have the potential to lead the continent in a new era of leadership.

Map of Africa: Young people distribution

Legend:

- 0-14
- 15-24
- 25-34

ISSUES

Nuclear Security: Out of (Arms) Control?

Nuclear Security: Out of (Arms) Control? This report examines the role of nuclear security in the world, particularly in the context of the 2017 election. It discusses the challenges facing the world and the potential for a new era of leadership.

Key findings:

- Nuclear security is a major issue in the world, and it is becoming increasingly important as the number of nuclear weapons continues to grow.
- There is a growing concern that nuclear weapons are being used for purposes other than defense.
- Despite these concerns, the world is still not doing enough to ensure nuclear security.

Conclusion: Nuclear security is a major issue in the world, and it is becoming increasingly important. The world needs to do more to ensure nuclear security.

World map: Nuclear weapons distribution

Legend:

- 0-100
- 101-200
- 201-300

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Books

Books This section lists several books that are relevant to the topics discussed in the report. These books provide a deeper understanding of the issues and offer insights into the challenges facing the world.

Books listed:

- The World Is Changing* by [Author]
- The Future of Africa* by [Author]
- The Nuclear Security Challenge* by [Author]
- The Role of Young People in Africa* by [Author]
- The Challenges of the 21st Century* by [Author]

Core Group Meetings



ABOUT THE CORE GROUP MEETINGS

The Core Group Meeting is designed as a 24-hour off the record event taking place in various capitals around the world. Limited to an exclusive group of no more than 60 participants, the MSC Core Group Meeting provides an opportunity for high-level decision-makers from around the globe to discuss regional security in an intimate round-table setting and to foster personal relationships. Since the first meeting in Washington, DC in 2009, the MSC Core Group Meeting has established itself as a successful and exclusive conference format, attracting heads of governments and international organizations, ministers, leading parliamentarians, representatives from NGOs as well as selected journalists and FTSE-100 and DAX CEOs.

Core Group Meetings have taken place in

2017	Washington	In Partnership with the Atlantic Council
2016	Beijing	In Partnership with the Government of China and the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs
2016	Addis Ababa	In Partnership with the Federal Government of Ethiopia and the African Union Commission
2015	Tehran	In Partnership with the Government of Iran and the Institute for Political and International Studies
2015	Vienna	In Partnership with the Government of Austria and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
2014	New Delhi	In Partnership with the Government of India and the Observer Research Foundation
2013	Washington	In Partnership with the Atlantic Council and the Brookings Institution
2013	Doha	In Partnership with the Government of Qatar
2011	Beijing	In Partnership with the Government of China, the Körber Foundation and the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs
2010	Moscow	In Partnership with the Government of Russia
2009	Washington	In Partnership with the Atlantic Council

Cyber Security Series



ABOUT THE SERIES

Cyber Security has become a critical part of the international security agenda. The growing awareness of the topic is reflected in an increase of debates on cyber norms and cyber defence strategies. Consequently, the MSC contributes to the debate through a series of events aimed at selected decision-makers at the highest levels of government and industry.

CYBER SECURITY SUMMITS

The Cyber Security Summits address an audience of up to 150 high-profile representatives from government, the military, the private sector, and NGOs, while also retaining the MSC's trademark atmosphere of open exchange and frank debates in an exclusive setting. The summit aims to bring together political and economic leaders to develop security strategies against threats from cyberspace and provide impetus towards an open, free and secure web.

CYBER SECURITY ROUNDTABLES

The MSC's Cyber Security Roundtables are intimate, off the record gatherings of not more than 40 participants taking place throughout the year in major cities around the world. The topics of discussion are aligned to current debate and challenges, attracting high-ranking representatives from government and private sector.



Panel discussion at the Cyber Security Summit in Tel Aviv, 2017 (Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)



Panel discussion at the Cyber Security Summit in Stanford, 2016 (Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)



Debates at the Cyber Security Round Table 2016 in Munich (Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)



Main meeting space at the Cyber Security Summit 2014 (Credit: Ollendorf / Ittermann Telekom)

Energy Security Series

SAVE THE DATE

ESS 2018
August 26,
Stavanger

ABOUT THE SERIES

Energy security is a key topic on the international security agenda. The Munich Security Conference wants to contribute to the debate through a series of events that aim at select decision-makers at the highest levels of government, the private sector and civil society. As with all MSC formats, the objective is to offer the best possible platform for a frank and open exchange of ideas and opinions. Since inception of the series in 2013, events have taken place in Baku, New Delhi, Berlin, Istanbul, Stavanger and Vienna.

ENERGY SECURITY SUMMITS

The Energy Security Summits (ESS) bring together about 200 decision-makers and experts from politics, the private sector, media and academia to engage in an intensive exchange on the geopolitical and geostrategic dimensions of energy security.

ENERGY SECURITY ROUNDTABLES

The ESS is complemented by the Energy Security Roundtables (ESR). They are designed as a more exclusive format taking place at the sidelines of topnotch international events around the world. The ESR bring together a select group of international leaders from within the MSC's global network, including key decision-makers in the respective region. As with other MSC Roundtables, discussions in the ESR are private and off the record, facilitating an open debate.



Ambassador Ischinger with Norway's Energy Minister and the CEO of Conoco Phillips at the ESS 2016 (Credit: ONS)



Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk at the Energy Security Summit 2014 (Credit: Weddig)



Statoil's CEO Eldar Sætre and Norway's Foreign Minister Borge Brende at the ESS 2016 (Credit: MSC)



Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier at the Energy Security Summit 2014 (Credit: MSC)

European Defence Series



ABOUT THE SERIES

The future of European defence has traditionally been one of the major topics of the MSC and its European Defence Series further emphasizes the importance of this topic. Facing critical crises, European countries are looking for ways to find better common responses. Thus far though, the magnitude and importance of the issues is not matched by the spending, the commitment, and the state of defence planning.

EUROPEAN DEFENCE SUMMITS

The European Defence Summits (EDS) bring together decision-makers and experts to engage in an intensive exchange on critical issues in European defence and security policy. The EDS provides an exclusive setting to openly discuss the most pressing security challenges among approximately 200 participants. While certain parts of the conference, such as keynote speeches, are public, the remainder of an EDS takes place under Chatham House Rule ensuring open and intense exchange about the challenges at hand.

EUROPEAN DEFENCE ROUNDTABLES

The European Defence Roundtable (EDR) serves as a complementary format gathering around 40 participants. As with other MSC Roundtables, discussions in the EDR are private and off the record, facilitating an open debate in an intimate atmosphere.



Jens Stoltenberg, Ursula von der Leyen, and Angela Merkel at the European Defence Session of the MSC 2017 (Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)



Former Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini, General Hans-Lothar Domröse, General Patrick de Rousiers, and Admiral James Stavridis at the EDS 2013 (Credit: Trenkel)



Ambassador Ischinger with the President of Malta, Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca at the EDR 2017 in Valetta (Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)



The European Defence Roundtable at the MSC 2017 (Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)

Human Security Series

SAVE THE DATE

HSR 2018
April 21,
Bahir Dar

ABOUT THE SERIES

Over the past decades, the notion of traditional national and international security has been broadened to include – among others – environmental, humanitarian and health security. This came in combination with a focus on the individual rather than the nation-state as primary recipient of security. Some of the past year's most significant crises – such as health crises in famines in the Middle East and Africa, the migration crisis, or floods and droughts – have further alerted the security community. Effective responses to these challenges must build on a cross-sectoral and multi-disciplinary approach. That is why the Munich Security Conference has organized events to promote discussions and collaboration between the security community and development officials and experts, NGO leaders, international organizations, the research community, and the private sector.

HUMAN SECURITY ROUNDTABLES

As part of the Human Security Series, the MSC organizes Roundtables on issues related to human security. Our Roundtables are designed as an exclusive format, taking place at the sidelines of high-level international events. The Roundtables bring together a selected group of international leaders from within the MSC's global network. The MSC also stages panel discussions as well as a growing number of side events on human security issues at the annual flagship conference in Munich and at the MSC's Core Group Meetings. Additionally, the MSC regularly includes chapters on human security issues in its annual Munich Security Reports.



Ambassador Ischinger and the Prime Minister of Ethiopia Hailemariam Desalegn at the Tana Forum 2016 (Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)



Bill Gates speaking about health security at the MSC 2017 (Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)



UNFCCC Executive Director Patricia Espinosa speaking about climate security at the MSC 2017 (Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)



Horst Köhler and Olusegun Obasanjo at the CGM in Addis Ababa 2016 (Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)

Arctic Security Series



ABOUT THE SERIES

Arctic Security has become a key topic on the international security agenda: Warming at a pace of at least twice the global average, the Arctic is undergoing a dramatic transformation that has far-reaching geopolitical and security implications. The MSC wants to contribute to the emerging debate through a series of events aimed at selected decision-makers at the highest levels of government, the private sector and civil society.

ARCTIC SECURITY ROUNDTABLES

The Arctic Security Roundtables (ASRs) are designed as an exclusive format, bringing together a selected group of international leaders from within the MSC's global network and key decision-makers from the Arctic region. As with other MSC Roundtables, discussions are private and off the record, facilitating a frank and open debate on a particularly vulnerable region.

ARCTIC SECURITY AT OTHER EVENTS

In addition to our roundtables and other activities, the MSC has been invited to organize events with a focus on Arctic Security on the sidelines of high-ranking international conferences, like the Arctic Circle Assembly. At these events we bring together a diverse group of leaders from our own network with experts from the respective partner institutions for intimate thought-provoking discussion sessions.



Arctic Circle Chairman Ólafur Grímsson and Jane Harman at the ASR in Washington DC (Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)



MSC side event as part of the Arctic Assembly 2017 (Credit: MSC)



US Secretary of the Navy and the Commander of the US Coast Guard at the ASR 2017 in Reykjavik (Credit: MSC)



The Mayor of Reykjavik Dagur Eggertsson welcoming participants of the ASR 2017 in Iceland (Credit: MSC)

Munich Strategy Forum

SAVE THE DATE

MSF 2018
December 2-4,
Schloss Elmau

ABOUT THE MUNICH STRATEGY FORUM

The Munich Strategy Forum (MSF) is based on the model of the prestigious Aspen Strategy Group which brings together selected American decisionmakers to discuss current security challenges in a private off the record setting and develop policy recommendations for the following year. Besides helping to promote a strategic debate on foreign and security policy choices and the development of strategic priorities for Germany and Europe, the MSF is also meant to provide input and guidance to all MSC activities and programs.

The MSF brings together current and former decision-makers from politics and the private sector as well as high-level representatives from academia and think tanks. It takes place once a year for two days at Schloss Elmau in Southern Germany. The meeting is strictly limited to 50 participants and held entirely off the record. The MSC does not publish a list of participants nor does it communicate any results. Furthermore, an interactive program combined with classical discussion format provides the background for an unbiased and informal exchange of opinions.



(Credit: Kuhlmann / MSC)

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The MSC Advisory Council helps to maintain and advance the high quality of the annual conference and the Foundation's other events. It advises the Chairman of the Conference on strategic direction, thematic focus, and partnership development. The Council consists of up to 25 distinguished individuals proposed by the Chairman of the Conference and approved by the Chairman of the Council from both the public and the private sector who share and identify themselves with the spirit and aim of the MSC Foundation.

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