

MODERATOR



Thomas Seifert
International Correspondent, Die Presse

Thomas Seifert is an international correspondent for the Austrian daily newspaper “Die Presse”. His reporting includes the Balkans, the Russian Federation (reports on Chechnya in 1999 and 2000 from Grosny both from the Russian and the Chechen perspective) Africa, the Middle East and Asia. He has filed stories from New York in the aftermath of 9-11 and crossed the border to Afghanistan on 10-11 where he reported the fall of the Taliban from Kabul. Seifert reported the war in Iraq from Baghdad in March/April 1999 and celebrated his 35th Birthday on April 9, 2003 on Firdous Square, during the fall of Saddam Hussein’s statue. He went back to Iraq and Afghanistan several times.

His book “Schwarzbuch Öl” (“The Black Book on Oil”), which he co-authored together with Klaus Werner came out in 2005. It was a bestseller, translated into Arabic, Italian, Dutch and Spanish languages. For this book, he completed the research in Iraq, Iran, U.A.E., Kuwait and Saudi-Arabia. He has since broadened his focus towards Asia (China, India, and the Korean Peninsula to be more precise) and is currently working on a book project on the Pacific Era and the implications of the rise of Asia for the European Union and the world.

SPEAKERS



Kaluba Chitumbo
Former director of the IAEA Department of Safeguards,
responsible for implementation of safeguards in Asia
Topic: Nuclear Proliferation, Safeguards

Dr. Chitumbo has BSc (1969) in Chemistry, Physics and Maths and PhD (1975) in Physical Chemistry, University of Uppsala, Sweden. He completed the Postgraduate Research at Queens University, Canada (1976) and several training courses at the IAEA in the department of Nuclear Technology, Safeguards and Nuclear Control and Regulatory Systems. From January to August 2009 he was a Faculty Member at the World Nuclear University Summer Institute at Oxford University. Dr. Chitumbo is a consultant in Nuclear Technology, Nuclear Energy and Safeguards. He is a former Director of the IAEA, Department of Safeguards, responsible for implementation of Safeguards in Asia (Japan, South Korea, North Korea (DPRK), Indonesia, Australia, Malaysia, Myanmar, People’s Republic of China, Taiwan, China, Vietnam, Small Quantity Protocol countries).



H.E. Jacek Bylica

Head of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Centre, NATO International Secretariat

Topic: Global proliferation picture: a view from Brussels.

Ambassador Jacek Bylica has taken over as the Head of Weapons of Mass Destruction Centre (WMDC) since 01 July 2008, following an international competition. The WMD Centre works to strengthen dialogue and common understanding of WMD proliferation issues among Allied and Partner countries, to enhance international consultations on arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation, to assess threats and to support defence efforts that serve to improve the Alliance's preparedness to respond to the risks posed by the proliferation of WMD and their means of delivery.

Prior to joining NATO International Staff, Ambassador J. Bylica was from 2004 to 2008 Poland's Resident Representative to Vienna-based international organizations and control regimes, including the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency. Since almost two decades in the Polish Foreign Service, Mr. J. Bylica divided his professional activities between Asia and international security affairs. From 1990 to 1995 he was posted to the Polish Embassy in Beijing. Among the positions he held in the Foreign Ministry in Warsaw were the following: Head, Arms Control and Disarmament Division; Assistant Director and Director, Department of Security Policy; Director, Asia-Pacific Department; Director, Secretariat of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Mr. J. Bylica studied in Warsaw, Moscow, Beijing and Boston. He holds two Master degrees: one in International Relations, another one in Law and Diplomacy.

Mag. Alexander Kmentt

Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the CTBTO

Topic: Nuclear Disarmament and the Role of the CTBTO



Mr. Bernardo Ribeiro

Office of External Relations and policy coordination of the IAEA

Topic: IAEA's Safeguard System and Verification Mandate

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Office of External Relations and Policy Coordination
Office reporting to the Director General
International Atomic Energy Agency



Prof. Dr. Heinz Gärtner

Austrian Institute of International Politics

Topic: Non-Proliferation - Disarmament - Deterrence

Prof. Heinz Gärtner is a Senior Researcher at the Austrian Institute for International Affairs (OIIP) in Vienna, Austria, and lecturer at the University of Vienna. He was a Fulbright Fellow at the World Policy Institute as well as the Visiting Austrian Chair at Stanford University in 2001-2002. In 2008 he held again a Fulbright Professorship at the Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) at Stanford University. Dr. Gärtner lectures at the universities of Harvard, Stanford, Princeton, Columbia, Oxford and other American, European, and Asian universities and research institutes. He is also a Senior Partner with Global Concepts & Communications (GCC). He is the author of numerous academic articles and books (most recently “Amerika – Weltmacht auf neuen Wegen America: Die Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik Barack Obamas” (America - World Power breaks New Ground: Barack Obama’s Foreign And Security Policy), third updated edition and “European Security and Transatlantic Relations after September 11 and the Iraq War”). Heinz Gärtner has received international recognition for his work on European, international security, and arms control. Gärtner is also a frequent commentator on European and Austrian television, radio, and print media, including CNN Europe and the BBC. He also acts as a Special Adviser to the Austrian Ministry of Defense.

Dr. Martin Senn

Lecturer of International Security, Faculty of Political Science and Sociology, Innsbruck

Topic: Missile Defense and Global Zero

Dr. Martin Senn is Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science, University of Innsbruck, and a founding member of the International Security Research Group (ISRG). His research focuses on nuclear proliferation, non- and counter-proliferation, and ballistic missile defense. Martin Senn studied Political Science and English/American studies at the universities of Innsbruck and Vienna. He was visiting research fellow at the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF/HSFK) and teaching fellow in international security at University College London (UCL).



Dr. Barath Gopalswamy

Researcher: Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Programme

Topic: Weaponization of Space

Dr. Bharath Gopalswamy is a researcher in the Arms Control and Non-proliferation Programme at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). Prior to joining SIPRI, he was a postdoctoral associate at Cornell University's Peace Studies Program in which he applied his technical

knowledge to current foreign policy issues. He holds a PhD in Mechanical Engineering with a specialization in Numerical Acoustics. He has previously worked at the Indian Space Research Organization's High Altitude Test Facilities and the European Aeronautics Defense and Space Company's Astrium GmbH division in Germany.

PANEL DISCUSSANTS



Jurrien Westerhof
Greenpeace SEE

Born in 1970 in Emmen, Netherlands
1989-1995 Studies of agricultural engineering and water engineering in the Netherlands University.
1996 moved to Austria. Working in forest engineering and Water engineering, since 2000 Greenpeace employee, responsible for climate, energy and traffic.



Dr. Klaus Renoldner
President of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War in Austria

Dr. Klaus Renoldner was born 1949 in Upper Austria. He studied medicine and cultural anthropology in Vienna. Between 1974 and 1976 his field studies focused on medical anthropology and interaction of traditional and western medicine among the Azande, Rep. of Congo (then Zaire). From 1977 to 1982 Dr. Renoldner worked in Paraguay on primary health care for Indian minorities and development programmes, which were co-financed by the Austrian government. Since 1983 GP and community physician in the rural community of Poella, Lower Austria. In addition, he took part in health care project evaluation studies in Africa and Latin America. Since 1983 became a member, and since 1996 the President of the Austrian chapter of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), and an accredited representative of IPPNW at UN Vienna. From 1998 till 2002 and again since 2007 elected chairperson of the NGO-committee-on-peace at the UN Vienna. He has many activities and publications in the field of primary health care, prevention, intercultural communication, peace, disarmament and sustainable development.



Ms. Lisa Tabassi
Legal Officer, Provisional Technical Secretariat, Preparatory Commission for the CTBTO

Lisa Tabassi is presently a Legal Officer in the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) in Vienna, Austria. Her main area of responsibility is national implementation of the Treaty during provisional operation and after, including national legislation and the legal measures underpinning the CTBTO international monitoring system. From 1997 to 2007 she served as a Legal Officer in the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), in The Hague, the Netherlands. Before the Chemical Weapons Convention entered into force she was Senior Research Assistant in the Preparatory Commission for the OPCW, throughout its existence (1993-1997). Prior to that she worked for private law firms in the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States and for the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague. She has contributed articles or chapters to over 30 publications and has compiled two books: *Treaty Enforcement and International Cooperation in Criminal Matters* (2002) and *OPCW: The Legal Texts* (1999 and updated edition 2009). She has guest lectured at the law faculties of the universities of Amsterdam, Auckland, Geneva, Leiden, Webster University Leiden, the International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts (ISODARCO) in Andalo, Italy and on-line at Queen's University Belfast and presented papers at numerous academic and inter-governmental conferences. She is a graduate of University of Montpellier (Diploma in International Nuclear Law, *mention Très bien*), University of Leiden (LL.M *cum laude* in Public International Law with a specialisation in International Criminal Law), and Schiller University Paris (B.A. in International Relations).

Mag. rer. nat. David Reinberger

Vienna Ombuds Office for Environmental Protection, Resp. for Nuclear Safety and Energy

H.E. Ali Asghar Soltanieh

Iranian Ambassador to the IAEA



During the last 30 years Ambassador Ali Asghar Soltanieh has been involved as a nuclear physicist and senior diplomat, in the capacity of special envoy, delegate, chief negotiator, and invited speaker, in numerous international events on disarmament and international security, such as NPT, CWC, BWC, CTBT, CCW. He has worked closely with the relevant international scientific and technical organizations such as UN, IAEA, OPCW, and other specialized international organizations, namely WHO, ILO, IPU, OIC, WMO, TWAS and ICDO. He has also researched and published papers in the above-mentioned areas. During his tenure as ambassador and permanent representative, he also served in many capacities in the fields of IAEA, UNIDO, COPUOS, CCPCJ and CND.



Prof. Dr. Markus Kornprobst

Chair of Political Science at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

Professor Markus Kornprobst holds the Chair in International Relations at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna. He previously taught at the School of Public Policy at University College London and Magdalen College at Oxford University. He held research fellowships at the Mershon Center at the Ohio State University, and the Department of Politics and International Relations at Oxford University. He received his MA with distinction from the University of Cape Town in 1999 and his PhD from the University of Toronto in 2005 where his doctoral dissertation won the Hartle Award for Outstanding Graduate Scholarship.



Dr. Oliver Thränert

Senior Fellow for Non-Proliferation and Arms Control at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs

Dr. Oliver Thränert was born in 1959 in Braunschweig. He is a Senior Fellow for Non-Proliferation and Arms Control at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs – Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) - in Berlin. From July 2002 to June 2008 he served as the head of SWP's Research Unit on Security Policy. Prior to joining SWP in September 2001, Dr. Thränert was a Senior Research Fellow of the Department of Foreign Policy Research, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, in Bonn (1986-1999) and Berlin (1999-2001). From 1990 to 1993 he also served as a lecturer for International Relations at the University of Darmstadt. In spring 2000, Dr. Thränert taught at the Free University of Berlin. In the summer of 1991, Dr. Thränert was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Center of International Relations, Queen's University, Kingston/Ontario and in the summer of 2009 at the Center of Security Studies, ETH Zurich. In 2008, Oliver Thränert won the Marcel Cadieux Distinguished Writing Award of the International Journal (Toronto).
