

## Germany & the Future of the European Security Order

### A Center on the U.S. and Europe at Brookings Project

#### Workshop 1: Lessons From the Ukraine Conflict for Crisis Management in the European Security Order

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 28-29, 2016

*Guiding Questions:* What are the roles and responsibilities of Ukraine, Russia, the OSCE, EU, NATO, and individual Western countries in the management of the crisis? What does the conflict in Ukraine mean for the Eastern European neighborhood? Is there any scope for compromise or agreement between the West and Russia? What role can Germany play given its commitment to a more forward-leaning and responsible foreign policy? How has the refugee crisis and the surge of tension in the Middle East affected the calculus of security in Europe's East? What future scenarios seem likely?

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016

13:00 – 13:30           Arrival and Lunch

Location:               Stein Room, Brookings, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW

13:30 – 15:30

#### **Opening Keynote Session: Reconsidering the European Security Order**

What are the current threats, risks, and challenges to European and transatlantic security in the region? Where do European, American, and Russian perceptions coincide, and where do they differ? Is the institutional architecture of the post-Cold War European security order—built on the three pillars of NATO, the European Union, and the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)—still relevant? What are the lessons from recent economic and political transformations, as well as from the current political and economic crisis in Europe? Should NATO play a larger role in providing security for its Eastern neighborhood?

**Keynote 1: James Townsend**, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO Policy

**Keynote 2: Peter Wittig**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United States

**Moderator: Fiona Hill**, Senior Fellow and Director, Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 18:00

**Session 2: The role of the OSCE**

The OSCE gained in importance as a forum for crisis-management during the Ukraine conflict, but it is also handicapped by the principle of unanimity. What capabilities and resources does it need to fulfil its crisis management role in Europe's Eastern neighborhood properly throughout the cycles of conflict? Is there a supplemental role for the UN in security? What are key do's and don'ts for Germany as chair of the OSCE in 2016?

**Daniel Baer**, U.S. Representative to the OSCE

**Christian Nünlist**, Senior Researcher, Center of Security Studies, ETH Zürich

**Dirk Stockhausen**, Team Coordinator, Task Force OSCE Chairmanship 2016

**Moderator: Stefan Meister**, Head of Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia Program, DGAP

19:00

Reception

Location:

Residence of **Philipp Ackermann**, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Germany, 2500 Foxhall Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016**

8:00 - 8:30

Arrival and Coffee

Location:

Stein Room, Brookings, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW

8:30 - 10:30

**Session 3: Future scenarios for Ukraine, the Eastern Neighborhood, and the role of NATO**

What are future scenarios for the conflict in Ukraine beyond the Minsk Agreement? Will Ukraine become the fourth in a string of semi-frozen conflicts in the zone between the EU and Russia? NATO has been marginalized twice as an instrument for engagement in conflict situations involving Russia (Georgia in 2008; Ukraine in 2014). Is there a role for NATO in crisis management in the Eastern neighborhood, or only in defense and deterrence? Can MAP still bind countries closer to the West and enhance their security, or does it put them at risk of Russian intervention?

**Michael Carpenter**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia

**Chris Chivvis**, Associate Director, International Security and Defense Policy Center, RAND Corporation

**Justyna Gotkowska**, Senior Fellow, OSW

**Moderator: Steven Pifer**, Senior Fellow and Director, Brookings Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Initiative

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 - 13:00 **Session 4: The role of the EU**

In Europe, the Ukraine conflict has been politically managed by two big member states (Germany and France), but the Council and the EU Commission have played an unexpectedly significant role through sanctions. Given criticism of the Minsk and Normandy formats, what should be the future roles of member states versus the EU Commission and the Council in shaping the region's security (e.g. through dialogue, sanctions, trade, and energy policy)? What role is there for the Eastern Partnership in stabilizing the region? Does the EaP need a security component, and what role is there for CSDP? Can EU or EaP formats involving Russia be imagined? If there is no alternative to a competition with Russia in the region, what does that mean for the ENP/EaP?

**Klaus Botzet**, Head of the Political, Security and Development Section, Delegation of the European Union

**Josef Janning**, Head of Berlin Office, ECFR

**Julianne Smith**, Senior Fellow and Director, Strategy and Statecraft Program, CNAS

**Moderator: Alar Olljum**, EU Senior Fellow and Visiting Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Departures

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