

23rd Foreign Policy Conference

23. Außenpolitische Jahrestagung

Security in the Twilight Zone

Regional, Transatlantic and Global Perspectives on the War in Eastern Europe

Conference Program (as of 03 February 2023)

6 – 10 February 2023

Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

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Dates

Mon, 6 Feb 2023 – Public Online Event, 4pm to 5.30 pm (CET) – (Eastern European Perspective)

Tue, 7 Feb 2023 – Public Online Event, 4pm to 5.30 pm (CET) – (Euro-Atlantic Perspective)

Wed, 8 Feb 2023 – Public Online Event, 4pm to 5.30 pm (CET) – (Global Perspective)

Fri, 10 Feb 2023 – Public Hybrid Event, 10am to 3:00pm (CET) – (Closing Event)

Conference Languages are German and English.

Simultaneous translation of all conference modules will be provided.

Background

Since Russia's attack on Ukraine, the security of Central, Northern and Eastern European States – especially those outside of NATO and the EU – has gained growing attention.

Russia has proven to be a revisionist state which is openly threatening the European security order. At the same time, countries within Moscow's traditional sphere of interest have grown more assertive and are striving for sovereignty and self-determination. Their quest for independence and dignity – along with an ever more confident civil society in Eastern Europe – represents a challenge and an opportunity for a revised European security architecture.

The repercussions of Russia's War against Ukraine nevertheless go far beyond Europe, and have global implications, both economically and politically, with different interpretations in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Hence, the 23rd Foreign Policy Conference of the Heinrich Böll Foundation will assess the regional, Euro-Atlantic and global implications of the war in Eastern Europe. Throughout the conference, the current German foreign and security policy will receive special attention, since Berlin is expected to take on more responsibilities in foreign affairs, especially in the Eastern neighborhood of the EU.

Monday, 6 February 2023**Voices from the Ground. Where do we stand on Eastern European Security?**

(Public Online Event)

- 4 p.m. Welcome and introduction
Giorgio Franceschini, Head of Foreign and Security Policy Division, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin
Jan Philipp Albrecht, Co-President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin
- 4.10 p.m. Welcome address
Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Head of the United Transitional Cabinet of Belarus
- 4.30 p.m. Messages from the ground
Yevghen Homoniuk, Agency of Regional Development, Mykolayiv
Laura Gotiashvili, School Teacher, Tbilisi
- 4.40 p.m. Virtual roundtable on Eastern European security
Nataliya Gumenyuk, Public Interest Journalism Lab, Ukraine
Tigran Grigoryan, Political Analyst, Yerevan
Dionis Cenusă, Justus-Liebig-Universität, Gießen
- 5.05 p.m. Reflection on the German role
Viola von Cramon, MEP, Green Party, Brussels
- Facilitation
Sonja Schiffers, Office Director South Caucasus, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Tbilisi
- 5.30 p.m. *End of day one (public event)*

Key questions:

- How do Eastern European citizens assess their security in times of Russian revisionism?
- How do they envision their future relations with the EU, with Russia and with NATO?
- What are their specific expectations of Germany?