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Dear Readers,



up to 2,000 youths and 500 adults from all over the world visit us every year in order to participate in our diverse training programmes. Most adults are representatives of civil society organisations, many come from countries that are at war or recovering from war and in which experiences of social violence are daily routine.

The stories they share with us are often experiences of immense suffering, of insecurity and fear, of bereavement and grief. But the stories are also about support and hope, and it is very admirable that despite everything those people stand up for peace and reconciliation and are ready, to make great personal sacrifices.

In the past ten years there has also been an increase in stories about how those committed people are prevented from doing their work by their own governments, and how civic engagement is portrayed as being the result of interference by self-interested Western powers. The trend of shrinking space, of severely restricted scope of action for civic engagement, has in the meantime also reached us, in the middle of Europe. To raise awareness for this, we held in 2018 the 35th Summer Academy on this subject.

During the commemorative year 2018, it was also important for us to deal more intensively with our historical heritage. We are very happy that we were able to reconstruct the exhibition about Jewish Life in Stadtschlaining, which had been stored in boxes since the closure of the Municipal Museum at the end of 2016, in the newly renovated rooms of the castle, to update it and thus make it accessible to the public again as part of the special exhibition "From the Experience of War to the Practice of Peace".

The highlight of a series of events during the memorial year was the silent march on November 6, organised in cooperation with the "Verein Zukunft" ("Association for the Future") and under the guidance of the "Concentrum" (the ecumenic association in Stadtschlai-

ning) on the occasion of the commemoration of the 'Kristallnacht' or Pogrom Night of 1938. More than 120 citizens of Stadtschlaining participated in the silent march, which led past the two Jewish cemeteries and ended at our Peace Library in the Synagogue. There the 'Schlaining Manifesto' was issued, which declares among other things, "The powerful example of victims and people in the resistance at that time encourages us today to oppose all beginnings and forms of intolerance, stand up to discrimination of any kind, and confront every kind of social, ethnic or religious contempt and persecution. Our homeland Austria shall also in the future remain a place of peaceful cooperation. We have learned from history."

Also regarding our internal organisational development, we were able to achieve several milestones in 2018: Clearly structured organisational units were put in place (Research, Education/Training and Conflict Transformation), with the worker's council a flexitime system was negotiated and agreed upon, annual staff talks and upward-flowing feedback to the management were institutionalised, and in a comprehensive "Handbook for Staff Members" their rights and duties were recorded. In 2019 we will intensively work on our corporate image, thus among others a new website is planned. For this purpose, a new position at the ASPR was created for a PR-manager.

I hope this Annual Report for 2018 gives you an exciting glimpse into our work. The small ASPR team has in 2018 yet again tried with tremendous dedication and with great enthusiasm to contribute to a more peaceful coexistence. I thank the team for this magnificent commitment. I also thank the board members of the ASPR, all our partners, supporters and members who share our goals and appreciate our work.

With best regards,

Gudrun Kramer

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RESEARCH AT THE ASPR

Reorientation and stronger presence

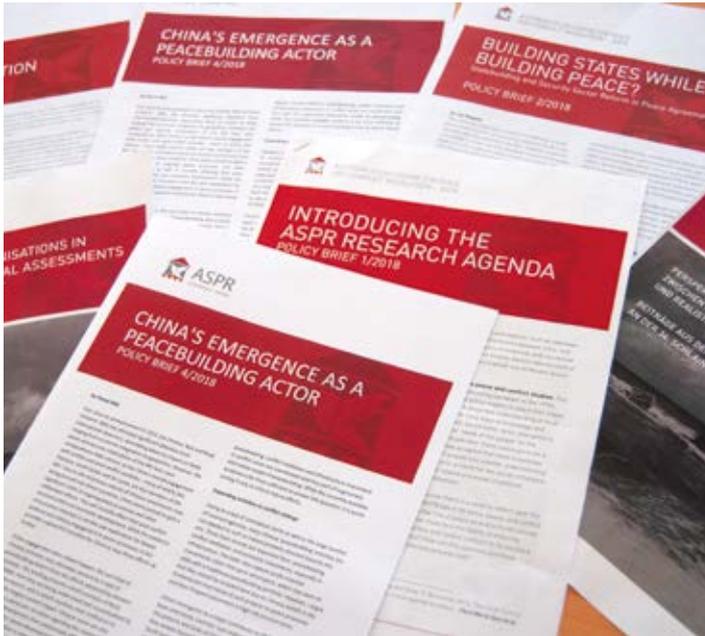
Since its founding in 1982 the ASPR has established itself as a leading institution in the field of peace and conflict studies – not only in Austria, where it is a founding member of the Conflict, Peace and Democracy Cluster, but also as a part of international networks that connect it for instance with the University of Edinburgh and the Sigmund Freud University (Berlin/Vienna). Research activities at the ASPR concentrates mainly on the processes of conflict resolution and transformation, which are studied from interdisciplinary perspectives. In 2018, research at the ASPR has clearly moved forward: a new research agenda was defined, events in cooperation with international partners were held and two new ASPR publication series were started.

The current research agenda of the ASPR covers three important trends: The rise of new and non-western actors, who offer competing models of conflict resolution and further weaken the paradigm of “liberal peace”, changes in the nature of conflicts and war through technological innovations, and epistemic challenges, especially the limits of our capacity to comprehend highly complex conflict dynamics. In 2018, a significant contribution towards ongoing projects like the “Political Settlements Research

Programme” with the University of Edinburgh was made in this framework. Current outcomes were presented at high-ranking symposiums. ASPR researchers also participated in university teaching through seminars in the Universities of Vienna and Graz. The results of the above-mentioned work could already be placed in high-ranking journals and specialist publishers.

In addition to publishing peer-reviewed articles in relevant journals, the ASPR has also modernised and internationalised the in-house publication series. In 2018,





two new formats were introduced, which process current research results quickly and comprehensibly, in English and in cooperation with external authors.

On the one hand this is the ASPR Policy Brief, which gives in a few pages background information about current topics with practical significance. Thus, decision-

makers, media and interested individuals can get a thorough overview of the underlying difficulties and possible solutions. During the past year, issues already appeared about the future of the global non-proliferation regimes, the linking of state- and peacebuilding and the growing role of China in conflict societies. Shortened versions of the contained arguments were also published in part in scientific blogs, in order to achieve an even greater broad effect.

On the other hand, in the series ASPR Report, several academic publications are bundled together to one common theme, and thus a comprehensive overview is provided. Especially young authors, who are included in the scientific exchange at the ASPR through formats like the Summer Academy or the State-of-Peacebuilding-Conference, are given the opportunity to put into writing and publish their insights. Two reports about the topics "International Organisations in Peacebuilding" and "Perspectives of European Peace Policy" were already published.

The new publication series complement the portfolio of the ASPR, strengthen the public profile and create important bridges between the research field, practical peacebuilding, and broader social debates. All issues are published digitally on our website and are printed in limited quantities.



Publications

ASPR Policy Briefs:

Introducing the ASPR Research Agenda, ASPR Policy Brief 1/2018.

Pospisil, Jan: Building States While Building Peace? Statebuilding and Security Sector Reform in Peace Agreements, PSRP/ASPR Policy Brief 2/2018.

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Abb, Pascal: China's Emergence as a Peacebuilding Actor. ASPR Policy Brief 4/2018

ASPR Reports:

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Further:

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Pospisil, Jan: Peace in Political Unsettlement: Beyond Solving Conflict. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan 2019.

Pospisil, Jan: Obscuring Ambiguity: Resilience in EU External Affairs Policy, Claudia Morsut and Daniela Irrera (eds.): Security Beyond the State: The EU in an Age of Transformation. Leverkusen 2018: Barbara Budrich Publishers, 33-53.

Pospisil, Jan and Christine Bell: Securing Peace: Women and Security Arrangements in Peace Processes, PA-X Research Paper, Gender Series, PSRP, University of Edinburgh and UN Women 2018.

Pospisil, Jan, Christine Bell, Sam Gluckstein, and Robert Forster: Military Power-Sharing and Inclusion in Peace Processes. PA-X Report, Power-Sharing Series, PSRP, University of Edinburgh 2018.

In addition, the ASPR contributed in 2018 by numerous other activities to the field of research and policy advise:



- State of Peacebuilding Conference on the topic “‘Doing Peace’ after Liberalism”, 3 - 4 November 2018 at the ASPR in Stadtschlaining: Participants from 12 leading international universities joined in order to examine the topic intensively through the countercheck procedure.
- Conference of the Network of Austrian Peace Researchers, 14 - 15 December 2018, at the ASPR in Stadtschlaining
- Lecture on “Building States to Build Peace revisited: Peace Negotiations in Fragile States” as part of the Sandhurst Trends in International Conflict Symposium, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Great Britain, 6 February 2018 (Jan Pospisil)
- Presentation of the “PA-X Peace Agreements Database” at the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs (BMEIA), Vienna, 23 March 2018 (Jan Pospisil)
- Conference Presentation “Negotiating Security in Peace Agreements: Trends and Trajectories” as part of the ISA Convention 2018, San Francisco, United States, 4 April 2018 (Jan Pospisil)
- Conference Presentation “Changing Patterns of Democratic Peace? Patterns of Democracy Provisions in Peace Agreements” as part of the ISA Convention 2018, San Francisco, United States, 5 April 2018 (Jan Pospisil)
- Introductory Presentation “Zum Phänomen Shrinking Space der Zivilgesellschaft” as part of the Conference “Brücken bauen – Frieden schaffen” (32nd anniversary of the Future Workshop Moderators), Stadtschlaining, 29 April 2018 (Gudrun Kramer)
- Lecture about “Power-Sharing, Political Settlements and Peace Processes” as part of the OECD INCAF Task Meeting, OECD, Paris, 3 May 2018 (Jan Pospisil with Christine Bell)
- VIP Coaching for the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development on the situation in Palestine, Bonn, 4 May 2018 (Gudrun Kramer)
- Panel contribution on the topic “Antisemitism, Antizionism and Legitimate Criticism of Israel” as part of an internal GIZ event, Frankfurt, 23 May 2018 (Gudrun Kramer)
- Keynote on “Peace Studies after the Local Turn” as part of the ACUNS Peace Studies Conference, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, 28 May 2018 (Jan Pospisil)
- Lecture “Gespräch unter Feinden - Frieden stiften 70 Jahre nach der Gründung des Staates Israel” at the Concen-trum, Stadtschlaining, 13 June 2018 (Gudrun Kramer, Wilfried Graf)
- Lecture on “Formalised Political Unsettling in South-Asia: prospects for peacebuilding” as part of the workshop “Comparative Peacebuilding in Asia” at the London School of Economics, London, Great Britain, 25 June 2018 (Jan Pospisil)
- Panel contribution on the topic “Der Mehrwert der GSVP für Österreich” as part of the Ministry of Defence (BMLV) kick-off event for the EU Presidency at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, 27 June 2018 (Gudrun Kramer)
- Briefing on “Sanctions and Conflict Resolution: Sudan and South Sudan” as part of an informal RELEX meeting, Working Party of Foreign Relations Counsellors, during the Austrian EU Presidency, Vienna, 9 July 2018 (Jan Pospisil)
- Lecture on “PA-X Peace Agreements Database” as part of the 7th Annual Meeting of Early Warning Focal Points in OSCE Executive Structures, OSCE Secretariat, Vienna, 9 July 2018 (Jan Pospisil)
- Lecture “Mediation in Conflict Resolution” as part of the training programme for Rongchang scholarship recipients, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, 25 July 2018 (Pascal Abb)
- Conference presentation “Negotiating Humanitarian Access in Violent Conflict” as part of the Biannual Conference of the International Humanitarian Studies Association, The Hague, Netherlands, 28 August 2018 (Jan Pospisil)
- Conference presentation “Moving out of the security conundrum? The protection agenda in peace agreements” as part of the AHRI Conference 2018, Association of Human Rights Institutes, University of Edinburgh, Great Britain, 8 September 2018 (Jan Pospisil)
- Conference presentation “Security issues in peace agreements” as part of the Pan-European Conference on International Relations, European International Studies Association, Prague, 15 September 2018 (Jan Pospisil)
- Lecture “How to engage in a constructive dialogue with conflict parties” as part of the conference “Reaching out to the Other: Overcoming Intercultural Conflicts” by the Czech Foreign Ministry, Prague, 7 November 2018 (Augustin Nicolescu)
- Conference presentation “From ‘peaceful rise’ to ‘peacebuilder’? How evolving Chinese discourses and self-perceptions impact its growing influence in conflict societies” as part of the conference “The Chinese Way, the New Normal?”, University of Louvain, Belgium, 17 December 2018 (Pascal Abb)

CHINA'S INFLUENCE IN CONFLICT REGIONS

ASPR / Saferworld Workshop

The Chinese “Belt and Road Initiative” (BRI) has by now become a widely recognized term. For an infrastructure initiative that might be surprising at first – however, the BRI may be considered symbolically as a change of guards among world leaders: while the USA under President Trump increasingly withdraws from globalisation, China builds literally new ways towards it. Due to their capacity and the fact that numerous BRI projects are located in highly fragile countries, their impact on conflict societies deserve special attention. For this purpose, on 27 September 2018 a workshop on the topic



“Understanding the peace and security implications of the Belt and Road Initiative”, organised jointly by the ASPR and Saferworld, took place in Vienna. Along with numerous experts from China, Europe, and Central Asia, also representatives from the Austrian Foreign Ministry and the OSCE participated.

The lively debates were focussed on the question of how the sudden influx of resources affects the existing tensions in the countries of destination, which measures are taken by China towards local stabilisation, and how a collaboration with other international support and investment projects can be organised. In this context it was also acknowledged, what opportunities are being created in conflict countries through Chinese investments, but it was also critically noted that often the local population is not sufficiently respected.

In general, the safety aspects of the BRI to date is a topic that is getting little attention, hence there will also in future be a corresponding need for advice and research. There was a consensus about the necessity of a continuous exchange, in order to share experiences about the work in conflict regions and together work out a sustainable concept. For this purpose, also actors from NGOs and from the economy should be more involved. This could happen in the context of a follow-up event, which is envisaged for 2019, also in Vienna.



In addition to the event in Vienna, the ASPR conducts currently several projects related to China, in the areas of research, event and publication. In the foreground is the growing engagement of China in conflict regions and the question, to what extent a specific Chinese peacebuilding approach is developing. Please see Pascal Abb, “China’s Emergence as a Peacebuilding Actor”, ASPR Policy Brief 4/2018.

The BRI event was part of the “ASPR Vienna Lectures” series. In the context of the series also the event on “Russia in the Near East: Positions, Problems, Perspectives” took place on 16 March 2018 in the Diplomatic Academy, in cooperation with ICEUR Vienna.

THE SCHLAINING PROCESS

A civil society dialogue between Tbilisi and Sukhum/i

After Georgia, as one of the first republics of the USSR declared independence in 1991, the relations to Abkhazia, which is still part of Georgia under international law, escalated. In 1992 Civil War began, in which tens of thousands of people on both sides lost their lives and more than 250,000 ethnic Georgians were expelled or fled Abkhazia. In 1994 a ceasefire agreement was achieved through mediation by the UN, but a political peace agreement could not be reached to this day.

The ASPR has become engaged in this conflict since 1995. A conference with representatives of civil society from the Caucasus region that took place in 1996 in Schlaining Castle resulted in the so-called Schlaining Process: Under the leadership of the German Berghof Foundation for Conflict Studies and the British NGO "Conciliation Resources", from 1997 until 2008 regular informal meetings between the two conflict parties took place at the ASPR. After a renewed escalation of violence in 2008, and after Russia recognised the independence of Abkhazia, this dialogue process came to a halt – until 2018.

After the Georgian government asked the Austrian Foreign Ministry in the course of the OSCE presidency in 2017 to resume the Schlaining Process, and after the ASPR mediation team had conducted preliminary talks with both conflict parties in Tbilisi and Sukhum/i, it was agreed that the ASPR engagement would initially concentrate on developing a collaborative design for a future dialogue process. Especially in long term conflicts, in which mediation processes have repeatedly failed, it is important to meticulously plan a new attempt, since every failed attempt of a dialogue leads to more frustration and to the assumption that nothing can be solved through dialogue.

Eventually in September 2018, consultations took place with representatives of civil society from each conflict party separately, in the context of a three-day workshop at the ASPR and with support of the European Commission, about the goals, possible conversation topics and a



preliminary agreement was reached. How this process is continuing to develop in 2019 depends a lot on the geopolitical and domestic developments in this region.

In addition, the ASPR became active in dialogue processes in Sudan/Darfur, Israel/Palestine and Ukraine, and conducted in cooperation with the Ministry of Defence a security policy workshop on "Grenz- und Migrationsmanagement in West-Afrika" from 13 to 15 June 2018, and a security policy workshop on "The conflict in Syria - Scenarios and strategic courses of action for Austria in the region" from 12 to 13 November 2018.



WITH ONE'S BACK TO THE WALL

35th Summer Academy at Schlaining Castle

During the past years, activities of civil society actors as well as multilateral and bilateral actors in peace and development cooperation have come under pressure in numerous countries – also in Europe and consolidated democracies. Especially allegations of external political influence are alleged, in order to justify the restriction of the work of international and national civil society

groups, non-governmental organisations and multi- and bilateral implementing organisations. The measures range from more restrictive legal regulations, to impediments in financing civic activities, to propaganda and intimidation. Often human rights organisations were the first ones to be affected – usually closely followed by peace initiatives.



Therefore, while conceptualising the 35th Summer Academy, following questions guided the discussions. How do we handle this phenomenon of “shrinking space” – and how do approaches, strategies and options for action of governmental and non-governmental actors in the Global North and South differ? What is driving this repression – and how can mistrust against civic engagement be addressed? Which experiences of governmental and non-governmental actors regarding strategies in dealing with (repressive) governments or laws exist – and on which achievements can we fall back on? Which design possibilities arise as a result and which demands should we make on politics and society? The concept was in place, a title emerged: “With One’s Back to the Wall – Critical Engagement in Times of Shrinking Space”.



Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen, Governor of Burgenland Hans Niesl and ASPR President Peter Kostelka opened the 35th Summer Academy in Schlaining Castle on 8th July 2018 to a full house. For the mornings of the 35th Summer Academy outstanding speakers from science, politics, diplomacy and praxis could be gathered, among others the former guerrilla fighter and current peace researcher Vera Grabe Loewenherz from the organisation Observatorio para la Paz in Bogota, Feras Kheirallah from the Berghof Foundation Beirut, Martin Stürzinger from The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs Switzerland, the members of parliament Muna Duzdar (SPÖ) and Reinhold Lopatka (ÖVP), as well as Andreas Papp, Director of Emergency Response for SOS Children’s Villages International.



How are we dealing with the phenomenon of 'shrinking space'?

During the afternoons a professionally moderated Open Space format, which allowed the participants an active and creative involvement, was organized. In that way we wanted to amplify the topic of last year's Summer Academy "The world in transition. Perspectives for European peace policy", and tie up to the elaborated concrete utopias and extend them to include action-orientated strategies. The fact that this project was largely successful we owe not only to the support of our colleagues at the ASPR, but particularly also the moderators Astrid Reinprecht and Matthias Csar, and of course the participants, who were actively involved. An extensive report about the 35th Summer Academy is available online.

The 36th Summer Academy will take place from Wednesday, the 10th to Sunday, the 14th of July 2019 at the Schlaining Castle. The topic will be "Emotions in Conflict. Emancipation in Times of Resentment".



PEACE IN SCHOOLS

Peace Education at the ASPR

“If you want peace, prepare for peace and not for war,” says a quote of Robert Jungk from 1970. Accordingly, the peace education programme at the ASPR tries to make an important contribution in and for Austria and for the Austrian educational system through a variety of activities. Preparing for peace does not only mean to think peace, but to broach the topic of peace as well as conflict, to allow for visions of peace, to promote peace education and to develop competences for peace

All this was addressed during the conference “Friedenspädagogik lernen, lehren, leben” (“Learn, teach and live Peace Pedagogy”), which was organised by the ASPR in cooperation with the University College of Teacher Education (PH), the Ombudsoffice for Children and Youths (KiJa) and with the special support of the Department of Education and the Governor of Burgenland. More than 200 pedagogues as well as a large number of decision-makers from the state and federal governments participated in this capacity building event.

The renowned peace researcher Uli Jäger from the Berghof Foundation Tübingen highlighted in his keynote address that schools should be a place for learning and living, where young people can discuss war and violence, conflict and peace so intensively that they develop their own approaches and positions on the basic questions of peaceful cooperation and that they recognise and perceive opportunities for active contribution.

ASPR President Peter Kostelka, Director of Education Heinz Zitz, Rector of the University College of Teacher Education Sabine Weisz and Governor Hans Niessl emphasised at the conference the crucial importance of peace education. Equipping young people with the necessary knowledge and tools and empowering them to develop non-violent ways of coexistence in the society and thereby assuming responsibility for the development of a society that is capable of peace, are key elements of the educational task.

Leading experts from educational institutions and NGOs gave the participants an insight into various aspects of peacebuilding and conveyed to them the interplay of scientific insights and the practical field of application in the areas of kindergarten and school for future peace work in one’s own (working) environment. The focus was on “small and big” peace as well as the opportunities from the UN Agenda 2030 for Austria.

However, not only peace, but also conflicts must be thematised, in order to be able to work pre-emptively. Therefore, Provincial Minister Astrid Eisenkopf and the Youth Department of Burgenland invited 250 pupils in the context of the 2018 Commemorative Year to the “Holocaust History Project” at Schlaining Castle. Speaker Daniela Ebenbauer-Dadieu took the young people on a journey into the time of the Second World War. Visualised through the experiences of her Jewish father, who was the only one of her family to survive the Holocaust, she taught the pupils to learn from the past. Peace is never the end, peace is always just the beginning, in order to pre-empt a repetition of crimes on humanity. Here, as an essential pillar of the educational programme of the ASPR, peace education makes a valuable contribution to our society.





Additionally, in 2018 following peace education activities were conducted:

- In the context of the peace weeks, a peace education training for school children, 45 individual projects with 1,691 pupils were implemented
- Systemic competence training for 45 pedagogues in cooperation with the University College of Teacher Education (PH) Burgenland
- ASPR-PH-KiJA university course "Global Peace Education" (4th semester and final presentation of 22 pedagogues)
- Pilot project "SOS Peace NOW!" in cooperation with the Ministry of Defence and the SOS children's village Pinkafeld with 120 children and youth as well as 140 co-workers
- Holocaust History Project Workshops in cooperation with the National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism (763 pupils)
- Holocaust History Workshop in cooperation with the Concentrum – Forum for Political, Ethical, Cultural and Social Ecumene
- Peace education children's workshops "Dornröschen tanzt mit Hans im Glück" with 79 pupils
- Participation in the UNESCO Advisory Committee "Education for Sustainable Development"



FAREWELL TO ENTRi

The capacity-building for civilian experts enters a new era

Since the beginning of EU efforts to train civilian experts for peace operations, the ASPR has been deeply involved: starting when the project was still called “Training for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management”, and still now, when “Europe’s New Training initiative for Civilian Crisis Management (ENTRi)” comes to an end in May 2019 in its third project phase.

The ENTRi consortium consists of twelve leading training institutions¹, which together offer courses for civilian experts, who are right before their departure into crisis management deployments of the EU, UN, OSCE or regional organisations (e.g. the AU), or who already work in those. Further project components are the harmonisation, certification and dissemination of training standards as well as the evaluation of training courses and curricula.

In February 2018, the ASPR organised two ENTRi courses, one “Training of Trainers” course in Kiev and one “Rule of Law” course in Stadtschlaining. Furthermore, the ASPR has undertaken the lead management of the working group for e-learning products and hence for the development of a course for civilian EU missions about the code of conduct, which in future will have to be completed by all who are or will be deployed in CSDP missions.



In the third project phase, ENTRi began under the lead management of the ASPR, to also develop training packages. Those can be downloaded for free and provide an adaptable template, in order to simplify the implementation of the trainings. The ASPR developed a package for the Security Sector Reform, for which a pilot course took place in the beginning of 2019. Further, the ASPR has also taken over the revision of the gender mainstreaming package. Both packages will be available for download in 2019.

In the meantime, the decision has been made that there will be no further ENTRi project phase. Nevertheless, a lot has happened in civilian crisis management in 2018. In the new civilian CSDP compact, the EU has decided on concrete measures, to make the civilian crisis management more competent, more flexible, and more responsive. Now it is up to the EU member states to formulate concrete plans for action.

The basis of ENTRi – harmonisation and the resulting quality assurance – was taken up. CIVCOM, the advisory board within the EU for civilian aspects in crisis management, was commissioned to define training requirements for CSDP training activities through the responsible working group, EU Civilian Training Group (EUCTG). This working group will in future also define quality standards and ensure their implementation. It is being discussed with the European Commission, if some ENTRi partners will elaborate and submit a project proposal in order to support EUCTG in this process.

1) Centre for International Peace Operations, Diplomatic Institute, Royal Institute for International Relations, Crisis Management Centre Finland, Ecole Nationale d'Administration, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Netherlands Institute of International Relations, Centre for European Perspective, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Swiss Expert Pool for Civilian Peacebuilding, Stabilisation Unit



The training of civilian experts will in future take place in the context of a new consortium, which has to date only trained policemen and policewomen for deployments in crisis areas: EUPST will in its third phase be called "European Union Police and Civilian Services Training Programme (EUPCST)": Through joint training, a harmonisation of the training approaches as well as an improved cooperation is pursued. Next year will show, which civilian organisations will join this consortium.

In addition to ENTRI, the ASPR offers two more EU initiated training programmes: EU Aid Volunteers (EUAV) and various courses within the training programme of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) in cooperation with the Austrian Ministry of Defence.

Through EUAV, in 2018 a total of 81 volunteers were trained, evaluated and prepared for their future operations.

Within the ESDC, following courses with 143 participants from 59 countries took place:

- ESDC Course on Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict (POC), 18 to 23 February 2018
- ESDC Core Course on Security Sector Reform (SSR), 11 to 19 April 2018
- ESDC Course on Recovery and Stabilisation Strategies (RSS), 3 to 8 June 2018
- ESDC Core Course on Security Sector Reform (SSR), 3 to 11 November 2018
- ESDC Course on Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict (POC), 11 to 16 November 2018



IPT “MASTER CLASSES”

A new training format at the ASPR

The ASPR gained attention in 2018 with a new training format. Thus, the International Civilian Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding Programme (IPT) offered for the first time Master Classes (MC), alongside the traditional Core Course (CC) and Specialisation Courses (SC). Instead of recruiting various experts for the different course topics chosen by the IPT management – a typical method for organising the CC and SC courses – internationally renowned experts train throughout the whole Master Classes and share their respective specific fields of expertise and experiences.

Guðrun Kramer (Director of the ASPR), Joan Gómez (Co-Director of the Institute of Development Organizations Gestalt Barcelona) and Wilfried Graf (Co-Director of the Herbert C. Kelman Institute for Interactive Conflict Transformation) led the first Master Class from 15 to 24 June 2018 on the topic “Conflict Transformation”.



Kate Sheese (Lecturer for Social Psychology at the Sigmund Freud University of Berlin).

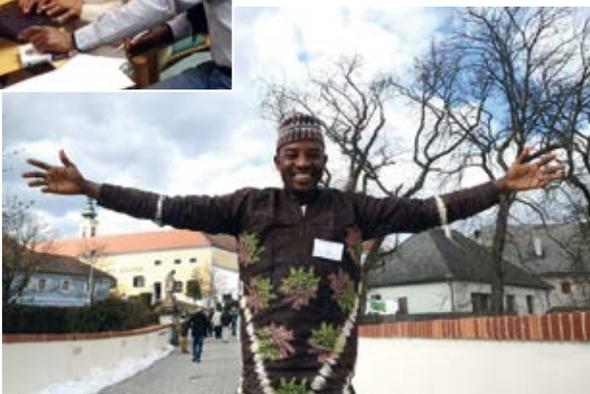
IPT places great importance on the heterogeneity of the trainers and participants. Like in a mission environment, people from a variety of backgrounds, fields of expertise and organisational cultures are expected to work together. In 2018, 111 civilian experts from 43 different countries were trained. The curricula and standards, developed as part of IPT, have contributed to the educational standards of international organisations like the OSCE, the EU and the UN.

The IPT Programme originated in 1992 and was the first programme worldwide for training civilian experts for deployment in crisis regions. Since that time, more than 2,000 individuals from 125 different countries were trained, many from countries of the Global South. Therefore, it is possible if one is on holidays abroad and mentions that one is from Austria, the reply may not be something about Mozart, but instead, “I already was in Austria, in Schläining”.

The participants of the Master Classes 2018 evaluated the format very well, and therefore the format will continue in 2019. There will be Master Classes on Dialogue Methods, Gender Work, and Conflict Transformation.



The second Master Class took place under the topic “Psychosocial Work and Peacebuilding” from 29 September to 7 October 2018 and was led by David Becker (Professor for Psychology at the Sigmund Freud University of Berlin) and





Additionally, to the Master Classes also two IPT Core and Specialisation Courses took place:

- IPT Core Course for Peacebuilders, 4 to 16 March 2018
- IPT Specialisation Course on Election Observation, 17 to 25 March 2018
- IPT Core Course for Peacebuilders, 28 October to 9 November 2018
- IPT Specialisation Course on Governance and Peacebuilding, 10 to 19 November 2018

In addition to our IPT Training Programme, the ASPR also offers the “Humanitarian Assistance in West Africa (HAWA)” training programme at the Kofi Annan Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) in Accra, Ghana. The HAWA courses are implemented in cooperation with the Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence (BMLV) and with the support of the Austrian Development Agency (ADA).

In 2018, two HAWA Core Courses took place, which were attended by 45 participants from almost all West African states:

- HAWA Core Course, 12 to 23 March 2018
- HAWA Core Course, 1 to 12 October 2018

Further international training activities:

- Training Course on “Conflict Transformation” in the frame of a course on organisational advice and development at the Institute for Organisational Development Gestalt Barcelona, Spain, 3 to 9 February 2018
- “Summer Academy on OSCE”, ASPR Stadtschläining, 13 to 22 June 2018
- Training Course on “Conflict Transformation” as part of the GIZ-Project “Facilitating Social Participation for Palestinian Refugees” in Beirut, Lebanon, 16 to 26 July 2018
- “Conflict transformation methods and their application to Belt and Road Projects”, Training Programme for Rongchang scholarship recipients, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, July 2018
- “Mediation in the Process of Conflict Resolution”, Executive Training Program for Danube Regions and Western Balkans, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, 2 August 2018
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FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF WAR TO THE PRACTICE OF PEACE

The Peace Museum – an essential pillar of the ASPR

It all started in 2000 with the Burgenland Provincial Exhibition "War or Peace – From the Cult of Violence to the Culture of Peace". 18 years later, the Peace Museum is still the place in Burgenland, where conflicts are addressed and ways to handle them constructively are displayed. The new permanent exhibition "From the Experience of War to the Practice of Peace", which was opened on 12 July 2018 and curated by Andreas Lehner, carries on this tradition.

A part of this exhibition, which is concerned with the history of the town of Stadtschlaining, was already shown ten years ago in the then Municipal Museum. Its focus lies on the Jewish history of Stadtschlaining as well as addressing the history of the Roma in the town and its nearby villages. At the heart of this section of the exhibition are interviews with eyewitnesses, who give an impression of how life was before and after the events of 1938. The eyewitnesses report about political radicalisation, which incited antisemitic resentments, about Aryanisation immediately after the annexation of Austria into Nazi Germany in 1938, but also about friendships between Jews and the rest of the population, the helpfulness, and the powerlessness of dissidents.

A walk-in Star of David made out of steel, glass and mirror is the centre of this section of the exhibition on the Jewish history of Stadtschlaining, and reflects the pictures, exhibits and visitors of the exhibition, and so invites the question, "What does this have to do with me?".

The second part portrays seven Austrian peace thinkers, who have on account of the experiences with National Socialism, fascism, antisemitism, and the Holocaust searched for ways towards a global peace culture and architecture. The lives of Hermann Broch, Hildegard Goss-Mayr, Hans Thirring, Friedrich Heer, Robert Jungk, Herbert C. Kelman, and also the founder of the ASPR, Gerald Mader, are briefly outlined and their achievements for peace highlighted. The portraits of the peace thinkers, which are printed on flag material, were painted by the Iranian artist Behnaz Aparviz.

In the third part of the exhibition, the impacts that the ASPR achieves through its worldwide activities, are presented. Also here, mirroring and reflection are at the





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 What can I contribute towards
 a peaceful coexistence?

centre with the modified question, "What can I contribute towards peaceful coexistence?" A message that the visitors are meant to take back with them.

In summary, it can be said that the exhibition "From the Experience of War to the Practice of Peace" in general is not easy to digest. Painfully, one is reminded in every nook and corner that victims and perpetrators, back then as well as today, lived and are living close together, that helpfulness and guilt for the death of people can manifest in one and the same person. And one is again and again confronted with the question, how oneself would have reacted or would react in such a situation. Thus, the exhibition ranges from the displacement and persecution of Jews from Schlaining to magnificent Austrian peace thinkers to the daily lived praxis in peace work at the ASPR, its achievements and working priorities. It is worthwhile to visit!

In addition to the new permanent exhibition, a special exhibition by three artists was opened on 30 April 2018, entitled, „Verbundenheit“ (Ties), in the staterooms of the Schlaining Castle. Father Sebastian Edakarottu, Elisabeth Holzschuster and Gustav Lagler presented an impressive series of paintings on the topic "Ties", which addressed the ties to the homeland, to the family and globally to the world.



Moreover, on 2 September 2018, on the "European Day of Jewish Culture", Chief Rabbi Paul Chaim Eisenberg was welcomed to the Peace Museum. The Concentrum, the "Verein Zukunft" and the ASPR invited the public for a reading and discussion on the topic "To Life! Wit and Wisdom of a Chief Rabbi". Walter Reiss moderated the event, Laura Divosch created a fitting atmosphere on the clarinet. More than 150 interested visitors participated in the event.

ABOUT US

The Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution

The Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR) was founded in 1982 by Dr. Gerald Mader and other like-minded people. We are located at Schlaining Castle in Southern Burgenland, and we have established an office in Vienna, the nation's capital. Our work has earned us the status of UN "Peace Messenger" and a UNESCO "Prize for Peace Education".

Our Vision

Our vision is a world in which people with different backgrounds and circumstances are willing and able to recognise and address conflicts by non-violent, constructive, and sustainable means.

Our Mission

We support people so that they can manage conflicts non-violently, constructively and sustainably. In doing so, we acknowledge the close interdependence between research on, education about, and the practice of conflict transformation.

We conduct research projects on peace and security policy, are involved in mediation between conflict parties and engage in political consulting; we offer target group-oriented training programmes and advanced education for civilian experts and youth. The constant advancement of innovative theory and practice is built upon a foundation of dialogue and cooperation with international institutions, networks, theoreticians and practitioners of conflict transformation.

Our Principles

In executing our tasks, we align ourselves along the following principles:

Pluralism and complexity: there are no simple answers, particularly for managing long-lasting conflict situations. Therefore, in our work we strive for pluralistic approaches that sometimes even result in contradictory findings. In the process, we are guided by non-linear complexity theory.

Partnership and violence critique: For us the conflict parties themselves are the experts for their respective conflict. We support them to take responsibility for their negotiations, meet our partners and clients on equal footing and consider ourselves "Learning Companions". In doing so, we are deliberately critical of violence. We pay particular attention to the inclusion and the integration of perspectives and stakeholders, who are often „forgotten“, marginalised or excluded during conflict transformation and peacebuilding.

Creativity and reflexivity: Working for peace and conflict transformation requires creativity. At the same time we constantly reflect upon our work in order to learn from our successes as well as our failures. For us, creativity and reflection are the foundations for innovation. The mutual exchange and cross-fertilisation of practice and theory is especially important.

The ASPR is a non-profit, non-partisan, independent association. It focuses on research, education/training, and conflict transformation.

Research

The ASPR contributed through research, symposia and publications to the discourse of peacebuilding. The ASPR research is also the basis for policy advice. The ASPR publishes two different series: The ASPR Policy Briefs and the ASPR Reports. An important part of the research department is the ASPR library, which is located in the former synagogue of Stadtschlaining. The library serves as a resource for research but is also open to the general public.

Education/Training

The focus of the ASPR Education/Training Department are peace pedagogy and various training programmes to prepare civilian experts to be deployed in crisis regions. Annually more than 1.000 pupils participate in the "Peace Weeks" training programme, and hundreds of civilian

experts are trained in the frame of IPT, ESDC, ENTRI, EUAV, and the Summer Academy on OSCE as well as in tailor made training courses.

Additionally, the ASPR supports the scientific, artistic and pedagogical conceptualisation of the "Peace Museum", which is located at Schlaining Castle and aims at contributing to a global culture of peace.

It also organises the annual Summer Academy, which is open to the broader public.

Conflict Transformation

The ASPR offers a safe space for encounters and dialogue between conflict parties, it supports peace mediation efforts and consults conflict parties. For this a very specific approach has been elaborated, which focuses on working with each conflict party separately to prepare them for a genuine and constructive dialogue with the other side(s).

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United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

United Nations Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

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ACUNS Academic Council on the United Nations System
 ASPR Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution
 ADA Austrian Development Agency
 AU African Union
 BMEIA Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration, and Foreign Affairs
 BMLV Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence
 BRI Belt and Road Initiative
 CC Core Course
 CIVCOM Civilian Committee
 CPDC Conflict-Peace-Democracy Cluster
 CSDP Common Security and Defense Policy
 ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States
 ENTRI Europe's New Training Initiative for Civilian Crisis Management
 ESDC European Security and Defence College
 EU European Union
 EUAV European Union Aid Volunteers Initiative
 EUCTG European Union Civilian Training Group
 EUPCST European Union Police and Civilian Service Training
 GIZ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
 HAWA Humanitarian Assistance in West Africa
 ICEUR The International Center for Advanced and Comparative EU-Russia (NIS) Research
 INCAF International Network on Conflict and Fragility
 IPT International Civilian Peacebuilding and Peacekeeping Training Programme

ISA The International Studies Association
 KAIPTC The Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre
 KiJa Ombudsoffice for Children and Youths Burgenland
 MC Master Class
 NGO Non-Governmental Organisation
 OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
 OSCE Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
 ÖVP Austrian Christian-Democratic Party
 PH Pädagogische Hochschule (Teacher Training College)
 POC Protection of Civilians
 PSRP Political Settlements Research Programme SAK Summer Academy
 RELEX External Relations (European Commission)
 RSS Relief and Stabilisation Strategies
 SC Specialisation Course
 SPÖ Austrian Social-Democratic Party
 SSR Security Sector Reform
 StoP State of Peacebuilding Conference
 ToT Training of Trainers
 UN United Nations
 UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
 USA United States of America

