# CCEW SYMPOSIUM 2023
## *Crisis Early Warning: What's Next?*

**Program | Mon, October 23**
Please schedule sufficient time to report your valid identity card/passport to the guard upon arrival.

**Registration | from 12.45 pm**

**Opening Speech | 1.30 pm**
**Carlo Masala**
Head of Project CCEW

**Keynote I | 1.45 pm**
**Benedikt Zimmer**
State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Defence

**Keynote II | 2 pm**
**Deike Potzel**
Director General for Crisis Prevention, Stabilisation, Peace Building and Humanitarian Assistance, Federal Foreign Office

## Panel I: Forecasting Various Phenomena: From Terrorism to Protest

2.15 pm – 3.45 pm | Room: Festsaal

**Chair**        TBD

Improving Transparency: Two-level Classification for Protest Coding from Images
**Stefan Scholz**, University of Konstanz
**Nils Weidmann**, University of Konstanz
**Zachary Steinert-Threlkeld**, University of California
**Eda Keremoglu**, University of Konstanz
**Bastian Goldlücke**, University of Konstanz

Listening to the wind of change: Using Wikipedia page changes to measure and predict contentious politics
**Christian Oswald**, University of the Bundeswehr Munich

Batting the Beehive or Nipping the Bud? Protest Related Deaths & Cycle Intensity in societies
**Amir Abdul Reda**, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University

Break | 3.45 pm – 4.15 pm

## Panel II: Disentangling Conflict Prediction

4.15 pm – 5.45 pm | Room: Festsaal

**Chair**        Sonja Häffner, University of the Bundeswehr Munich

Forecasting Conflict Dynamics: A Systems Dynamics Ontology Approach for Early Warning
**Miguel Wahle**, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

How accurate are forecasts on geopolitical events from human collectives? Evidence from a real-money prediction market
**Oliver Strijbis**, University of Zurich and Franklin University Switzerland

Direction Augmentation in the Evaluation of Armed Conflict Predictions
**Johannes Bracher**, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
**Lotta Rütter**, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
**Fabian Krüger**, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
**Sebastian Lerch**, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
**Melanie Schienle**, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

Break | 5.45 pm – 6 pm

## Policy Panel I: From Data to Action: Broadening the Crisis Assessment

6 pm – 7 pm | Room: Festsaal

**Moderator**  TBD

Part.  **Carlo Masala**
Head of Project CCEW

Part.  **Deike Potzel**
Director General for Crisis Prevention, Stabilisation, Peace Building and Humanitarian Assistance, Federal Foreign Office

Dinner | 7 pm – 9.30 pm

Room: Goldener Auerbach Keller

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**Program | Tue, October 24**
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Welcome Coffee | 9 am – 9.30 am

## Panel III: Anticipating the Behaviour of Non-State-Actors

9.30 am – 11 am | Room: Festsaal

**Chair**  TBD

Predicting the severity of civil wars: The case for actor-centric approaches
**Nils W. Metternich**, University College London
**Gokhan Ciflikli**, University College London
**Gareth Lomax**, Trinity College
**Kit Rickard**, ETH Zurich
**Sigrid Weber**, Stanford University

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Accomplice or Spoiler? Assessing Varying (In)formal Relations between Nonviolent and Violent Groups in Conflict
**Finn Klebe**, University College London

Detecting and Preventing Illicit Trade in Strategic Goods and Technologies
**David Albright**, Institute for Science and International Security
**Srah Burkhard**, Institute for Science and International Security
**Ralf Wirtz**, Institute for Science and International Security

## Policy Panel II: Reach for the Stars: Outer Space in Crisis Early Warning

11 am – 12 pm | Room: Festsaal

**Moderator**  Lisa Storck, European Parliament

Part.  **GM Michael Traut**
Commander of the German Space Command

Part.  **TBD**

Lunch | 12 pm – 1 pm | Room: Festsaal

## Panel IV: Regional Approaches in Crisis Early Warning

1 pm – 2.30 pm | Room: Festsaal

**Chair**     TBD

Artificial Intelligence and Biased Conflict Fatality Estimates
> **Christoph Valentin Steinert**, University of St.Gallen
> **Daniel Kazenwadel**, University of Konstanz

What Drives State-led Internet Shutdowns? Utilizing A Machine Learning Approach for Prediction and Factor Exploration
> **Fabiola Schwarz**, Technical University of Munich

Weapon Technology and Civilian Targeting: Evidence from the Russian War against Ukraine
> **Julius Koch**, University of Hamburg
> **Max Schaub**, University of Hamburg

Break | 2.30 pm – 3 pm

## Panel V: Translating Data into Action

3 pm – 4.30 pm | Room: Festsaal

**Chair**     TBD

Predicting uncertainty in stages: Using a semiparametric hierarchical hurdle model for predicting distributions of conflict fatalities
> **Cornelius Fritz**, Penn State
> **Marius Mehrl**, University of Leeds
> **Christoph Dworschak**, University of York

"Constructive Dissent" and Inconvenient Warnings in EU and NATO Strategic Warning Systems
> **Nikki Ikani**, Leiden University

Predicting the impact of armed conflict: a call for action
> **Seth Caldwell**, UN OCHA Centre for Humanitarian Data
> **Paola Vesco**, Uppsala University

**Closing Remarks | 4.30 pm – 4.45 pm**

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