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
> **Abudel Reda**, University Mohammed VI Polytechnic

Break | 3.45 pm – 4.15 pm

Panel II: Disentangling Conflict Prediction

4.15 pm – 5.45 pm | Room: Festsaal

Chair TBD

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
> **Bracher Johannes**, 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 | Room: Goldener Auerbach Keller

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

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

Accomplice or Spoiler? Assessing Varying (In)formal Relations between Nonviolent and Violent Groups in Conflict

> **Finn Klebe**, University College London

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

11 am – 12 pm | Room: Festsaal

Moderator Lisa Storck

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

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Lunch | 12 pm – 1 pm | Room: Festsaal

Panel IV: Regional Approaches in Crisis Early Warning

1 pm – 2.30 pm | Room: Festsaal

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

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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

> **TBD**
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